



Hello,

We want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and hear our story. We're so grateful for the brave and loving choices you're making for this precious child.

You are meeting us because we're ready to grow our family through adoption. We haven't been able to have another child biologically and we know we have so much more love to give.

We are blessed to have an amazingly supportive and diverse group of family and friends around us. They are excited we are adopting and are ready to share their love and acceptance.

Being parents is the most important thing in the world to us. We want you to know how seriously we take this, and that we would love this child, keep them safe from harm, and give them every advantage in life that we possibly can.

We are here to answer any questions you might have. Whatever you decide, we are grateful that you are considering us as adoptive parents for your baby.

Anna & Michael



The Story of Us (By Michael)

We met in Queens. Anna was working as a waitress in a restaurant. Anna was always smiling and cheerful. The food was mediocre, but it was Anna's smile that had me visiting the restaurant frequently. I finally asked Anna out for a date and we have been inseparable ever since.

We have been together for almost 14 years. Our relationship is solid because we make a great team by communicating and balancing our strengths and weaknesses.



Our Son Nicholas (By Anna)

Michael joined our family when Nicholas was 4 years old. He is now a high school grad and is heading off to college soon! Michael is not a step-dad to Nicholas. He is Nicholas's dad and treats him like his own son.

Nicholas is an outgoing and cheerful young man. He is an athlete and enjoys helping around the house. He loves to play with and entertain his cousins. Nicholas has always wanted to be a big brother. He talks about teaching them how to read, play sports and ride a bike.



At Nicholas's 8th grade graduation



A lot of his childhood was spent at Disney!

**WE LIVE A LIFE FULL OF ADVENTURE!
WE HAVE LOVING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES READY TO WELCOME A CHILD!**



ADOPTION IS NOT NEW TO OUR FAMILY - Anna's mom was adopted and we are very connected with both her adoptive family and her biological family. (Shown above)



Horseback riding in Puerto Rico



Fun at Flamingo Island

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT US

1. We LOVE Disney World! We go 4-6 times a year!!
2. Michael loves to color and can finish a coloring book in a week.
3. Anna loves ice cream, donuts and cookies. She will hunt high and low for the best donuts in any city.
4. Michael is the coach for all of Nicholas's sports teams and the dad that all the kids want to be around.
5. Anna is a teacher, who is seen as a motherly figure at her school. She is known for always having snacks in the event a child is hungry. She makes sure the kids feel safe, loved and fed too!



Anna



Her nickname is "Little Miss Sunshine." She spreads her sunshine everywhere she goes.



She has a sweet tooth and loves to bake too!

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:

In 2016, I started my own event and travel planning company. We specialize in children's entertainment and offer things like characters, face painting, fun food and bounce houses. Destinations such as Disney and the Carribean Islands are our specialty.

Anna as a Mom

Anna will be at our child's school as much as she can. She is always helping at fundraisers, class parties, and school parties.

Anna loves to explore new things and areas. She will enjoy showing the beautiful scenes of nature to our child by hiking and walking.

She loves the beach and will enjoy beach days with our child. Her favorite meal of the day is breakfast and she will love to go on breakfast dates.



With her adorable niece



Cuddles with her cousin



She is happiest with a lap full of babies!

5 Things I Love About Anna (By Michael)

- LEADER:** Anna has been the vice president of Nick's school's Mother's Club. She also leads and coaches new teachers at her school.
- PLANNER:** She plans, organizes and executes parties and trips for friends, family and coworkers.
- SUNNY:** Her co workers call her Ms. Sunshine because she literally spreads Sunshine throughout the building with her smile and warm gestures.
- DEDICATED:** She is dedicated to her family and her work. She supports Nick in his school activities and makes sure her staff and scholars are happy.
- NURTURING:** She is always taking care of others. If it's not Nicholas, then its her students who always call her for advice or support.

Michael

Proudest Accomplishment:
In 2009, I started my own shoe line with my name.

I own a children's shoe store in Manhattan. The store has been in my family for almost 40 years. I build relationships with families where I am able to see their kids grow over time.



At his store with a shoe he designed



Everyone calls him 'Lil Mikey'. He is short but has a BIG personality & heart.



I love how you can feel his love in this photo



Coach Mikey with his team



Sweet Uncle Michael

Michael as a Dad

Michael loves being around children. He will be the team coach on any sports team and will be the first one to take them to the park on a sunny day. Michael will love to play board games and fly kites with our child.

He is also very nurturing. He's the best nurse without a nursing degree. When we are sick he makes sure he does everything to take care of us even when he is tired after a long day.

5 Things I Love About Michael (By Anna)

1. **COMPASSIONATE:** He always puts others in front of himself. His family is a priority and will always make sure they have what they need or want before himself.
2. **KIND:** He always thinks about others.
3. **INCREDIBLY PATIENT:** He deals with children of all ages and fitting them for shoes is not always an easy task. He is patient with everyone, all the time.
4. **BIG-HEARTED:** He always volunteers to coach a team or help at a fundraiser.
5. **DEPENDABLE:** He is the backbone of our family.

What we do for Fun



Painting with her mom and sister



Volunteering in the community



Date night in NYC



We love going to sporting events!



Water parks with friends!



We love beach vacations



Mikey and Nick love beach volleyball



Making our child happy!



On vacation with our friends that we call family



This picture cracks us up

Our Home

Our home is very cozy. We have a play area where we can play with toys and color. We can sit and read in the reading corner. Our living room has larger than life couches which are perfect to snuggle up in and watch our favorite Disney movies with popcorn. Our large dining room table is perfect for family dinners and competitive games of monopoly.

Our home sits on a quiet street in Queens, NY. Within a 5 minute walk of our house is the beautiful NYC skyline. New York City is a twenty minute train ride where we enjoy Broadway plays and the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

Our neighborhood is in an excellent school district. We can walk to three parks, with playgrounds and sports fields. A nearby preserve has a lake with hiking and biking trails.



Our nursery is all ready, including sheets that say I Love You



Home Sweet Home



We know family isn't about blood. Technically, this is my best friend's family, but they have welcomed us into their family with open arms.

Anna's Family



Us with my brother in law, niece, sister and my mom



With my dad



With my mom



Swimming with my niece and nephew at my mom's pool



With my other sister

I have an older brother and 2 younger sisters. Me and my family are close and used to live close to each other until my sister moved to Virginia. My other sister soon followed her. Luckily, my brother, mother and father are still in NY.

My mother was adopted so we not only have a relationship with her adopted family, but her biological family as well. I have lots of aunts and uncles and cousins.

My parents are amazing grandparents. They love spending time at sports games and school functions. My mom has an amazing backyard with a pool where we all gather for family functions and holidays.

My sisters and brother love to cheer Nick on at his games and create special signs and attire for the events. Alicia, the nurse, is the loving and caring aunt who will sit down and read to you or play a game while Amanda is the aunt who will play dress up and provide make overs.

Michael's Family



With my parents at Nicholas's graduation ceremony



My sister who loves animals, with her husband



My sister who loves sports, with us at Disney

My family and I are very close. They live less than ten minutes away and we speak everyday. My parents have been blessed to have Nick as a bonus grandchild and cannot wait to have a new baby grandchild join the family. My parents will love taking them on walks on the path on the bay with their dog.

I have an older and younger sister. My older sister Nicole is a gym teacher and loves sports. She will help me coach any sports team our child may want to take part in. She also loves to read and color, so she would love a new painting friend. Nicole also loves to bake and will spend time making cookies and cakes with our child.

Jenny loves animals. She has a cat, two dogs and chickens. She will be excited to show our child her mini farm and take them on farm adventures. Jenny loves to be in nature and will love hiking and exploring beautiful scenery with her niece or nephew.



Proud parenting moment: Nicholas, on signing day at school, accepting his offer to attend college.



Of course we look forward to taking a child to Disney!

Education

Education is very important to our family. I became a teacher to help young people learn and become successful. We provided Nicholas the best education possible. We paid his way through private schools. His hard work in school, with our support, has given him the ability to be accepted at a great private college, where he will be playing track and field. We want to provide the same for our future child.

We look forward to...

1. We cannot wait to go to the library and bookstore to get new books for our reading corner.
2. We LOVE the Bronx Zoo and can't wait to take them there and to other zoos.
3. We love all types of sports and can't wait to introduce sports to them and find which ones they like. Michael would love to be their coach!
4. We can't wait to go painting together and display our works of art at home.
5. We look forward to going to games and cheering on our favorite sports teams.

Our Promises...

If you were to choose us as the parents of this precious child, we promise.

1. This child will always know you made this choice with love and care.
2. We will always support our future child in any activity they want to do and make their dreams come true
3. We will love this baby with every bone in our bodies
4. We will teach our child to find joy and encourage them to seek happiness
5. We will be patient and cheer them on as they discover their passions and talents.
6. They will know that you are the first chapter of their amazing story.

Michael & Anna