

Dear Birthparent(s),

Adoption is a very important decision that impacts everyone involved for a lifetime and we thank you for considering us. It is a truly wonderful gift and were honored that you're taking the time to review our profile. We are very excited to grow our family and share our home with another child where they will receive unconditional love and support.

We understand that this is a time full of difficult decisions and we have often discussed what you must be experiencing. To be considering such an act of selfless love for a child shows a great deal about a person's character and we are committed to making the process as comfortable as possible

for all involved. We are very happy to send a letter and photo / videos often and both have high hopes for an occasional get together so you can be reassured and the child can know your thoughts were with them. We plan on always being fully open with a child telling them their story with help from you be it a letter or in person if possible.

As a couple who have been together for almost 9 years we have always known that we were faced with infertility issues and adoption was a strong possibility. When we got married we could not wait to start a family and are fully ready to begin this journey. Our loving families have been strong assets of encouragement, support and guidance for Braydon and us always there to help. We have fantastic friends and neighbors who are wonderful parents who are a great influence.

Lara works at a children's hospital helping over seeing oncology clinical trials and Malcolm works in banking services. We have varying and adjustable schedules as needed. Lara plans on spending a great deal of time home and our work hours will allow one of us to be home at most times. Through all of this we are committed to maintaining a very close strong marriage as best friends and partners. Throughout our relationship we have always made remaining close a high priority and adjusted things to do so. Adopting Braydon has been the best thing that has ever happened to us and he brings us such love and joy every day. Our family time is a top priority.

We both enjoy travelling a great deal and can't wait to show our children the world from weekend trips to long vacations. We feel that it is an important part of a child's development along with steady involvement in the community be it soccer, music or church to allow them to find what their passions are so they can pursue them with success.

A child will be a part of everything we do and a factor in each decision we make to ensure they are always happy and secure. We would love to meet you and are thrilled for you to be considering us. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a bit and look forward to taking this journey together.



Malcolm and Lara



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Lara

Malcolm

Job Description:

Radiation Therapist- Quality Reg. Coordinator on Pediatric Clinical Research Trials

Banking - VP Senior Loan Underwriter

Education:

B.S. – Molecular Biology and Genetics
B.S.R.T. (T) – Radiation Sciences
Certified Clinical Research Professional

B.A. – Finance & Accounting

Favorites:

Memory with Spouse
Our 1st Date

Memory with Spouse
Honeymoon: Mediterranean Cruise

T.V. Show
The Good Wife

T.V. Show
Blacklist

Ice Cream
Moose Tracks

Ice Cream
Chocolate with Peanut Butter

Disney Movie
Cinderella

Disney Movie
Finding Nemo

Form of Exercise/Hobby
Figure Skating and Swimming

Form of Exercise/Hobby
Running

Children:

Braydon, 1 year old

What Takes Priority in Our Lives

Raising Braydon has become our top priority but we still take time to work on our marriage and spending time with our family & friends. Over the years we've been together we juggled a job where Lara travelled at one point almost weekly for 2-4 days and had opposite schedules at another point so we've always made it a point to have 1 – 2 date nights a week and one lazy morning to read the paper and connect while having a big breakfast together. We've always connected regularly with our friends and families. Now Braydon has just become a part of these times and is such a happy boy making it so much more fun. We love his morning play and nightly bath time routine together, dinners out Friday evenings and church and lunch with Grandma Sundays. Braydon is a very happy little boy who gets attention everywhere we go from everyone with his personality. He loves his trucks and is into everything.

What Led Us To Adoption

Infertility was a known possibility when we got married so adoption was always considered an option we discussed. Our families have been supportive through every step of our journey from infertility to adopting our son Braydon. We were ready to grow our family shortly after we got married but after a journey we were told Lara could not safely carry a pregnancy. With insight given from friends over the years we turned towards adoption to hopefully fill our home. A work colleague who adopted and a close neighbor gave us information and helped us get started in the process. We feel that is also a great gift to be able to give a child such opportunities they might otherwise not have. Adopting Braydon has been such a fantastic experience we've often compared to winning the lottery.

What We Will Tell Your Child About Their Adoption

We plan on being very open about an adoption plan and intend to shine a positive honest light around all aspects of it. We hope to have the ability to answer any questions that he/she may have in an age appropriate manner. We will also seek any resources necessary to help in this as they grow. It would be ideal to have a lot of the answers regarding the birth family come in large part from them directly in terms of a letter or in person be it via phone or occasional visits, along with positive reinforcement from us. This gives everyone a chance to say and ask all that is needed for peace of mind and understanding. We are extremely open with Braydon's birth family with trips to the zoo, birthday parties and even Christmas dinner to ensure he knows how loved he is by everyone. Face time has been a great tool as well for everyone as needed.

Our House & Neighborhood



We live in a wonderful new neighborhood in a northern suburb of Columbus. Our community has a perfect combination of winter and summer with beautiful changes in seasons to enjoy all sorts of activities from figure skating, running and walking in parks near our house to swimming and football games. Our school district is rated excellent with distinction by the Ohio's Dept. of Education with many enriching program opportunities.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Looking Out Into Our Back Yard

We love to take care of flowers around our house from tulips in the spring to mums in the fall, but our favorite are beautiful tall rose bushes that bloom from May to November. We have so much fun decorating for fall holidays and Christmas. We could not ask for better neighbors/friends. We often have weekly cookouts with 8 families where we rotate houses each week in the summer months. The kids love Braydon and cannot wait until we have more children for them to play and help with. If something is really wrong you can count on someone within a few doors to have whatever is needed taken care before you have a chance to ask for help whether it's looking after kids, pets or house.

Our Extended Families

Malcolm was born and raised in Columbus and Lara was born and raised in Ontario, Canada living in Columbus for over 10 years now. We visit Canada 3 – 4 times per year with family visiting in between. Our extended families are both close and far away, but only a video chat or phone call away. Malcolm's family close by is a part of lives each weekend when we have lunch and wonderful gatherings on birthdays and holidays. We face time with Lara's parents daily.

Lara is the younger of two children. Lara's father is a retired school teacher and mother is a retired Administrative Assistant for a Cardiologist. Lara's older brother who lives on the West Coast in Canada near Vancouver is a school teacher and is married to a Dental Hygienist with two young boys Noah and Luke. We often face time as well and love being able to be a part of their growing up. We look forward to the regular video clips from skating, swimming, and baseball games.

Malcolm is the third child with 3 sisters. His mother and two sisters live close by in Columbus and we see them regularly. His third sister, Nicole lives in Hawaii with her husband and two boys, TJ and Quincy. We also have one niece, Gabrielle, who is a Behavioral Health Therapist. Malcolm's mother lives close by and one of the siblings visits daily as his father passed away over 10 years ago.



Malcolm's Family at Our Wedding



Our Wedding with Relatives

Our Wonderful Pets

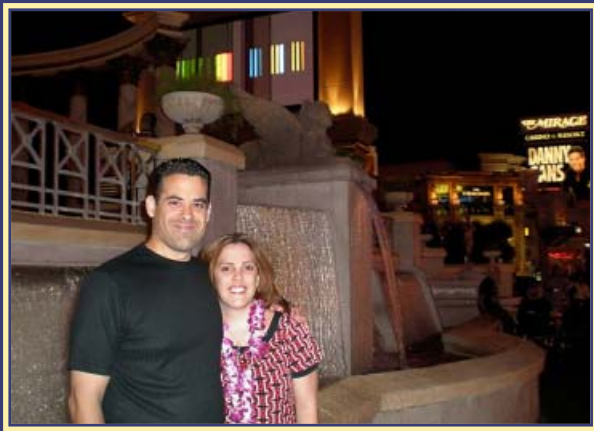


Our Cats:

Ginger,
Granola
Rocky &
Romeo

We have two calico girl cats Granola and Ginger who are 8 and 10 years old. Lara adopted Granola as a kitten about 6 months before meeting Malcolm but she didn't truly come alive until "Daddy" introduced her to her toys and his "play time". It was truly love at first site for both of them. Ginger was a very affectionate stray that was showing up on our back porch for food daily one summer. We took her in when the weather changed and she was obviously alone. She loves to watch football games with Malcolm and goes crazy over tissue paper. A few years ago we decided a kitten would be a nice addition and we ended up adopting two little boys who definitely were a package deal. They are the life of our home now along with Braydon love to stir up everything they can.

We named them Rocky (as he growls when you try to take his toy away) and Romeo (a true sweetheart who can't get enough snuggles and affection). We both firmly believe that caring for animals has so many benefits for children from unconditional love to lessons on responsibility and respect. Braydon has already learned how to be gentle and loving with them.



Las Vegas



Pumpkin Patch Fun



Santorini, Greece

Malcolm & Lara



Visiting the Denver Aquarium



OSU vs. Michigan Football Game



Niagara Falls with Lara's Parents



Family Brunch After Our Wedding -
With Our Nephews, The Ring Bearers