We are Mike and Michelle. We would like to thank you for taking the time to review our profile and to learn more about us. We hope that by the time you are done reading this, you will understand who we are and where we come from. We know life is not easy. We have had our struggles in life, just as everyone has. We believe that everything in life happens for a reason. We may not know what exactly that reason is, but we believe the outcome is decided by fate. Adoption, is a selfless act that takes courage, love and strength. We feel that after reading this, you will find us to have the qualities you are looking for with regards to ensuring your child has everything they will ever need in life; a loving home and family that will make sure they have all the tools needed to succeed in life. We both come from families that instilled in us all the values that we will eventually pass along to our children; respect, patience, understanding and most importantly, unconditional love. Please take the next few minutes to read our profile to find out more about us!

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About Us

Michelle and I originally met when we were in High School. We were introduced to each other through a mutual friend. After a short time, we started dating for a few months. Over the years we kept in touch through family and friends and started dating again in 2012 and it's like we never missed a beat. We married in 2014 and began our journey towards starting a family. Little did we know that life was not going to make it easy for us. We had struggled for a couple years with infertility and different methods all proving to be unsuccessful. We finally came to decision that we wanted to adopt. We know from talking over the years that we were always destined to be parents, regardless of it being ours, biologically, or not. We feel we are a great team. We embrace each others religious beliefs and celebrate respectively with each others families. We keep each other on solid ground as to not crumble while we encourage each other to reach for the stars.



Michelle



I was born in Northern Ohio. My family moved to Central Ohio when I was still a young child. I was deemed the "mother' of my two sisters and brother as I found so much joy in helping them and looking out for them. I've always had a love for children and I found myself always volunteering to

babysit for others. My love of children helped in my decision of attending vocational school for Early Childhood education. One of my proudest moments is when I landed a job as an in-home nanny. I'm the proud aunt of six nieces and nephews in my family. This doesn't include the numerous nieces and nephews on Mikes' side. I love taking them to the movies, playgrounds, zoo, pool and other special events. I consider myself to be a passionate foodie and am always inspired by ideas on Pinterest.

"Michelle is truly my soulmate.

She keeps me levelheaded when I'm frazzled and never lets me give up on anything. She has a heart of gold and always puts others before herself. She makes me laugh at times until my sides hurt and she has a certain bluntness to her and will always speak her mind. She is smart, kind, honest, generous and loving. I know without a doubt that she will be an incredible mother." ~ Mike

Mike



I was born in Central Ohio and have lived here all my life. I currently work in the IT industry and I've always been into technology since I was a kid. It was my love of video games that got me interested in it. I love music and am always quick to be able to name a band or song (especially if it's 80's or

metal music). I have a special place in my heart for the beach and enjoy being out on the water just relaxing. I'm always making people laugh and will be the first one to pick someone up when they fall. I love getting out and traveling and seeing the sights. I'm glad Michelle is a passionate foodie as I'm a passionate taste tester. I'm kind of a neat "freak" as I'm always picking something up or wiping something down. I love a good roller coaster and the sound of a Harley or old muscle car firing up.

"Mike is extremely loyal, hardworking, forgiving, and my right hand man. I don't need to ask to get something done. He is constantly giving 110% into everything. He makes me smile when I'm having a rough day, even when he's cranky. He cherishes his family and is always willing to help others who need it. I see how he is with his nieces and nephews and I know deep in my heart he'd make the perfect father to his kids." ~ Michelle

Michelle's Family

I don't have a family as large as Mike's but we are all pretty close to each other (in bond and location). I have an older brother and sister that live in Ohio and my younger sister lives in Florida. We have an extended family that are located throughout the U.S. but we all keep in touch frequently. My family has taught me to always keep moving forward no matter how bad life can knock you down. I hold great respect and love for them. They are excited and will always be there for Mike and I if there is anything we ever need. They will help with the child to ensure it has a loving and supportive extended family to turn to.

Mike's Family

I have a rather large family. I have three brothers and one sister. I have a strong bond with my family. I come from a family that has two sets of twins. I have a twin and my younger brother and sister are twins as well. Each of my siblings are married and they have families of their own. I have three nephews and six nieces who I love as if they were my own. It seems like we are always doing something. My family has always been supportive of the choices I make. They are thrilled to know they will soon have an addition to the family to shower with love and support!



Michelle

<u>Mike with nie</u>

Food: Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Holiday: Halloween Time of year: Summer Vacation Spot: Anywhere near the beach Color: Purple Childrens Book: Where The Sidewalk Ends Sports Team: Cleveland Browns, OSU Cartoon Character: Mickey Mouse

Mike

Food: Steak Holiday: Christmas Time of year: Fall Vacation Spot: Myrtle Beach (any beach really!) Color: Blue Childrens Book: Green Eggs and Ham Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys, OSU Cartoon Character: Donald Duck





Our Home

As parents we promise to... Love, love, love, protect, teach by example, kiss the owwies, listen, give a thousand hugs and kisses each day, stay up all night when he or she is sick, throw birthday parties, take him or her to Hawaii and Disneyland, give advice, celebrate success, help with book reports, visit the dentist twice per year, play in the rain, discipline with love, prepare him or her for college, offer the best education, honor your wishes and to love you too!





Our house is settled in a quiet little community in Central Ohio. We have plenty of space with 4 bedrooms, a large backyard and a ton of toys just waiting to be played with! We are located in a

great school district and our neighbors are super friendly. The neighborhood has lots of kids of different ages and there are two parks in our development for kids to play at. Our community hosts different events throughout the year such as block parties, parades and other fun things. We often get together with our neighbors for cookouts and fun.

Once again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn a little about us. There is so much more to us than what you just read. We understand that the sacrifice you may make will be the greatest gift we could ever receive.

If chosen, we will do everything in our power to be the best parents and will ensure they will have everything needed to grow, flourish, succeed in life, and that they will be loved unconditionally. Whatever your decision, we wish you much love, happiness and the best in your life ahead.

With sincere gratitude,

Mike and Michelle