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ABOUT US

WE MADE THE DECISION TO ADOPT BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED IN DECEMBER OF 2017. WE KNEW THAT WE WOULD LOVE A CHILD WHOLEHEARTEDLY, BIOLOGICAL OR NOT. OUR PROMISE TO YOU IS THAT YOUR BABY WILL ALWAYS KNOW HIS/HER BACKGROUND, CULTURE, HEALTH INFORMATION, AND YOU AS HIS/HER BIRTH PARENTS. WE PLAN ON RAISING YOUR CHILD TO BE RESILIENT, THOUGHTFUL, EMPATHETIC, KIND, AND ZESTFUL FOR LIFE EXPERIENCES.





About Dan

Dan is a cybersecurity engineer working for one of the leading companies in the security industry for several years. He works tirelessly to ensure financial stability and is constantly learning and improving to provide for his family. At his core, Dan's main love in life is music and being curious about the world around him. Dan started playing guitar at the age of 11, and spent his young adult years playing guitar for a couple bands and even toured around the country! Dan loves all different forms and genres of music, and plans on sharing his love of music with your child. Dan is an avid learner. He enjoys reading, watching, or listening to various things involving history, sociology, politics, and psychology. He is always on the hunt for the next good book or documentary! He looks forward to sharing this love of exploring the nature of the world with your child, teaching the importance of critical thinking and the pursuit of knowledge. Dan is also very much into physical fitness, and doing things outside like running, hiking, camping, and landscaping.



About Erika



Erika provides therapy to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and absolutely loves her kids and what she does. She has her Master's Degree in Special Education with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis from Arizona State University. She enjoys coming up with creative ways to teach new concepts to her kids and keep them engaged. She loves to be active around children and is so excited to bring her own child to activities, events, and theme parks that she herself loves. Her current interests are trying new delicious food, spending time with family/friends, visiting craft fairs and cities, interior decorating, Philadelphia sports teams, going to the movies, reading, and wants to travel much more in the coming years. She also enjoys spending time outdoors by visiting the beach, hiking, and kayaking. Erika has an athletic streak and always loved tennis and basketball, and wishes to engage in these activities more often. She would love to teach these and any other sport activity (dance, swimming, etc.) her child may be interested in.

Our Family and Friends



Erika has a tight knit group of family and friends. Erika's parents live 15 minutes away. Erika has one group of friends who she has known since she was 13 years old. She sees them multiple times throughout the year; they enjoy having BBQs together, visiting Pocono Mountain, and taking beach trips together. She also has a handful of friends that she met during college years and at her current job. Dan and Erika's mutual best friends live 10 minutes away and just gave birth to her first child in January. Since Erika is an only child, her parents are over the moon for their first grandchild. They plan on spending lots of time with the baby, though Erika is fortunate enough to be a stay at home mom when the time comes. She grew up learning that family is very important, and spent every holiday with her parents, grandparents, and two aunts. She fondly remembers multiple trips to the beach in the summer with her family and grandmother.



Dan's father and stepmother live 10 minutes away, as do the majority of his family members. Dan is especially close with his parents and older brother Dennis. Dennis has two children, and his step brother Frank has two children. Dan is very close with his nephews and nieces, and sees them all of the time. They cannot wait to have another playmate! Dan is very close with his father, spending half of his childhood being raised by a single father. Dan's biological mother passed away when he was 5 years old. As tragic as it was, going through this has equipped him with the ability to empathize with children and know what it is like to go through something traumatic as a child. Dan has a large social circle that includes around 7-10 guys that he's grown up with. They are very close and consider each other family. All of Dan's friends have kids, and they are looking forward to having another friend to play with as we the grownups

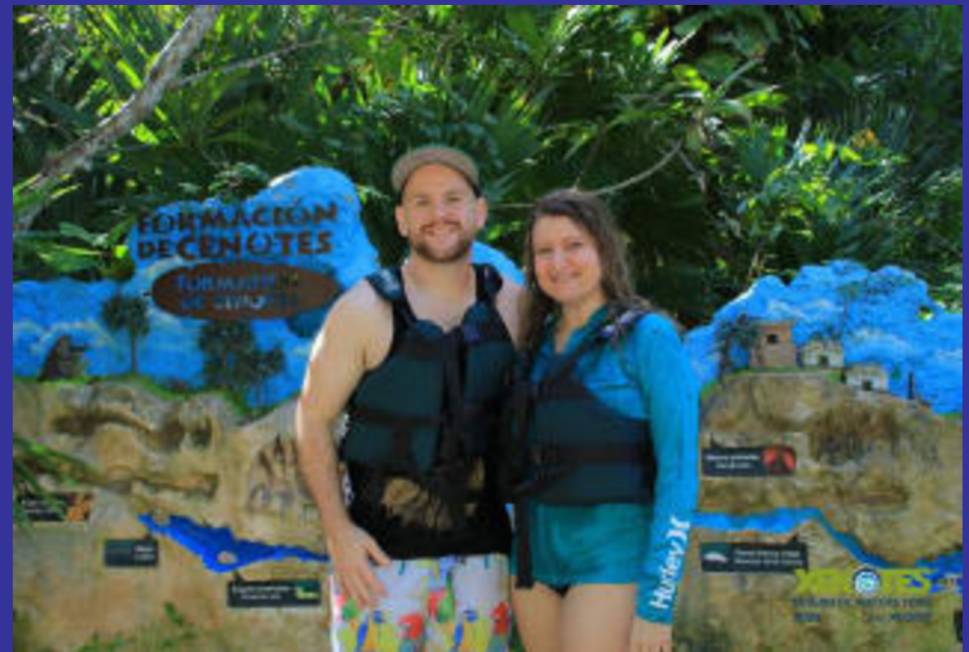


OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY



WE LIVE IN A 1,500 SQUARE FOOT BRICK RANCHER WITH A LARGE BASEMENT AND A LARGE BACK YARD. WE LIVE IN A QUIET, SAFE, MODEST SUBURB THAT IS KNOWN FOR ITS EVER-GROWING UNIVERSITY, FOOD CULTURE, AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A MIX OF OLDER PEOPLE, YOUNGER FAMILIES, AND THE OCCASIONAL COLLEGE STUDENT. IT IS A LARGE DEVELOPMENT THAT IS GREAT FOR WALKING THE DOG, RIDING BIKES, GOING FOR JOGS, ETC. THERE ARE MULTIPLE PARKS NEARBY (ONE THAT IS SO LARGE IT HAS A COUPLE LAKES THROUGHOUT), INCLUDING ONE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET.





EXPECTANT MOTHER/ BIRTH MOTHER

WE THINK YOU DESERVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR DOING WHAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO DO. BOTH OF ERIKA'S PARENTS WERE ADOPTED AT BIRTH. ERIKA'S FATHER JUST CONNECTED WITH HIS BIRTH SISTERS AND THOUGH HIS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER PASSED AWAY, WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT HER. SHE HAD ERIKA'S DAD WHEN SHE WAS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND HAD TO BE SENT AWAY WHEN HER PREGNANCY STARTED TO SHOW. IT WAS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR HER, AND SHE THOUGHT ABOUT ERIKA'S DAD FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE. SHE WAS A STRONG PERSON, AND WE HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE SAME FOR CHOOSING THE SAME PATH. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN TOUCH AND KNOW HIM/HER THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF EACH OF YOUR LIVES, A SEMI-CLOSED OPTION, OR A CLOSED OPTION, OUR HOPE IS THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE ADORED UNCONDITIONALLY WHEREVER HE/SHE ENDS UP.

WITH LOVE, AND THINKING OF YOU WITH GRATITUDE,

DAN & ERIKA