



Stephanie & Jorge

Hi! Thank you for taking the time to learn about us! We've been happily together for 17 years and both of us come from close-knit, loving and extended families... very blessed! We're an easy-going, sports-loving couple. We are both optimistic people and have a life filled with joy. When we found out that we can't have a biological child we thought and talked long and hard about adding a new member to our family through adoption – as Steph was adopted as an infant! We're ready to welcome, love and care for a new child, and hope to raise him or her to see the best in life and in people as we do. We are fortunate to have had lives full of so many blessings – we can't wait to share those blessings with a child we may be fortunate enough to nurture and raise. We would be very honored if you chose us.



Steph

- Born (and adopted) here in Central Ohio
- Played lacrosse & field hockey through college - some of my closest friends today were my teammates!
- Handywoman of the house (I learned from my dad!)
- Love to travel - which teaches me about other cultures, as well as to appreciate what's great about where I live
- I play tennis or do yoga almost every day
- Love to cook. I would love to make cookie dough with a little one, as I loved to do with my mom
- Love the beach, both in the water and walking/exploring
- I always have music playing - pop, reggae, latin, jazz, country - I listen to it all!

Jorge

- Born in Costa Rica; lived in the US for most of my life
- I speak English and Spanish; would be nice to raise a child that could speak both; even some Portuguese, which both my brother and his Brazilian-Japanese wife speak
- I played competitive tennis for 25 years; I'm now also a golf nut!
- Love to travel - 29 countries, and hope to explore many more with a future little one
- Favorite foods: seafood and sushi
- Favorite place: any beach!
- I love comedy movies



Our Message To You:

We can't wait to share the love we have for each other, and for life, with a little one.

We know this is an extremely difficult time for you, so we're here for you in any way we can. Steph's own history and experience - being adopted herself - give her a great deal of insight and empathy into the emotions that surround an adoption.

If you decide to choose us, we promise you we will unconditionally love and care for your child for the rest of our lives.

Steph + Jorge



About Us

We were married on a Pacific beach in Costa Rica with 175 of our closest friends and family. While on the coast we both became deeply connected to the natural beauty, white sand beaches and to the warm and kind people there.

One year later we quit our fast-paced jobs in Washington, DC to start a modest bed and breakfast located in a small village in western Costa Rica. Several years later, with a lot of hard work, we were able to build our next property in a luxury resort nearby. After hosting thousands of wonderful guests (who are now our friends!) we were able to become a top Trip Advisor award-winning host.

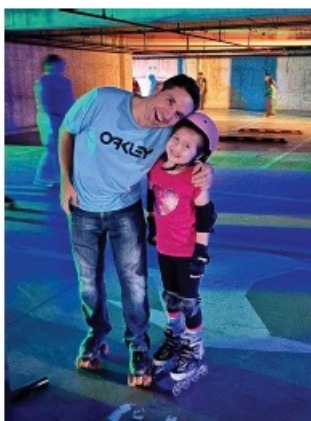
We sold our business just before the pandemic, which was a blessing in so many ways, as it has provided enormous freedom both of time and financially. We now take it at a slower work pace and build homes for sale down in Costa Rica, with more time for family, friends and travel.

For the past 12 years we have lived half the year in Columbus and half the year in Costa Rica (winters of course!); spending quality time with both our families, traveling the world, and enjoying many of the outdoor activities that we love, year round.

Family



We visit, travel and explore with Steph's mom and her husband. They have annual Christmas cookie bakes, giant Thanksgiving family feasts at the lake, and more. She is close to her cousins, aunts and an uncle - we love being aunt and uncle to our cousins' kids!



In Costa Rica we spend time with Jorge's large family; his brother Randall and wife Simone (from Brazil) have a daughter Sara. We enjoy loud, happy, laughing meals with them, and visits with his extended family.



Stephanie also is in touch with her birth family - half brothers! Adoptions were closed when I was born, so I wasn't able to learn more about them until recently.

About Stephanie - By Jorge



Steph is an amazing person to share my life with, I'm very blessed to have her at my side every day!

She's very beautiful, smart, honest, and truly cares for others. I really admire her integrity in everything she does. She would not lie to anyone, and is always fair with everyone in every aspect of her life – personal, business, sports, etc.

Another quality I admire is her simplicity. She's not one to try to impress others, quite the opposite; she's very humble and kind. She's also very punctual for everything; she's always on time for any appointment, social gathering, event, etc., which shows respect for others, and shows how she lives her life in general, with fairness and respect for all.

Steph cares deeply for the Earth and carries her life as environmentally friendly as possible. I also admire that she eats quite healthy, mostly plant based, and this in turn has inspired me to try to do the same as well ... I'm getting there little by little!

Lastly I'd like to say that Steph loves her family deeply and will do anything for them. Her dad passed away a few months ago and she cared for him daily in his home until his last breath. She sees her mom often and talks to her every week when they're not in the same city or country. Same with her cousins, nieces and nephews, always making sure they are all doing well.

Steph is an overall totally amazing person; everyone loves her, especially me! :-)



About Jorge - By Stephanie

Jorge is a ball of positive energy. I don't say this just because I am married to him and of course, partial; but people are drawn to him because he has a way of making every single person around him feel special, interesting and a welcome addition to his life.

We used to throw a Christmas party for all of the children in the village where we ran our business, and Jorge could get even the shyest kid up dancing and joining the limbo stick line.

I would say his biggest passions are family/people/relationships and sports. If he can get outside and exercise once a day, and spend some time with family or friends (even just a night in with us together watching Netflix; we love watching comedies and action movies), he is a content man. As outgoing as he is, he is also a homebody at heart.

Other traits I really admire about Jorge are his calm under pressure, and ability to simplify any problem in order to find its solution. When we were running our business, I could sometimes get hung up on a small detail we were looking to solve, and he could zoom out to see the big picture and focus his attention there.

If you know Jorge, you will be sure to learn to see the upside to any situation, and see the good in yourself and others.



We can't wait to share adventures with a little one, and see the world through a brand new set of eyes



Our Neighborhood/Lifestyle

We live in a pleasant, safe and quiet community in suburban Columbus where neighbors know and watch out for each other, celebrate holidays together, and get together for cookouts and pool time. Steph grew up here and still loves it! Our favorite holiday in town is 4th of July, where we attend the parade in the morning, grill and go to a pool party in the afternoon, and watch the amazing fireworks display with our friends at night. We can't wait for a child to attend the same schools here as Steph did.

In Costa Rica, we live (during Ohio winters) in a beach resort called Hacienda Pinilla, a 4,600-acre paradise on Earth. It has 6 private white sand beaches, a Beach Club, golf course, tennis and pickleball courts, miles of mountain biking, hiking and jogging trails, an equestrian center, and tons of animal and plant biodiversity. We often see and hear monkeys, scarlet macaws, iguanas, and colorful parrots ... a magical place! We spend lots of time out on the beach, snorkeling, playing tennis, golf, doing yoga and simply enjoying life.

And while we don't currently have any pets, we do plan to adopt another shih tzu puppy in the future. We lost our beloved little Safin after 16 years of love this past year, and we fell in love with the breed.

Raising a Child

We're lucky that we won't need to use child care, so we are excited to bring a baby along throughout our day and lives, and learn and experience new things with them. Trips to the library, cooking with mom, starting a backyard vegetable garden, trying out tennis, pool time, traveling – anything and everything.

We're excited to have a new child try as many experiences as possible to be able to discover their true passions, whether it's being active like mom and dad, art, music, computer, dance, woodworking, etc. We want to be sure our child will have all of the experiences necessary to learn what they love! We are excited to learn who a baby develops into and will support them in anything.

We can't wait to share more of this world and our life with a little one, so we can see everything new through their eyes as they experience things for the first time :-)



