## STEPHEN AND LULU







WE ARE STEPHEN AND LULU, A LOVING AND ADVENTUROUS COUPLE RESIDING IN A SUBURBAN AREA OF NEW YORK. WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 7 YEARS. WHILE OUR HOUSEHOLD CURRENTLY HAS NO CHILDREN, OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH A DEEP DESIRE TO PROVIDE A FOREVER HOME TO A CHILD THROUGH ADOPTION.

LULU IS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR, DISPLAYING HER PATIENCE, THOUGHTFULNESS AND EMPATHY TOWARDS YOUNG MINDS. STEPHEN IS A MARKETING DIRECTOR, AN ACCOUNTABLE, RESOURCEFUL AND ADAPTIVE LEADER AT WORK. TOGETHER, WE ENJOY EXPLORING NATURE, HIKING WITH OUR DOG (PINECONE) AND TRAVELING AROUND THE GLOBE. WE LIKE TO EXPERIENCE NEW CULTURES, ENJOY SCENIC LANDSCAPES AND TRY DIFFERENT CUISINE.

ADOPTION HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING DESIRE IN OUR HEARTS. BEFORE WE MET EACH OTHER, LULU TRAVELED TO UGANDA AND VOLUNTEERED AT AN ORPHANAGE CALLED "WATOTO." SHE TOOK CARE OF BABIES, VISITED CHILDREN IN VILLAGES, TAUGHT CLASSES IN SLUMS AND CHURCHES. SIMILARLY, STEPHEN WENT TO THAILAND AND VOLUNTEERED AT AN ORPHANAGE. HE HELPED CHILDREN BUILD TOYS, PERFORM CHORES AROUND THE PROPERTY AND SPENT QUALITY TIME WITH THE CHILDREN. WHEN WE MET AND FOUND OUT OUR SAME DESIRE FOR ADOPTION, WE KNEW IT'S MEANT TO BE. ADOPTION IS A CALLING FOR OUR FAMILY, AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE CARED FOR AND RAISED AS THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT.





## OUR LIFE TOGETHER













OUR LIFE TOGETHER HAS BEEN FILLED WITH FUN AND AMAZING ADVENTURES TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD! EVER SINCE WE MET, WE'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO VISIT OVER 30 COUNTRIES AND VENTURED THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO THE OCEANS, FROM THE ARCTIC TO THE DESERTS. WE CHERISH THE TIME WE SPEND OUTDOORS, SURROUNDED BY NATURE. WE ALSO LOVE LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES AND NEW EXPERIENCES THROUGH OUR TRAVELS. WE HOPE TO SHARE THIS PASSION OF EXPLORING THE WORLD WITH YOUR CHILD.





WE ALSO LOVE SPENDING QUIET WEEKENDS AT HOME, CUDDLING WITH OUR DOG, PINECONE, ON THE COUCH OR DRIVING INTO THE CITY AND TRYING OUT NEW FOOD AND RESTAURANTS AROUND US. WE ARE LOVERS OF FOOD, WE LOVE TO EXPLORE NEW FLAVORS AND CUISINES, DISCOVER SECRET RECIPES AND COOK MEALS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. WE HOPE TO SHARE ALL OF THESE EXPERIENCES WITH YOUR CHILD, AND SHOW THEM THE WORLD WITH ALL ITS WONDERS.



## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS









OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIVES, AND THEY ARE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE WORLD. WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THEM, AND SO WE MAKE A POINT TO TRAVEL AND REUNITE WITH THEM WHENEVER WE CAN. WE LOVE SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND DURING OUR REUNIONS, WE ALWAYS ENJOY INDULGING IN DELICIOUS FOOD OR IMMERSING OURSELVES IN NATURE. LUCKILY, BOTH SETS OF OUR PARENTS LIVE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO US IN NYC, AND WE GET TO SEE THEM OFTEN.

IN ADDITION TO OUR FAMILIES, WE HAVE A DIVERSE GROUP OF FRIENDS HERE IN NEW YORK, WITH WHOM WE ENJOY SPENDING TIME. WE OFTEN HAVE THEM OVER TO OUR HOME OR GO OUT WITH THEM TO TRY NEW RESTAURANTS OR EXPLORE THE CITY. ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PASTIMES IS PLAYING BOARD GAMES WITH OUR FRIENDS, AND WE HAVE MANY FAVORITES, SUCH AS CODE NAMES, MONOPOLY DEAL, AND SUSHI GO!. LULU ALSO ENJOYS COOKING WITH HER FRIENDS, WHILE STEPHEN LIKES TO ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR SPORTS WITH HIS BUDDIES. OUR COMMUNITY OF LOVED ONES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR LIVES, AND ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ARE VERY EXCITED AND SUPPORTIVE OF OUR DECISION OF ADOPTION. WE CANNOT WAIT TO WELCOME YOUR CHILD INTO OUR FAMILY AND MEET OUR LOVED ONES.





## HOME AND COMMUNITY

OUR HOUSE IS LOCATED IN A PEACEFUL AND TRANQUIL NEIGHBORHOOD. IT IS CLOSE TO THE OCEAN, PROVIDING US WITH VARIOUS WATER ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. IT IS ALSO VERY CONVENIENT TO TAKE A SHORT TRAIN RIDE INTO NYC. WE LOVE TO TAKE WALKS WITH OUR DOG, PINECONE, IN THE NEARBY SANDS POINT PRESERVE, WHICH IS ONLY A 10-MINUTE DRIVE FROM OUR HOUSE. THE PRESERVE HAS A WONDERFUL WOODLAND PLAYGROUND, WHICH WE WOULD LOVE TO BRING YOUR CHILD TO VISIT. PORT WASHINGTON IS A SAFE COMMUNITY WITH AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.



