



Doug and Rick



Dear Potential Birth Parents,

We are Doug and Rick. We met at a New Jersey night club in 1988 and got married on our 25th anniversary. We had an instant connection then and still do today. From a very young age we both realized that we wanted to have a family. We have a very good life with so much love to share.

Our lives have been a wonderful journey richly filled with family, friends, happiness and love. Our wish of becoming parents came true last year when we adopted our son, Dylan. He has brought us such joy and we greatly look forward to bringing another baby into our lives to love, cherish and nurture.



"In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take."



Doug...



I have always known Doug to be a smart, kind man. He takes pride in all he does. Doug has a career in real estate and it allows him to make his own schedule and take time off. With that, he was able to stay home when Dylan was born and will do so with our future children. He absolutely loves being able to raise our children and watch them grow.

Doug loves spending time outdoors. Being at the beach with family, friends and our dog, Gianni is one of his favorite down times. He also enjoys baseball, theater and music. Doug spends as much time with his niece and nephews as possible. He goes to their sporting and musical events. Doug is an exceptional person, he is the love of my life.

Doug is very close to his family. His dedication to his friends and family is truly one of his best attributes. His thoughtfulness, patience and warmth make him an amazing father. Bath and bed time are his favorite. Dylan's laugh will light up his whole world. Having another child will only make this journey better.

Rick...



Rick is a wonderful man. He has a successful career in psychology. He has an energy about him that makes him so special and unique. Rick displays such a great amount of compassion, confidence and devotion in all that he does. Words can't describe the type of father he is. The moment he gets home from work, Dylan is waiting for him with open arms. It is so heart warming.

Rick is such a hard working man. In his spare time he enjoys boating and traveling. Rick values the time spent with our niece and nephews. He loves taking them to their baseball games and just hanging out on the couch to watch TV.

People love to be around Rick because he is such a positive man. He is a wonderful dad who gives lots of love and hugs. He enjoys reading to Dylan and chasing him around. I am so lucky to have him in my life and am beyond thankful for where this journey has taken us.

Dylan...



Dylan is a very happy baby. He is almost a year old and changes with every month. Dylan is always smiling and he wrinkles his nose when he laughs. He started crawling at 7 months old. He is very inquisitive little boy who loves to crawl around and explore. Dylan is a people magnet. Everyone who meets him falls in love. Having children so close in age has always been our dream. We hope they will grow up to be best friends.



Doug's Family...



My parents, Joe and JoAnn, have been happily married for 57 years. They have showed me the true meaning of love and marriage. My mom was a licensed beautician for many years. She is now enjoying retirement with my father. She is a dedicated mother who puts her children and grandchildren's needs before herself. She keeps an immaculate home and cooks great meals.



My dad is a professional keyboard musician. He is a very hardworking, loving and supportive father who loves all his children, has a great sense of humor and is a big sports fan. They are thrilled that Rick and I have decided to start our family.



I am so lucky to have a sister and brother who I can call my true friends. My brother, Gary, is retired from the military. He is a great brother, friend and uncle. He is excited for Rick and I to expand our family.



My sister, Sherryl, is such a fun loving woman. She works as a photographer and is extremely creative. Her husband, Billy, is self employed in the furniture industry. They have two children, Lexi, 20 and Shane, 15. We absolutely love spending time with them. They are great big cousins and amazing role models. They love to help out with Dylan and are so excited about having another baby around.



Rick's Family...



My parents were happily married for 40 years. My mother, Emily, is a retired school teacher. She speaks fluent Italian and Spanish. My mom is an extraordinary woman who loves her family. She is kind and nurturing. Her personality shines in any room. She is a fabulous cook and an amazing friend. My dad, Richard, was a special man and would have been proud of who I become. The grandchild love my mom. I'm sure a new baby will too!



I am so blessed that I get to call my brothers my best friends. Growing up in a household with two brothers was always fun. We were extremely close and although we don't all live close by we still share a special bond. My brother, John, is an oil broker. He and his wife Tama have three beautiful boys, Jack, Richie and Brooks. They live in Texas and we try to see them as much as possible.



My brother, Michael, is an artist. He enjoys spending his time at museums and art shows. Michael is an amazing uncle and cannot wait to have another niece or nephew to spoil with love.

Our Family...



We hope that in reading this letter and looking at the special times that we have shared, that you have some sense of who we are, and what a wonderful relationship we have. We know that if we are fortunate to adopt, we will love this baby unconditionally. It is our intention to express to you that our relationship is based on trust, love, support, encouragement and honesty. Our family will grow with these same values.

We are excited about this new phase in our journey together and look forward to bringing another child into our love and our life. We have a wonderful extended family who will give so much love to this child as grandparents, aunts, uncles and big cousins! We are honored to be considered as adoptive parents and would love the opportunity to meet with you.

*Warmest Regards,
Doug and Rick*