

Hello We Are...



Vicky & Ben

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to build a loving family and give a child a wonderful life filled with warmth, security, and opportunity. We dream of creating a home where a child feels safe physically, emotionally, and mentally; where they know they can trust us and that we trust them; and where they always know how deeply and unconditionally they are loved. We hope our home will also be a gathering place for the people we love, where our child can grow up surrounded by cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends who will be excited to be part of their life.

We have always known that we wanted to become parents. We talked about having a family early in our relationship, and as our relationship grew, those conversations became deeper and adoption became an increasingly meaningful way we could envision growing our family. We would be incredibly honored to be chosen as adoptive parents and are excited about the opportunity to share the life we have built with a child.

We hope to create memories through holidays, birthdays, family vacations, and the simple moments in between. As our child begins discovering who they are and what interests them, whether that is sports, creative arts, or something entirely different, we will be there to encourage them and help them pursue their passions as far as they like. We want to be parents who listen, give our child our undivided attention, and make sure they always feel heard, supported, and worthy of love.

We also dream of watching our child experience the world and grow into their own unique person. At the same time, we know becoming parents will allow us to experience life in a new way, appreciating its simple joys through our child's eyes. We look forward to celebrating each stage of their life and being there for encouragement, comfort, and support along the way.

We want you to know how much respect we have for you and the significance of the decision you are considering. If you choose us to parent your child, we promise that your child will be deeply loved, protected, nurtured, and encouraged to become the best version of themselves.

We will make sure they grow up knowing their story and that you are an important part of it. We welcome the opportunity for your child to grow up knowing you and experiencing your love for them firsthand. We hope to build a relationship with you based on respect, honesty, and communication, where each of us feels heard, understood, and valued.

Sincerely,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**KINDNESS & EMPATHY** - We believe kindness has the power to make the world a better place. We try to follow the platinum rule—treat others the way they would like to be treated—by listening, respecting differences, and looking for common ground. This value is especially meaningful to Vicky because she experienced bullying as a child and knows how deeply hurtful it can be to feel put down by others. Her experiences taught her the importance of building people up and helping them feel valued. We will model empathy and kindness for our child through the way we treat them and others. As a family, we look forward to volunteering, donating gifts during the holidays, offering kind words to strangers, and teaching our child to give others the benefit of the doubt.



**INTEGRITY & HONESTY** - To us, integrity means doing the right thing even when no one is watching and being someone others can trust and depend on. We strive to follow through on our commitments, whether that means helping friends and family move, lending a hand with a wedding, or supporting someone with work. As parents, we want our child to know that they can always come to us, even when a conversation may be difficult. By answering their questions honestly, keeping our promises, and admitting when we make mistakes, we hope to build a relationship rooted in trust and teach our child to be honest and dependable too.



**HAVING FUN** - We believe laughter, play, and a lighthearted spirit make both ordinary days and life's biggest moments more enjoyable. We both grew up in homes filled with laughter, and today we love making each other and the people around us laugh. We also make joy a regular part of our lives through skiing, hiking, tennis, and simply being silly together. We want our child to grow up in a home where laughter is heard often and there is always room for play. We look forward to discovering what makes our child laugh, sharing adventures together, and creating traditions and inside jokes that are uniquely ours.

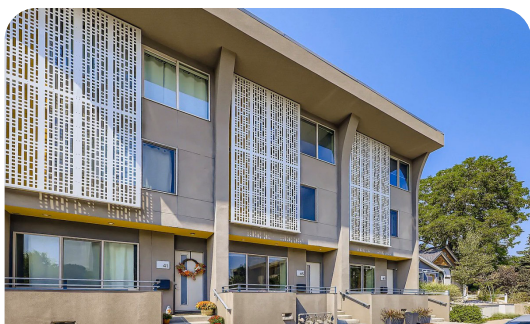
**PERSEVERANCE & RESILIENCE** - We believe some of life's most rewarding accomplishments come from continuing to try when something is difficult. Vicky experiences this through running—some runs are easier than others, but she continues training and has seen how consistency leads to growth. Ben approaches golf the same way. He may not be the best golfer on the course, but he enjoys practicing and working to improve. We will encourage our child to try new things, work toward goals, and understand that mistakes and setbacks are part of learning. Most importantly, we will celebrate their effort and progress, not just the outcome.



**RESPONSIBILITY** - We believe responsibility builds confidence, independence, and an understanding that our actions matter. In our own lives, we take pride in being people others can rely on, whether that means following a work project through to completion or keeping a commitment to someone we care about. We will help our child develop this same sense of responsibility gradually through age-appropriate tasks. Choosing their own outfit, making their bed, setting the dinner table, helping with household chores, and eventually managing an allowance will give them opportunities to contribute to our family while gaining confidence in what they can accomplish on their own.

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# Our Home

They say home is where the heart is, and there is a lot of heart in our home. We intentionally chose a home with plenty of space to welcome family and friends, and we look forward to filling it with the laughter, playfulness, and everyday moments we hope to experience as parents. Our open living space has comfortable places to gather, a large dining table for family meals, and big windows that fill our home with natural light and let in the mountain breeze. Photos and keepsakes from our travels and adventures surround us, and someday we hope they will be joined by countless memories of adventures.

Some of the moments we look forward to most are the ordinary ones. Evenings are our favorite time at home, and we imagine our child becoming part of the routines we already treasure. We will sit down for dinner together, often eating outside on the patio during warmer months, and wind down with books, a favorite show, or time together. Dessert is a frequent tradition in our house—our love of sweets goes all the way back to sharing milkshakes on our first date! At the end of each day, we share our favorite moments, which we affectionately call our “happys.” We can already imagine our child talking about their happy moments and hearing what made them smile that day.

Our home also comes alive when family and friends visit. We host movie nights on the back patio, play board games, and have become the Super Bowl destination among our friends. Thanksgiving is especially meaningful because members of Ben’s family gather at our home and everyone pitches in to prepare the meal. During the Christmas season, we see A Christmas Carol, and one year we hosted a family cookie day and made more than 200 cookies! These are the kinds of traditions we cannot wait to experience through our child’s eyes.

Our child will have a bedroom designed to feel soft and comfortable. We are considering an ocean and marine theme inspired by a special memory from our honeymoon, when we went whale watching and saw humpback whales, including a mother with her newborn calf. During that trip, we purchased a watercolor whale painting at a local art fair, specifically hoping that someday it might hang in our future child’s room.

Beyond our front door, our neighborhood offers so much for a child to experience. An elementary school and a large park with a newly constructed playground are only two blocks away, and neighborhood parents and children regularly gather there. We can picture walking to the playground, strolling through our neighborhood, visiting the zoo, exploring local events, and heading out for family hikes. We both love to ski and we can’t wait to take our child to their first ski lesson. Many of our close friends are already parents, so our child will have other children nearby for playdates, outings, and friendships as they grow.

Most importantly, we want our child to experience home as their safe place, the place where they are comforted, celebrated, listened to, and loved. With Ben working from home and Vicky working a hybrid schedule only a short walk away, we are fortunate to have flexibility that will allow us to be present for both the important milestones and the everyday moments. We cannot wait for our home to become the backdrop for our child’s childhood and for all the new memories we will create together.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Running, hiking, skiing, reading, tennis, board games, visiting the zoo, hosting friends and family, yoga, painting, baking and cooking, going to the farmer’s markets, trying new restaurants and exploring our city, birdwatching

**Adoptive Father:** Hiking, skiing, reading, golfing, playing tennis, board games, visiting the zoo, hosting friends and family, playing video games with friends, yard and home projects, birdwatching

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Education Programming Director

**Adoptive Father:** Technology Consultant

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Masters Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We met online through the dating app Bumble, and we dated for more than three years before getting married. We believe our biggest strength as a couple is the love we have for each other. Our children will grow up seeing what a healthy, loving relationship looks like. Vicky is fun, has a great sense of humor, and is adventurous. Ben is thoughtful, genuine, and a great listener. Together, we bonded over a shared love of the outdoors and similar music interests.

We hope our child grows up with the same spirit of adventure that has shaped our family. Whether we are gathering with relatives, spending time in the mountains, exploring a national park, visiting the zoo, or simply enjoying time together, we want our child to experience a family that genuinely enjoys being together. Most of all, we hope they will always know that family is not simply about being related—it is about showing up, staying connected, celebrating one another, and making sure the people you love know they have a place where they belong.

Family has always been an important part of both of our lives, and we feel incredibly fortunate that our child will be welcomed into a large, loving family that is already excited to know and love them. Although many of our relatives live out of town, distance has never kept us from being close. We travel to see them several times each year, and our parents regularly visit us. Ben's brother and sister-in-law live nearby, so family will be a familiar and meaningful part of our child's life.

Our child will grow up with grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are eager to be part of both the big milestones and the ordinary moments. Vicky's sister has two young children, and Ben's brother recently welcomed a baby, so our child will have cousins close in age to grow up alongside. We imagine family visits filled with cousins playing together, grandparents soaking up time with everyone, and eventually even a "cousin camp" at Ben's parents' house where the kids can spend part of the summer together making the kinds of memories they will hopefully talk about long after they are grown.

Holidays bring everyone together in an especially joyful way. On Christmas Eve, Ben's parents host a gathering that has been part of his family for his entire life. More than 25 family members and friends may fill the house for good food, silly "minute-to-win-it" games, and a white elephant gift exchange. Christmas Day is spent with Vicky's family over gifts, dinner, and plenty of time together. We look forward to our child growing up knowing the excitement of walking into a house filled with people who are genuinely happy to see them and knowing they belong in the middle of it all.

One tradition that is especially meaningful to us is Sunday dinner. Ben grew up with his grandparents joining his family nearly every Sunday, creating one dependable evening when everyone slowed down, sat around the table, talked, laughed, and caught up with one another. More than 30 years later, that tradition continues. We hope Sunday dinners will become part of our own family rhythm too, a place where our child can share stories from their week, laugh with the people they love, and grow up understanding that making time for one another is important. We know that support will change throughout the years, but what will remain constant is the number of people our child can turn to for encouragement, guidance, laughter, and love.



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