

- Likes old rock (Godsmack, Disturbed, Metallica) and old school hip-hop
- Affinity for nautical and military history including many nautical vessels and aircrafts
- Reads world history (Roman empire in particular)
- · Loves sports (and a good tea party)
- Makes Suzie laugh so hard she cries
- Balanced his mother's checkbook in kindergarten
- Loves traveling to new and historical places
- Trying to convience Suzie to stay in a haunted hotel
- An excellent cook
- Expert in the world of supply chain
- Knowledgeable in finance
- · Once saved a baby hawk
- LOVES dogs

This handsome guy is Eric. Aside from the occasional suborn streak, he might be the total package. He was born in Phoenix Arizona, but raised in the suburbs of Detroit. From an early age, devotion to family was apparent. As the oldest of 5 siblings, Eric took his job as big brother in his close-knit family very seriously. So much that Eric was often trusted to babysit while his mother worked. In high school, Eric maintained a job bagging groceries. Eventually he would become a supervisor in the department with his strong work ethic and keenness to excel no matter the job. These days, Eric has earned an MBA from Lindenwood University further defining an already successful career as supply chain operations manager for World Wide Technology, a global communication systems integration company. In addition to being extremely smart and a great leader to his staff, he is conscientious of all humans, and always willing to go the extra mile for someone in need. Eric religiously donates to a variety of charities and has been known to volunteer for a local animal shelter collecting and delivering food and other supplies. Eric will make an excellent father. Not only is he a man of good character and work ethic from a close-knit family, he is a devoted family man and husband to Suzie. Eric prefers to spend his time with his loved ones doing anything and everything. From routine trips to the grocery store, to exciting road trips across the country if it's with family he is content.









Over our 13-year marriage, I have witnessed Suzie push herself to become a Registered Nurse (RN). To say I am proud of her is an understatement. When people ask who my wife is, I gleam with pride. Not only because she is an RN and does amazing work with people who need help, but because she has a genuine heart that cares about the wellbeing of others. She keeps me grounded and inspires me to do better. Both of us are young at heart, although she would say I have the tendencies of an old man sometimes. Her love of being in the moment and my tendency to want to plan is a pretty good combination; she makes sure we have fun and I make sure we don't run out of gas on the way! She loves a spontaneous trip when the time is right, such as a drive along the Mississippi River to spot a bald eagle.

Suzie has an independent spirit - so much that she removed the "obey" portion of our wedding vows - she simply would not have her role diminished by old fashion standards. She is one of the bravest and strongest people I have ever met, traits I know she will instill within our adopted child. Suzie and I both believe in encouraging individuality and creativity and following your dreams. We agree that in order to follow your dreams, you must set goals, put in the work, and of course, be kind.

- Loves music (mostly hip hop, but is open to anything with a good sound)
- Has two active professional licenses (cosmetology and nursing)
- · A lover of holidays
- Loves to decorate for seasons (spring flowers, windchimes, fall flames and pumpkins)
- Drinks pumpkin spice coffee 365 days a year
- · Good cook, but exceptional baker
- Loves fun socks
- Into astrology
- · Has a knack for directions
- Loves the Seattle area becase of the culture and vibe
- Strong appreciation for art in all forms







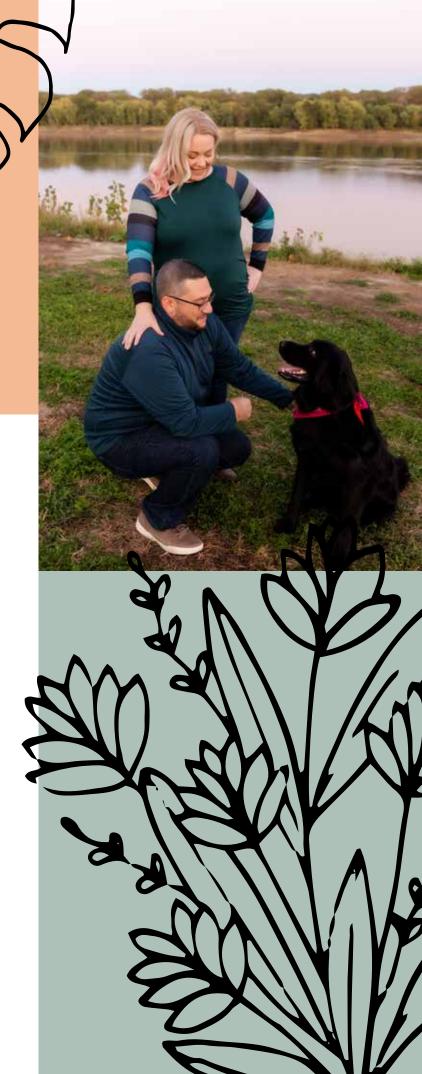
Our Adoption Journey

Our journey to parenthood began many years ago. After years of failed fertility treatments and an unsuccessful round of IVF, we decided that it was our destiny to adopt a child. Since making this decision, all efforts have involved our dream of expanding our family. Adopting a child for us means creating and sharing joyous moments with a little one. That means both big moments like Christmas morning and life's milestones, to the small moments that make up all the days in between. Adopting a child means expanding our family and living life as a close-knit loving family.

We are a little behind in the adoption process as Suzie is a RN and COVID-19 demanded her full attention at the height of the pandemic. We did not think it was fair to pursue an adoption while her risk of infection was so high (she worked closely with patients hospitalized with Covid-19). Eric was deemed a critical worker (he works for a large systems integrator) and was required to be on-site working during the pandemic, heightening his risk for infection as well.

So, until COVID was either under control or vaccinations were available, we made the hard choice to hit pause. We just did not think it was fair to adopt while we played critical roles in our community. Now, as the pandemic turns a corner for the better, we are thrilled to be able to fully commit to the adoption process.

Side note: Neither Eric nor Suzie contracted the virus.





As you will see as you look through our profile, we love dogs, spending time with family, and traveling. We also enjoy just hanging out doing not much of anything. We have been married for 13 years and together for 18. During those years, we have been the best of friends and life partners. We consider ourselves a power couple as we have accomplished several goals to get to this place in life. Always being supportive toward each other's ambitions and hobbies is vitally important to us. We have many differences that complement each other in the best way. One area where we do not differ is a love for family and friends. There is no better way to spend free time. Our relationship with each other is based on always being kind and conscientious towards each other and humanity as a whole.

We formally met when we became neighbors at our first apartments. We lived across the hall from each other for over a year and, at first, never gave each other the time of day. It was not until after Eric moved away that we started dating. Eric came into the restaurant Suzie worked at on his 21st birthday and the rest is history. From the moment we exchanged phone numbers, we were inseparable. Little did we know, we shared similar goals in life, views, and work ethic. And Suzie thought Eric was kinda cute. It would not take long for the two of us to form an unbreakable bond. The early years of our relationship were dedicated to work and saving for the future.

We married in Las Vegas at the Little Chapel of Flowers (next door to the pawnshop featured on TLC's Pawnstars). It was a small ceremony that was broadcast over the internet for those loved ones that could not travel. It was perfect! Shortly after Eric received a career opportunity that entailed moving to St. Louis, MO. Since that time, Eric continues to advance his career at the same company and Suzie established herself as a hair stylist working in an exclusive salon for several years before making a career change to nursing.

We have established ourselves within our careers and have achieved the stability necessary to provide a loving supportive environment for a child to thrive in. We are thrilled to be at this long-awaited stage in our journey to parenthood!



Our Home

We have lived in a suburb west of St. Louis, Missouri for 12 years. Our house is a three-bedroom ranch in an established and desirable subdivision on a cul-de-sac. We love our home and furnish it with items that reflect our love for the holidays and all things cozy. Large houses with a bunch of things you cannot touch is not our style. We like cozy. We like fun. We like adventure. Our backyard is fenced in providing a safe place for our dog to play. We also have a pool to cool off in during the hot summers! We love our home and neighborhood and have no plans to move in the foreseeable future.

Schools in the area are great and the city itself was voted a top 100 place to live in the U.S. according to Money Magazine. We have an amazing Rec Plex available to residents that has literally anything you can imagine (indoor pools, exercise, classes, a track, etc. The city tries to be environmentally friendly while maintaining a thriving business community. St. Peters is a great place to raise a family!





Our Stella

Stella is an 18-month-old Newfoundland and, as you can see, she is a big lover. We got stella in the spring of 2020 in remembrance of our previous Newfie/Lab mix named Remy who we loved so much. Stella is smallest of her litter! Even being small for her breed, she is still a big girl weighing around 90lbs. She believes she is a lap dog and wants nothing more than to be by the side of her humans.

A Newfoundland is nicknamed the "nanny dog" because of their kind, gentle, and friendly dispositions, who do exceptionally well with kids of all ages. Another nickname is goofy newfie.

Stella loves playing outside! During the hot months, Stella spends a lot of time inside, playing in the hose, or at nearby Brommelstick park that has a lake especially for dog. In the cooler months, she spends a lot of time at dog parks, which she makes her humans drive her to every day! In the winter, she loves the cold, loves the snow, and loves playing in the snow! Overall, Stella loves playing outside.

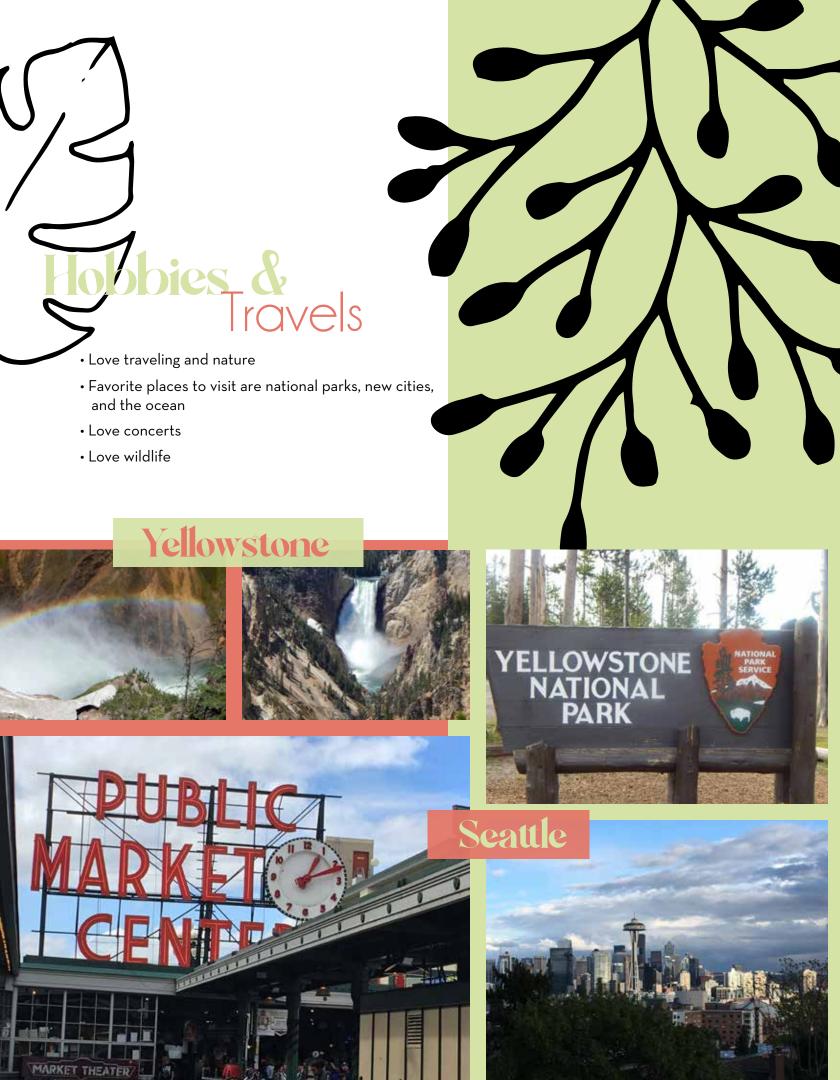


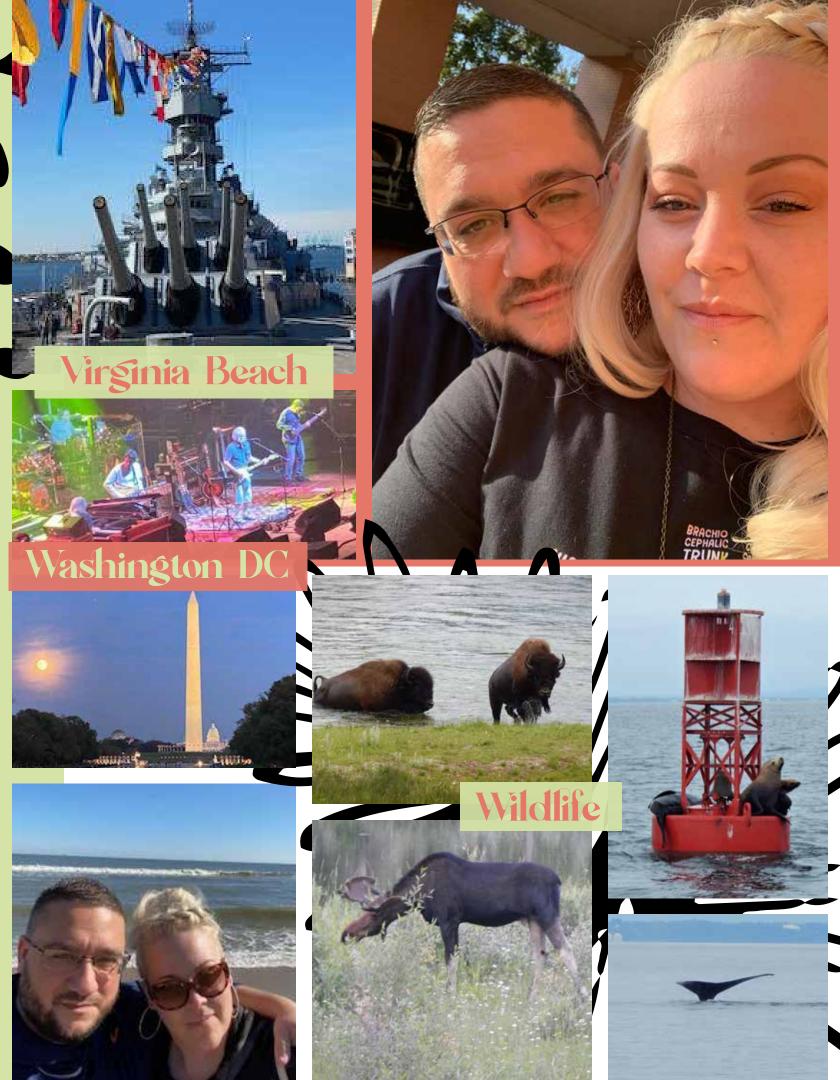
- · Smallest of her litter
- Has webbed feet- breed trait that makes her a good swimmer
- Loves treats and raw veggies
- Loves coffee (she will drink it if unattended)
- Loves car rides
- Loves water
- Loves kids (nicknamed the "Nanny Dog")
- Loves people
- · Loves playing with other dogs
- · Loves playing in the lake
- · Loves to play the Snow
- · Hates bath time
- Gentle giant











Family

There is no better way to create joyous moments than with family. We all gather every chance we get. Both Eric's mother Deanna and Suzie's mother Carol are loving grandmas who melt for their grandbabies. But at the same time, they are both Independent and strong, people you would not want to mess with – especially if it involves their loved ones.

Suzanne has two brothers, both with kids of their own and Eric has one brother and three sisters, two of which have their own children. Between us, there are six aunts and uncles and seven cousins. One on the way! Our child will have a lot of cousins around his/her own age! We can tell you everyone is excited for us!









Abrie & Addison

cousins and best
friends



Holly star soccer player



Liam
loves marvel comics



Alex & Max both love dinosaurs

J AIM

Fun Facts With Cousins!





Dear Birthparents,

First, we, Eric and Suzie Divine (Stella too), want to offer our sincere appreciation for considering us for such a blessing. It truly means everything to us. We hope you can see that we are kind, loving, fun, and openminded people. In our home we encourage individuality and creativity while also prioritizing education and good morals. The opportunity to parent and pass on these attributes to the next generation is the ultimate blessing to us. So, thank you form the bottom of our hearts.

Next, we want to properly commend the strength and bravery you and all the birthparents enduring the adoption process have shown. While the adoption process itself is difficult, there are no words to describe the rollercoaster of emotions that one must feel when faced with such life changing decisions. We want you to know that we will be here for you as much or as little as you want us to be. We will do everything in our power to ensure that you and baby are safe and healthy. That is a promise.

Last, we want to say again how excited we are to hopefully become parents soon! It has been our dream since we were a young married couple. Thirteen years later we love each other very much and are still the best of friends. We can provide a nurturing and healthy environment necessary for a little person to thrive. Because of your bravery and selflessness, our dream of having a little one of our own could soon be a reality and for that we are eternally grateful.

Eric & Suzie Divine





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