HARRISON &
BERNADETTE

ABOUT US

We are eager to begin our next chapter by adopting and starting a family. We have one dog, a shepherd mix rescue who loves all people (and Greenies dog treats). Harrison is an editor. He loves the creative freedom and autonomy of his job. He is passionate about communications and enjoys making research accessible to the general public to maximize its positive impact. He feels like he is providing an important service to the public.

Bernadette is a supply chain professional. She has great colleagues, and she likes using her quantitative and analytical skills to help her company save money, optimize operations, and build a foundation for future success.

About Harrison

by Bernadette

Harrison is loving, caring, and witty. He always wakes up early, makes me a cup of coffee, and helps me get ready for work (and he always texts me to make sure I made it to work okay). He always makes me feel safe, and I know he'd do anything to take care of his family. I cherish every moment I spend with him and truly feel lucky to have him in my life.

About Bernadette

by Harrison

Bernadette is a beautiful, intelligent, and strong woman. She has been through so much in life and always takes everything in stride. She's also incredibly talented; she speaks multiple languages, loves to sing and dance, and lights up any room she walks into. There's nobody in the world I'd rather have as my partner in life.

Harrison

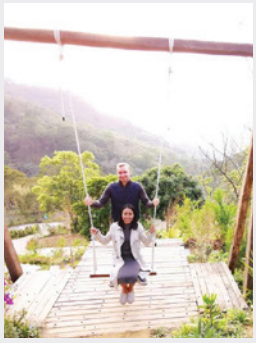
Occupation: Editor
Education: Juris Doctor
Favorite Vacation Spot: Myrtle Beach
Favorite Hobby: Running/hiking
Favorite Dessert: Crème Brûlée
Favorite Memory Growing Up: Winning a cross country state championship with my high school team
Best Gift You Were Given: Oakleys from Bernadette!
Favorite Movie/TV Show: Jeopardy
When you have a free day, how do you spend it? Go for a jog or play some golf—or Netflix if I'm not feeling motivated :)

Bernadette

Occupation: Supply Chain Professional
Education: Bachelor's
Favorite Vacation Spot: Boracay in the Philippines
Favorite Hobby: Singing karaoke
Favorite Dessert: Leche flan
Favorite Memory Growing Up: My 7th birthday!
Best Gift You Were Given: My life-size stuffed al paca (which resides in our living room).
Favorite Movie/TV Show: Monk
When you have a free day, how do you spend it? Hiking, hanging out with friends and family, or sometimes just loafing on the couch :)

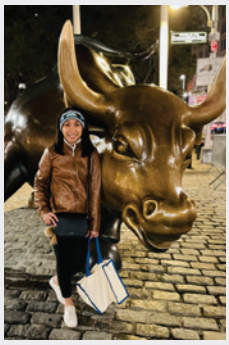
We are a very active family and love to play sports and go on fun adventures. We like to go hiking on different trails around the area, and we love traveling. We usually go to Asia at least once a year and we climbed the second highest mountain in Taiwan a couple of years ago. We also visit NYC to see friends a few times a year. We like to attend parties at friends' houses, visit the art museum, see shows at Playhouse Square, and go hiking. Harrison is an avid distance runner who loves to play lots of sports, including racquetball, badminton, and golf. Bernadette loves to dance and sing karaoke with her family and friends on the weekend. She also enjoys doing the vocals on Rock Band (while Harrison plays the drums).

Bernadette and Taipei 101



Tour of Taiwan's countryside

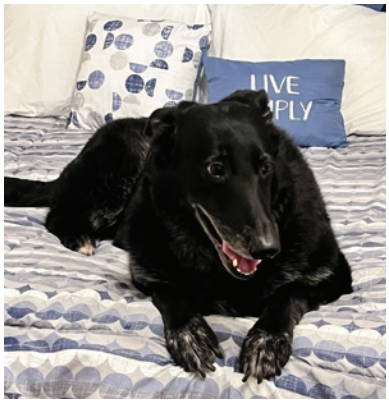
Near the summit of Mount Hehuanshan!



Feeling bullish on Wall St.

Doubles tennis

OUR HOME



We live in a vintage home on a quiet suburban street. The surrounding area is a safe and family-oriented community. We have a great public school system that is highly rated. Harrison's brother, Ben, is staying with us temporarily while he looks for a house.

Our Community

We live in a residential area, with parks, shopping, and medical centers nearby. Several of our friends have children of various ages, and there are many children in the neighborhood. We go to the community summer fairs every year. We are friendly with the neighbors and chat with them, and play with their dogs. We like it because it's quiet, the people are very friendly.

OUR FAMILY

We have a close-knit family. We love doing a variety of activities together and taking vacations every year. Most recently, we took a cruise from Canada to Alaska, and we had a great time and made many memories! At Christmas, we like to play Trivial Pursuit with our family (annual competition). We also like to drive around and see the Christmas lights at parks near the lake. We see Harrison's family almost every week. We usually go out to dinner, golf every Friday, and sometimes we go see the Cleveland Orchestra or Transiberian Orchestra (at least once a year).

One of our many summer get-togethers!

Visiting friends in southern Taiwan

Our weekly round of golf

Bernadette and her friend at a park near Damsui

Harrison chats with his friend after a run

Quality time with our family in the Philippines

Art class with mom!

Waiting for ice cream with grandma

Harrison's dad and Bernadette going for a ride.

Dear Birthparents,

We are writing this letter because, first and foremost, we want to thank you. It is truly an honor that you would consider entrusting us with the future of your child. Adoption has always had a special place in our heart, as Bernadette, who began her life homeless in the Philippines, was adopted by a caring and loving family who helped her become the beautiful person she is today. After nearly six years of marriage, buying our home, and building long-term financial security, we are fully equipped and emotionally ready for this next chapter in our lives. We are also blessed with an incredible family and a network of close friends who can serve as a strong source of financial and emotional support. We have experienced much in our lives and come from very different cultures and racial backgrounds. Bernadette still speaks her native Tagalog language and remains in close contact with her friends and family from the Philippines, while Harrison is a permanent resident of Taiwan and maintains many strong connections with Taiwanese people and their culture. Because of our diverse experiences, we celebrate people of all backgrounds, and we would welcome a child of any race, ethnicity, or gender into our family with open arms. We believe all people deserve love and support, regardless of who they are or where they come from. Thank you so much for considering us for this potentially life-changing opportunity.

Sincerely,

Harrison and Bernadette

The Book of Mormon on Broadway!

Our first anniversary

Why We Chose Adoption

We have a close-knit family that will be a great source of financial and emotional support. We will raise a child with love and compassion in a stable home environment, giving him or her every opportunity to succeed and flourish. We have struggled to have biological children, but because we know firsthand the difference that adoption can make in a person's life—Bernadette was adopted herself at an early age in the Philippines—we always knew adoption would be a way for us to grow our family.