

Bella... ever since I was a little girl, I was dreaming of being a mum. I hope this dream will come true thanks to an amazing birth mum, who will make us parents through adoption.

Who am I? A trained economist, I used to work for a few of the Fortune 500 companies and now I work for the United Nations. One of the interesting moments of my life outside work was a charity time helping in an orphanage in India – an amazing and humbling experience. As a hobby, I love to dance (not only salsa), reading books, going to museums, jogging or riding a bike. I love traveling to discover new places and people and you can be sure that I will always attend the Sunday Mass (even if it is in a language I do not speak). I was blessed with loving parents, a brother and a sister, and – through marriage – a loving mum-in-law and new siblings.

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Why should you trust us? Here is our promise: we will do everything possible to make the little one happy. We have very similar views on bringing up kids: we believe in education. Education at home means creating a safe environment to play, experiment and learn. Kids will observe us and may not do as we say but will likely do as we do – we know we must lead by example. In fact, we do not believe in a stress-free education, if it is understood as allowing the child doing anything. To the contrary - we believe setting up boundaries is necessary to help the child grow.

We both studied abroad (in the UK and in Italy), and had to work to pay for the studies, so you could say our diplomas were earned the hard way. Life was not easy, but still it was fascinating. Good university degrees allowed us to start careers where we'd found the purpose and, today, we both work for the United Nations. We travelled the world: each of us has seen more than 60 countries, and no doubt there still is so much to see, both inside the US and internationally. We hope to continue travelling with the little one/s, to share the beauties of this world and instill the curiosity to explore them. Between husband and wife we speak 10 languages, so we know a thing or two about how to learn (and teach) a language, and we want to pass this skill to the kiddo (it could be fun to speak a different language every day of the week).

Life could be like a menu: you show the child many options, and s/he will choose those items that are the most interesting, depending on her/his tastes and interests. It will be our duty and pleasure to offer many options (sports, arts, music, literature) and .. we'll see. Whatever talents God gave our daughter/son, we will help develop them. Our role is to give love and to guide, to the best of our capabilities – we're really excited about it! Being a parent means sharing all that we have and know and pass it on to the next generation – we cannot wait to start this journey!

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Raj... coming from a family of three kids and many cousins, a full house will be a natural thing for me.

Who am I? A lawyer by profession, I work for the United Nations and try to make this world a better place. In my younger years I lived in a few different countries and have seen the wonders, but also the miseries of the world. Besides work, I love sports, both to watch and to actively exercise. My wife says I am an excellent cook and there is some truth to it, but I would rather say I am a decent one. I love to play with our niece and nephew, as well as with our friends' kids – it's a great fun to interact with the inquisitive minds of the 'juniors' and tease them, when needed. Never a dull moment when kids are around – I cannot wait to become a dad to be able to show him/her the world and build our own 'team'.