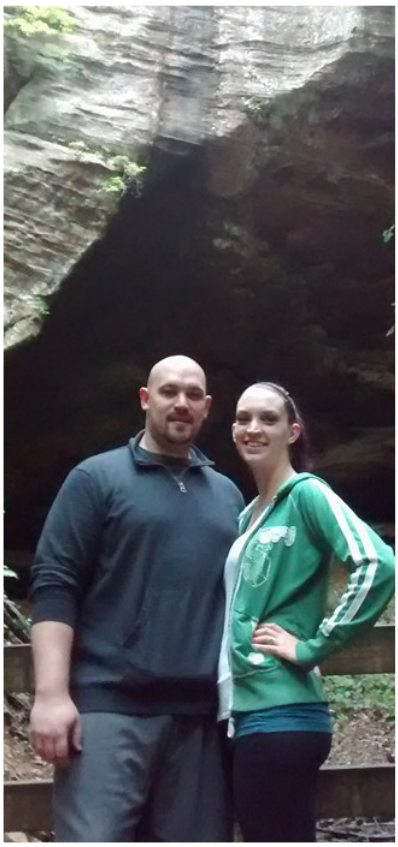
ADAM ♥ MICHELLE

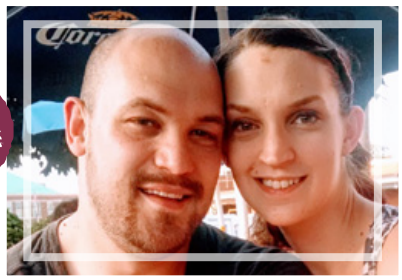
# About Us

We met through Michelle's cousin 10 years ago, and five years later we were getting married on a Caribbean island. As best friends we complement each other very well. While we are very similar in our sense of humor, interests of reading, favorite movies, being outdoors, trying new foods and playing with our dogs, we also have our differences. Adam is analytical and strategic while Michelle is creative and expressive. We agree on the big decisions and the core values in our life and we are on the same page of what we want for our future and our family. We are committed to one another and to the happiness of each other. We both have a strong work ethic and have worked very hard for our successes in life. This hard work has paid off in the form of prosperous careers and strong finances with high growth potential for both of us.

Michelle is an Assistant Controller for an equity research firm. She loves her job and her co-workers and the firm is very family friendly. She has a passion for dance. At 13, she began taking dance classes and ended up teaching dance for 5 years. She taught ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and musical theatre.

Adam is an Electrical Engineer at a global leader in manufacturing. He has enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together since he was 5. He enjoys doing home renovation projects, and challenging himself with new skills he's never tried before. Adam practiced martial arts for 15 years. He also has a passion for cooking.





## Michelle's Favorites

Color: Green
TV/Movie: Lord of the Rings
Food: Adam's Shrimp Mac & Cheese
Vacation: Antigua
Holiday: Christmas
School Subject: Math
Cartoon: The Lion King
Memory from Childhood: Playing outside in the Summer with my sisters & friends and Christmas morning with my family
Hobbies: Being Outdoors, Playing with our dogs,Dancing & Reading

## Adam's Favorites

Color: Blue
TV/Movie: Braveheart
Food: Grilled Shrimp
Vacation: Antigua
Holiday: Thanksgiving
School Subject: Physics
Cartoon: Family Guy
Memory from Childhood: Fishing with my Dad
Hobbies: Cooking, Reading, Home Renovation projects, Electronics

# More About Us

## Adam (by Michelle)

Adam always puts family first. He cares very much for the people in his life and always tries to do what he can in order to make them happy. He loves making people smile. He is a hard worker and very self-motivated. He can do anything he puts his mind to. He is strong and level headed. Adam will be a great father because he is very loving, attentive, intelligent and caring.

## Michelle (by Adam)

Michelle is my primary motivation to work hard in life. She never asks for anything and gives to others endlessly. She is a very strong person who is willing and capable of taking care of those around her regardless of the situation. Family is very important to Michelle, and she is particularly close to her two sisters and mother. Michelle has always loved working with children. She's an incredible, loving wife and will make an excellent mother.

# Our Home

We live in a 4 bedroom, 2 story home with lots of room to grow and play. Our home is in a lively, family oriented neighborhood in which children are out enjoying the company of neighborhood friends and the community hosts several family events annually. We have a private yard that is partially fenced, which makes it ideal for a playground. Our home is in a great public school district that is one of the best in the area. The city we live in has shopping, hospitals, recreation centers, community programs, and all other amenities you could imagine all within a maximum 10 minute drive. We are also very centric to where our immediate family lives, so we are just a short drive from our parents and siblings, which is very important to us as our child grows. Our house would not be a home without our pets. We have two rescue cats, Mario and Jax and two rescue dogs, Bailey and Thor. We love our pets and our pets love our home. All our furry loved ones are very sweet and are great with babies and children.

# Our Family

Family is the most important aspects of our lives and we are so lucky to have most of our immediate family in the area. They are very supportive of our decision to adopt and are excited to venture down this new road with us. All our family is loving, caring and family centric. Michelle's mother is semi-retired and will be watching the baby in our home several days a week. She is ecstatic about becoming a grandmother and cannot wait to show a child all the love and affection she is capable of. Michelle has two older sisters that are her best friends and also live close to our home. Adam's father and step-mother, who live just 20 minutes away, are fun and energetic and will shower a child with lots of love... and toys! Adam lost his mother to cancer and Michelle lost her father to cancer three years ago, just 3 months apart. The experience of these losses has made our relationship stronger and has made us truly understand the importance of family. They were pivotal people in our lives and role models for how we want to love and raise a child. Adam and Michelle both had amazing childhoods. Michelle loves Christmas time so much because it reminds her of the great childhood family Christmas memories. Nature and family hikes were an integral part of Michelle's childhood. To this day, Michelle loves to be outdoors and is an animal lover. Adam's favorite childhood memories are of going on vacation to the lake. Fishing, boating and hiking were activities enjoyed by the whole family. His parents would always make time to attend his sporting events and were always there to cheer and sometimes get a little rowdy. One of the traditions Adam's family kept to, was to go to the assisted living home his mother worked at to serve dinner and hold events for all of the clients on holidays. Family traditions are important to us and will continue to be.

*Annual Family Reunion for Adam's Family*

*Enjoying time at the Lake with my Sisters*

*Wedding Family Fun*

*Rescue Dog Fundraiser Silliness*

*Family Traditions on Christmas*

*Michelle with her Mom and Sisters*

*Baking Christmas Cookies with Mom*

# A Note from Us

We feel blessed to have this opportunity to give you a glimpse into our family and our home. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and our lives. We are very excited to be on this journey to starting our family and cannot wait to share the love that has been growing in our hearts for years. We are open to all cultures, backgrounds and diversities and look forward to teaching and maintaining child's culture throughout their lives. You are extremely brave and strong for making the decision of adoption. We will be forever grateful to you if you choose us to show this child all the love, learning and fun we have to offer.

Sincerely,

Adam & Michelle

## Why Adoption

We always knew we wanted to be parents and after 2 years of marriage and establishing ourselves in our careers and forever home, we decided to start a family. After three years of unexplained infertility we were faced with the choice of continuing with more extensive infertility treatments or adoption. After years of struggling to start a family it was clear to us that we were being called to adoption. Although we could have continued with treatments we knew deep in our hearts that we were supposed to bring a child into our lives through adoption. We are grateful and lucky to be on this amazing path and thrilled to start our family through adoption.