

Hello we are...

Marc and Robin



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Where will fate take us? It's brought us this far in our lives and we're excited to see what's next.

When we met 7 years ago, we both knew from the start that we had found something special. Becoming best friends and partners for life has only solidified that. We both come from devoted and caring families. Our parents have each been married for over 45 years, and continue to be wonderful role models today. It's no wonder that our marriage is so strong and stable.

We are excited about the prospect of welcoming a child into our lives. We have always anticipated being parents and raising children in a caring, compassionate, and supportive environment, just as we were brought up. After a few unsuccessful rounds of IVF, the message was clear; we knew there was a grander plan for the love we have to share. Adoption is how we want to grow the family we've always dreamed of.

We dream of a close-knit family like those we grew up in and still have today. One where we are both actively involved in our child's care and life. One where we can't wait to see our children every morning when they first open their eyes, and look forward to snuggling and holding them tight as they fall asleep at night. One where weekly family gatherings with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are a part of our everyday life.

We know that this dream cannot come true unless another selects us to raise their child. We are heartbroken that what may be the happiest day of our life may bring someone else sadness. For we know someone must have an incredible amount of love, strength and courage to make an adoption plan.

Choosing adoption is nothing short of a selfless act of love.

Sincerely,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Honesty & Respect: These values are important to us because combined they build trust and foster a dependable relationship and good moral values. We wouldn't be who we are as individuals, or as partners, without these values. They're just a natural part of our everyday life. It's not just about respecting one another; it's also respect of other religions, animals, and other people's opinions, values, and possessions. Setting examples by showing one another respect and being honest will help teach our children. Honesty builds trust, integrity and character.



Family: We grew up with the never-ending support of our families. We believe that it has helped to shape who we are today and has given us the confidence to take on new challenges and adventures. Our families always have our back! We both come from families where dinners were spent together at one table. That's just one of the traditions we intend to continue because we feel family dinners build a strong family.



Open-minded & Adventurous: Being adventurous and having an open mind helps us gain new perspective and allows us to experience all that life has to offer. We have both taken on challenges that we weren't altogether comfortable with at the start, for instance, an Olympic distance triathlon. Training, practicing, and fundraising for the charity we were sponsored by taught us a lot about overcoming our fears and in the end we both successfully completed the race. Leading by example, in even the smallest of ways (like trying a new food) is a great way to share this value with children.



Education: Education is essential in life as it will help to open up opportunities. However, it's not just formal schooling that is important; life itself is an education. "You learn something new every day" is not just a saying, it's a reality. Whether it's folding and flying a paper airplane, building a sandcastle, counting cracks on the sidewalk or helping with homework, we will help our child learn every single day.

Fun & Laughter: Being able to laugh, have fun, and enjoy life is key to keeping a balanced life. Although aspects of life can be very serious, a little levity is important too. We have a healthy sense of humor and enjoy having fun even when we're doing household chores! We laugh at ourselves and try not to take petty things too seriously. We will share this value by flying down a slide with our child on our lap, giggling with them while reading funny stories, going on a "bear hunt" in our living room, and never getting upset when something gets spilled or broken.

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Our home...

Our home is really comfortable and warm. The family room has a brown leather sectional, easy to wipe up spills and little handprints. An oversized ottoman serves as our coffee table - it's used more often to put our feet up than for a table. There are lots of pillows in tans, reds, greens and blues matching the colorful rug; we imagine one day the pillows will be used to make forts. The hardwood floors are perfect for sliding when you get a running start and coast across the floor in your socks.



We enjoy entertaining family and friends for a simple Sunday dinner or big Christmas party. No matter the group, if we are inside we all tend to gather around the breakfast bar in the open kitchen. Our backyard is fenced in and great for entertaining too. Whether we're grilling outside or watching children play tag, there is plenty of room so everyone can be a part of the action!

We're anxious to welcome a child into our lives and home. Although we are waiting to meet our child before we decorate their room, we are basically ready. We refinished the rocker that Robin's mom used to rock Robin to sleep. We can't wait to snuggle with and read stories to our child in the same rocker. We even bought a new 4-door car to replace a 2-door vehicle to make it easier to put our child in their car seat.

A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family Dog

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

exercising, golf, running, fundraising, spending time with friends and family

Adoptive Father:

yard work, landscaping, cycling, golf, reading, fishing, fundraising, spending time with friends and family

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Project Manager

Adoptive Father: Art Director

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

Marc will be an equal partner in parenting. All responsibilities will be shared - from the changing of messy diapers in the middle of the night, to feeding and rocking our child to sleep. Being loving and nurturing is something that comes very natural to him. Marc will even take paternity leave for a couple of months to spend more time at home with our child. He looks forward to being an involved father - sharing his knowledge of sports, how to care for plants in the yard, how to ride a bicycle, how to make award-winning chili, and the best way to do a cannonball in my parents' swimming pool!

Until then, we look forward to everything being parents brings; getting up in the middle of the night for a bottle feeding, even cleaning spit-up off Robin's favorite shirt and Marc's favorite shorts. We look forward to going for walks and ending up at one of the parks or playgrounds for a little fun. Although we've walked the same route many times, seeing the sites through our child's eyes will be like looking at it for the very first time. But most of all we look forward to filling our home with love, laughter, and the pitter-patter of little feet. After all, it's not the house that makes a home, it's the people.



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Our family...

We met in 2008 on eHarmony. It was a perfect match!

Robin is a well-organized and compassionate individual. She never gives up and is determined to see things through to the end. An optimist, Robin always hopes for the best in each situation and person. Marc is an easy going, success-oriented planner. He loves to challenge himself in ways that will push him out of his comfort zone so that he may become a stronger and more well-rounded individual.



Together we are an honest, loving, charitable, and family-oriented couple. Because we met later in life, we had so much to share with one another. A combined love for life, being outdoors with Mother Nature, and entertaining friends and family made our coming together such an easy fit. We feel as though we've known each other all our lives and yet it's only been 7 years.

Our families have always provided unconditional love and support. One of Robin's favorite childhood memories is Sunday dinners at her grandparents' house. In her grandmother's kitchen everything was made from scratch and there was always a pot of tomato sauce on the stove that smelled like heaven when she walked in the front door. When it came time to eat, the entire family would squeeze around the dining room table, say grace, and enjoy the homemade meal her grandmother prepared with love. The time was so special that when that same dining room table and chairs were being moved from family storage, Robin called "dibs!" It's since been refinished and now sits in our dining room as a beautiful reminder of some of her favorite childhood memories. It's now where we all gather for a meal when the whole family is over.

Our parents are anxious to welcome a new baby to our family and to be there for "whatever we need". Whether it's home-cooked meals or a trip the grocery store, they're available at a moment's notice for advice, moral support, or a set of extra hands. As our child gets older crafts, playing with play dough, games, making cookies, and going to the beach will be fun activities. Our fathers can't wait to teach a new member of the family how to bait a hook and fish off the dock! As Robin's mom says "There are no limits, when it comes to love and support for our family."



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