



*Jan & Christian*

# Dear birth mother,

Let us introduce ourselves, we are Jan and Christian from Ireland. Originally, we are from Germany but a few years ago we decided to make this beautiful country our home. We met online back in 2005 in Christian's home town, moved in together after a few months and got married three years later. We have always talked about having children and now feel that the time is right.

Initially, we explored the option of surrogacy but soon discovered that it did not feel right for us. For us, the idea was not to create a life but rather give a child (or children) a loving and caring home.

We cannot even begin to imagine what must be going through your mind right now, but we are extremely grateful that you are considering us to take care of your child or twins. We promise that we will do our best to raise your child/twins to be the best person they can be and give them all opportunities in life. We will always be open about their roots and welcome, if you chose to be part of their life.

# Meet Jan *(by Christian)*

Jan is the youngest of four siblings, he grew up spending his summers on his parent's boat sailing through the North and Baltic Sea.

Jan is probably the nicest person in the whole world. Well, I may be biased... But truth be told, Jan always sees the good in other people and finds it very easy to connect. He always puts other people's needs before his own. Did I say that he is very calm and patient? It is nearly impossible to upset him.



## **Jan's favorite place to be:**

Any Disney theme park

**What I love most about him:** That he reads me a bed time story every night

**Jan's hobbies:** Long walks on the beach, listening to podcasts, cycling, looking for new exotic recipes

Jan works as a manager for the data analytics team in a global company and one of the perks is that he can work remotely from home. Yes, you could say that he is a bit of a nerd – working with computers during day and a huge fan of Marvel comics in his personal life. Our child will have no choice but to become a big comic book fan as well.





# Meet Christian (by Jan)

Christian works in a big hospital as a Nurse Manager, which is the perfect job for him as he deeply cares about people, but is also very organised and a great leader. Although he is strict about himself, he does not expect the same from others.

When Christian cares about someone, he will do anything for them, but he will also make sure that he is not taken for granted.



## Things he cannot do well:

Decide what to pick from the menu in a restaurant or what to wear

**Hidden Talent:** Comes up with the funniest pet names for me and others he loves

**Community work:** Christian was a counselor for summer camps for children and teenagers organized by his parish for more than 10 years.

He encourages me to take the big steps in life, which sometimes feel crazy at first, but they always lead to wonderful things.

I love to laugh with him when he is playful or silly. His laugh is infectious and there were many times when we both were aching because we could not stop laughing. He has a great sense of humor and does not take himself too seriously.



# *Our families and friends*

Our families and friends are a very important part of our lives. When we had the chance to move abroad from Germany to Ireland 8 years ago, they all encouraged us to take the risk, most likely because they wanted a place to stay during their vacations. Ever since the bond we have with them has even grown stronger and we would visit them quite frequently or they come to visit and stay with us.



Coming from big families with three siblings each, we have a total of 9 nieces and nephews between the age of 2 and 31. There is always something to celebrate: birthdays, weddings, christenings...



And then there are all our friends in Germany and Ireland with families of their own. We were extremely honored when some of them asked us to be godfathers to their children. We always try to spend as much time with the little ones as we do with the grown-ups. Playing board games, reading stories, going to the beach building sand castles, catching Pokémon. It certainly helps that we have kept our own inner child alive.



# Our home and neighborhood

We live in a suburb of Dublin, the capitol of Ireland. Our house is very close to the sea and we only walk 3 minutes to the nearest beach! You can even see the sea from the window of the future nursey.

We love decorating our home and many friends have told us how welcoming and cozy it feels. It has a beautifully green fenced-in back garden, with enough space for kids' toys (we are already planning to install a swing) and a BBQ that we use when we have friends or family over. The most important room in our home is the kitchen where we spend a lot of time cooking together, entertaining friends, or just having dinner together talking about our day.





There are many beaches in our area, perfect for building sandcastles, collecting seashells and long walks on Sundays. In summer, we can go for a swim. There is also a big, beautiful park in the neighborhood, with a cool playground and many places to explore.

Our neighborhood has a perfect mix of families, many with young children or teenagers, but there are also friendly older couples that now live on their own. There are many great schools with a good reputation in walking distance, the closest one is at the sea! Although we live in a quiet suburb, the lively and gorgeous city is never far away.



# Our adventures

We have been travelling a lot since we have met and visited places like India, Japan as well as many European countries. But our favorite destination is always the United States. We love the beauty of the nature, the excitement of the cities and the food, of course. Our fondest memories there include camping in Yosemite National Park, snorkelling at a reef close to Key West, being on top of the Empire State Building, walking the Golden Gate Bridge and seeing the Cirque de Soleil in Las Vegas.

Visiting theme parks is something we enjoy a lot. We have been to Legoland many times with nieces, nephews, and children of our friends. The most amazing parks are from Disney and we have been to almost all their parks in the world and we are looking forward to visiting them again and again with our children!

We spend a lot of time visiting our families in Germany and cannot wait for our children to make memories together with their cousins.

At home, we love going on hikes or walks in nature and our beautiful neighborhood or go see a movie at the cinema (Pixar and Marvel movies are always a must).



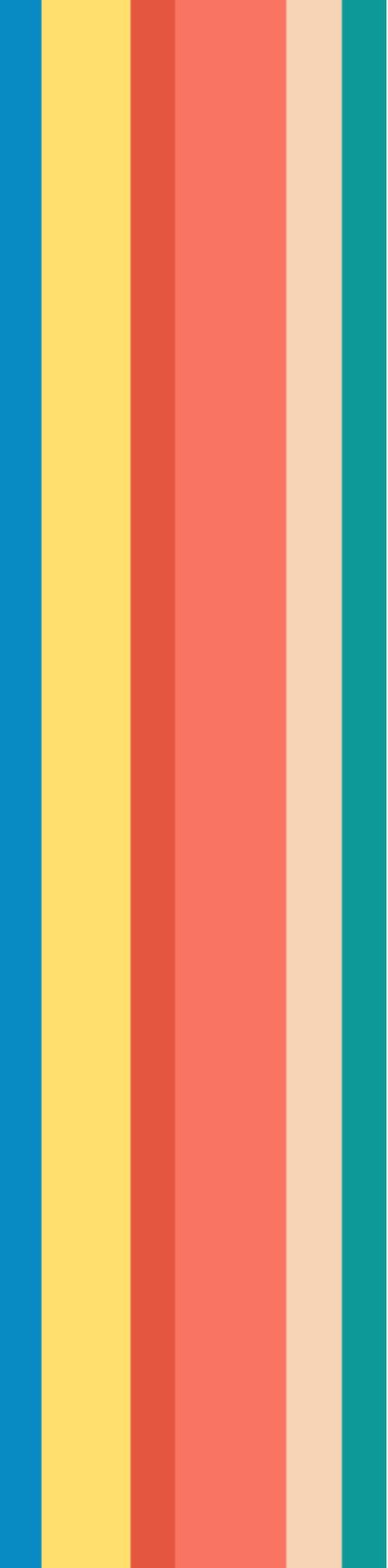
# Our traditions and rituals

We like to have our daily routines and having meals together is a big part of it. During dinner (it tastes best when prepared together) we always talk about our day. On weekends after breakfast, we like to watch Disney movies or TV shows before going on with the chores. Every day ends with Jan reading a book to Christian and we cannot wait to read wonderful stories to our children.



Christmas is by far our favorite holiday and we will always spend it surrounded by our families. In late November we start to decorate our house with lots of lights, bake Christmas cookies, watch the same Christmas movies and have our favorite Christmas dishes and sweets. Our big natural tree is decorated with ornaments that we got from journeys abroad over all the years.





# *Our promise to you*

We will give your child a loving and caring home

We will love your child (or twins) unconditionally

We will ensure that your child knows where they are coming from

We will raise your child to be an open-minded person who appreciates and respects all ways of life

We will support  
your child  
to become the best  
person they can be

We will give our very  
best, every day, to  
give your child a  
happy and care-free  
childhood



We will let you be  
a part of your child's  
life if you choose  
to be

We will enable your  
child to be successful  
in any way they  
choose

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