

JOHN + MICHAEL





HELLO!

WE WANT TO
FIRST THANK YOU
FOR OPENING OUR
BOOK TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT US.

We are very excited to adopt and hope this shows you the important parts of our lives and the kind of parents that we aspire to be. We admire the exceptional strength, courage, and love you are showing through the decision you are making for your child. Thank you for considering our family, and we hope to learn more about you soon.

With love,

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HI THERE! I'M JOHN

I grew up in Southern California with my parents and big sister, and have always had a casual and easygoing personality. I'm constantly smiling, and like to think of myself as friendly and good-natured. But I'm also very self-motivated and am a hard worker and a big planner. Now I love being on the East Coast and am ready to start a family of my own!

I love to read and cook (mystery novels and enchiladas are my favorites), but my two biggest interests are playing music and being outdoors. I've played the violin all my life and have also been singing with choirs for as long as I can remember. I'm constantly singing in the car under my breath, and my specialty is being able to change the lyrics of any song to be about our dog! I also love to hike and make sure that I get out to the woods or the mountains a lot. I enjoy trying new things that get me out in the fresh air: I play tennis and recently starting rowing out on the river!

FUN FACTS

- I was in the same a cappella group that John Legend was in
- I want to visit every National Park
- My favorite food is Mexican
- I love theme parks and had an annual Disneyland pass growing up
- Fall is my favorite season because of the foliage and sweaters





HELLO! I'M MIKE

When I was growing up, I was taught to act with compassion and to be open and honest with others. I have been shaped by so many good people and have felt loved and supported by family and friends who have looked out for me. Treating everyone with the same kindness that I was shown as a child is a core part of my personality.

I love to bike and am a big fan of DC's local sports teams. We often bike downtown on the weekends to catch a baseball game or a soccer match. I also like finding new movies to watch. I especially enjoy comedies, as I love to laugh and have a good sense of humor. I used to perform stand-up, but more recently I've enjoyed engaging in storytelling. It can be nerve-wracking putting yourself out there, but I like the connections I form with people. I'm definitely an extrovert and I draw energy from the people around me. Whether it's learning about and meeting individuals from other cultures, going to some major event, or spending time with family and friends, I just like being around others!

FUN FACTS

- I love to laugh
- I have an embarrassing ranch-dressing obsession
- I love to travel as a result of living a lot of my childhood outside of the U.S.
- I performed in plays in high school and now enjoy seeing live performances here in DC
- I like to try new things like scuba diving and golf, even if I'm not very good at them





ABOUT US AS A COUPLE

WE FIRST MET IN 2014 WHEN A
MUTUAL FRIEND INTRODUCED US.

We had an instant connection and have been together ever since. Our shared values regarding family, inclusivity, and joyfulness keep our relationship strong.

Since meeting, we have grown both as individuals and as a couple. We now own a home, we have a dog, we've built our careers, and have gone on adventures. In 2020, we officially became husband and husband with friends and family cheering us on. We are so grateful to have found each other and believe that each of us is a better person because of the other.



ABOUT JOHN

"John is a fixer. He has always uplifted me and so many others in his life, especially in challenging moments. I'm always touched by the time he takes to make each of his nieces and nephew feel special, whether it's a trip to the library or a walk in the woods. Your child will have him as an advocate and a guiding light in all that they do. One of the things that made me love John from the very beginning was the fact that he embraced the prospect of adopting in the many conversations we've had together on this topic. John comes at every conversation from the standpoint of what is best for any child and mother. John is going to be a tremendous dad and I'm most looking forward to our future."

- Mike

ABOUT MIKE

"I'm not sure if I'm more excited to become a parent or to become a parent with Mike. He is always a favorite with kids; he's playful, enthusiastic, funny, and loves to be silly. He will make your child laugh and make sure their days are filled with fun. Mike is also empathetic, thoughtful, and the most accepting person I know. He goes out of his way to make everyone feel included and welcome. He has such a big heart and will teach your child to find the good in everyone. Mike is always looking out for others and will be a truly fantastic father."

- John





WHY ADOPTION?

BECOMING PARENTS WAS SOMETHING
WE TALKED ABOUT EARLY IN OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

It was a mutual desire that helped to bond us. Each of us has always known that the other would be an amazing dad and we plan to parent with our shared beliefs in prioritizing family, the value of education, being open to new experiences, and the importance of being kind and supportive to everyone.

Our strong relationships with our nieces and nephew have helped to solidify our decision to pursue adoption. During the pandemic in 2020, we became very closely involved in their childcare in order to provide additional support for their parents. That opportunity was such a blessing for us because it helped to show us the strength of family, as well as the demands and joys of parenting.

Adoption was always the way we wanted to grow our family. The opportunity to connect with a child and a birth parent fills our hearts. We would absolutely cherish any desire you have for an open-adoption situation, and we fully respect your choices. Your child will know that they are loved unconditionally by you and an extended network of family and friends.

OUR HOME

We love living in Washington, DC because we have the support of a tight-knit community along with all of the opportunities of a big city. Inside, our home is comfortable, cozy, and ready for a child! We especially love the morning sun that fills up our living room through the large front windows. John likes to try new recipes in the kitchen and Mike can often be found working in the yard, but we also love to just curl up on our couch to read a good book or watch a movie together.

Our home is in a family-friendly neighborhood with playgrounds, parks, soccer fields, and a farmer's market all within walking distance. The local kids love to play together in their front yards and an elementary school is just around the corner. There is a true community here with summer barbecues, Halloween trunk-or-treat nights, and organized bike rides that keep our neighborhood strong.

Beyond the immediate neighborhood, we also have easy access to so many extra opportunities! We like to go to baseball games, explore museums, visit the zoo, and go on hikes. Washington is such an exciting place to be with a lot of diversity and so many things to take advantage of. We look forward to rediscovering the city through a child's eyes!





OUR DOG MITCH

Mitch joined our family in 2019 and we love being dog dads! He is the sweetest little guy and likes to cuddle up to us for belly rubs and head scratches. We could go on and on about how cute he is! He loves being outdoors and we go on long walks as a family. We often take him to a nearby park because it has beautiful walking trails for us and lots of squirrels for him!

Mitch is a gentle dog. Our nieces and nephew like to pet him, give him treats, and chase him around the house. He has a sweet nature and always wants to please. Mitch is a loving big "cousin" and a true part of the family! He will be the perfect furry companion for your child.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE PARENTS WE ADORE AND SIBLINGS WE CALL FRIENDS.

Mike's side of the family lives nearby and we get together often for birthdays, holidays, soccer games, or just because. John's side of the family is in California, but we get a lot of quality time with weekly Facetime calls, extended visits, and joint vacations to places in the middle like the Grand Canyon! Everyone is not only supportive but also excited about the prospect of another child joining our family with love.

Our parents are also very devoted grandparents and are very active in the lives of their grandchildren. They are so looking forward to having another one to dote on! We have four nieces and one nephew ranging in age from 18 months to 11 years. We've created so many lovely memories with them, from birthday parties to playing a competitive game of Candy Land, and we're excited to experience more together with them as we grow our family. In fact, our oldest niece has already called "dibs" on babysitting for us one day!







OUR TRADITIONS

We're so lucky because Santa always makes a personal visit each year! Grandpa always seems to miss it, though...

A Christmas Eve party isn't complete without a "jam" session. We all sing, dance, and be merry together!

Adults and kids alike participate in our Easter hunt, but somehow the kids are always faster at finding the eggs.

Each summer the entire extended family spends a week at the beach. We're getting up to 30 people strong!

We both come from board game families. The competition can be fierce when the cards come out.



OUR TRAVELS

We believe that sharing new experiences is important, and traveling together is something that we will value as parents. While John is usually the pre-trip planner, Mike has an impressive ability to somehow navigate us straight to the best restaurants. Some of our favorite trips we've taken together have been to Machu Picchu, Hawaii, and Italy. We've also taken road trips to see the fall foliage in Vermont, spent cabin weekends in the mountains, and had summers at the beach with family. We look forward to bringing a child on our next trip and exploring the world together!











THANK YOU

FOR LEARNING MORE ABOUT US.

We hope that you will consider us as the parents who will raise your child with love, happiness, and security. Your child will always be our top priority, and they will know how loving and courageous you are.

We are so ready to become parents, and this will be the greatest gift we could ever receive. We promise to love your child with everything we have. We promise a supportive community of grandparents, family, and friends who will also love this child unconditionally. We promise to encourage your child's individuality and celebrate all the things that make them special. We promise to provide them with every opportunity to become the best person they can be and to cheer them on as they go through life.

Thank you for your strength in choosing adoption, and thank you for the opportunity to change our lives forever. We wish you peace of heart and mind as you make this decision. We are deeply grateful.

With love,

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