



ANGI & MIKE



HELLO!

We are Angi and Mike. We thank you for considering our family as you make the courageous and loving choice to place your baby for adoption.

In our marriage and as a family, we are committed to having an exciting, passionate, and fun life together. We always aim to be loving, supportive, positive, and respectful in everything we do.

We are so excited to welcome another child into our family through adoption, and we are hopeful that you will allow us to share our happy and adventurous life with your child.

about us

HOW WE MET



We were introduced by a mutual friend and hit it off immediately. However, the timing of our meeting wasn't perfect as Angi had just decided to move from the area where she had lived for almost 20 years, and at the same time Mike was planning a move across the country.

We started dating, literally not knowing where we would end up, but knowing we wanted to give it a shot no matter what. We did the long-distance thing for a year before getting married while still living in separate states. We moved in together within a week after our wedding and it has been happily ever after ever since!

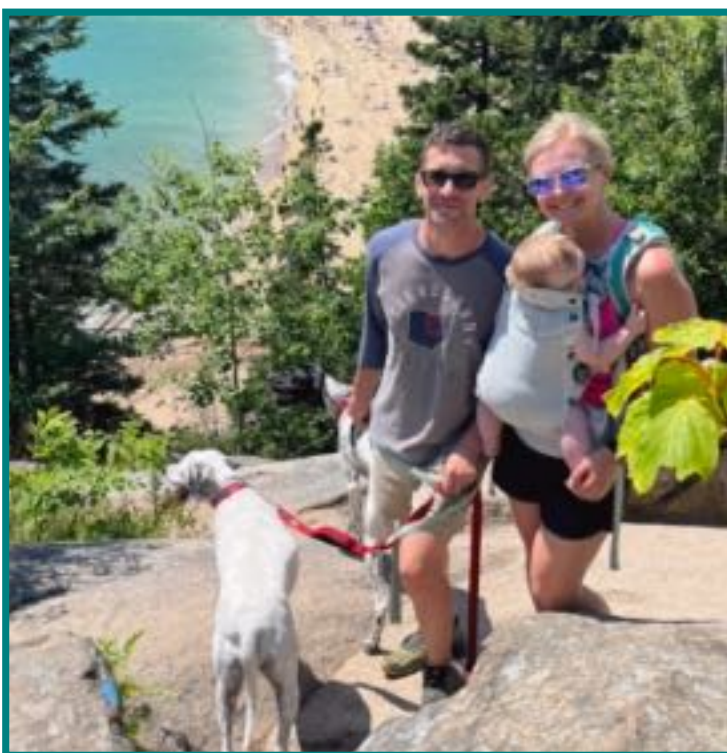


After a long journey with infertility, we knew it was still our dream to become parents. Adopting Evander at birth in October 2022 was a dream come true.



HOW WE SPEND OUR DAYS

Almost immediately after our alarm goes off, our two dogs join us in bed to snuggle and watch the news while we all wait for Evander to wake up. We have two English Pointers who are very gentle, loving, and energetic. They have amazed us with how protective and patient they are with Evander as he learns how to interact with them. Our dogs are a great source of joy for us, making us laugh with their goofy personalities.



Mike works for the government, and Angi works part time from home as a consultant. We make a great team as Mike likes to cook and Angi gets Evander ready for the day. We enjoy hiking together as a family and we've already started on a National Park passport for Evander. We also go to events in the community like cultural festivals and concerts whenever we can.

We have a loving, stable, and devoted marriage, and we are ready to share our lives with your child. We have a beautiful relationship with Evander's birth mother and hope for a similarly successful second adoption.

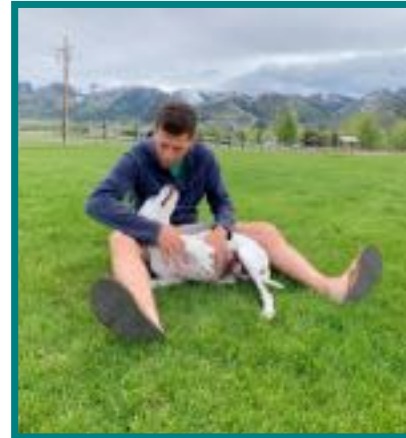
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MIKE



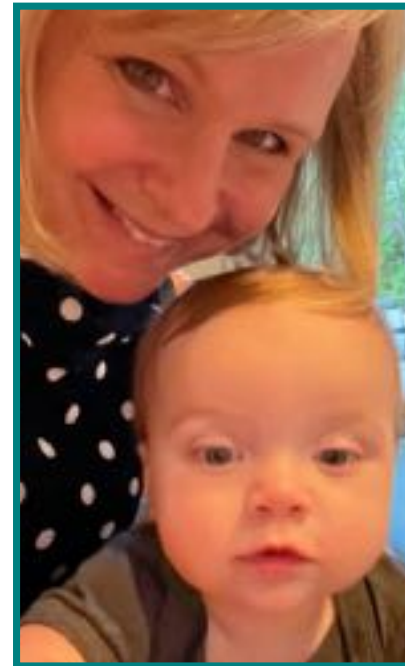
Hi! I'm Mike. I was born in North Canton, Ohio to wonderful parents who worked hard to provide for our family. They may not have been able to provide a lot of material things, but they certainly succeeded in providing all kinds of opportunities for me to have a happy childhood. I was raised to be respectful, courteous, and to have a strong work ethic. I spent my school years involved with sports like baseball, wrestling, and football, or outdoor activities including fishing, camping, and running, all of which I still enjoy today.

I stayed in North Canton until I went to college in Annapolis, Maryland where I studied oceanography and was on the wrestling team. After I graduated, I joined the Marine Corps as an officer.



My career has taken me on missions across the globe and tours of duty in Virginia, California, Washington DC, and Ohio. It was in DC where, on a blind date set up by a friend, I met Angi and quickly fell hopelessly in love. We're excited that I only have a couple more years before I complete my service to the military and can fully devote my time and attention to our family. We have so much love to give and can't wait to add another child to complete our family.

As a father, nothing is better than watching Evander discover the world around him! It seems like nearly every day he experiences something new, whether that is how to use his brand new teeth or maybe a new food or toy that he finds amazing. But there are other incredible parts, too. Far too many to list. I love the way his breath sounds when he falls asleep on my shoulder. I love his gentle smile when he wakes up. I cannot get enough of his little giggles when we dance to 80's rock music. I enjoy so much about being Evander's dad and can't wait to experience those joys, and new ones, with another child.



a little about
ANGI

Hi, I'm Angi. I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland with my older brother. My childhood was spent playing softball, competing in gymnastics and playing outside. I went to college in Delaware and studied business. After college, I spent 17 years in the DC area where I met Mike. I have a rewarding career in software, which ultimately led me to start my own business. Now I work from home providing technology consulting and support for my clients. My work is very flexible, and our plan is for me to cut back and focus on being Mom. Being a mother is very important to me and will always come first.

My passion is skiing. I started skiing when I was 9 and went on to become a professional ski instructor as a side job. I love sharing my passion with children and adults. When I can't ski, I enjoy cycling, hiking, swimming, running, and walking our dogs. I am looking forward to the next phase of my life which will center around being a parent. I would love to have the opportunity to share my passions with your child. As a ski instructor, I love watching children overcome their fears, develop confidence, and learn something new. I have made it a point to foster a sense of adventure in Evander from a very young age.



Being Evander's mom has opened a whole new world of adventure for me. Watching him learn new things, like swimming, has been so rewarding. We love hiking and he does so well in the carrier. He also loves stroller rides as we take our dogs for a walk after dinner most nights. We recently got a double bike trailer/stroller so that we can enjoy the local paths, and I look forward to Evander having a buddy to do that with!



HOW MIKE THINKS OF ANGI

As far as I'm concerned, Angi hung the moon. She's brilliant and beautiful. She's compassionate and caring. She's selfless but tough. She just loves making people happy. I like watching her enjoy the little things that too many people miss... a perfect snowflake stuck on a glove, a poke from a cold dog nose, or finding a great bike trail. I know she will teach your child to appreciate life to the fullest.

The way people confide in and rely on Angi says a lot about her. Whether it's a family member sharing exciting news, a friend who needs support, a business owner in need of counsel, or some combination of all of those, they all call on Angi. She treats people with dignity and decency no matter their circumstances and always tries to provide empathy. Other people's joy brings her genuine happiness. But also, she feels their pain. I admire Angi's kind soul and have really enjoyed watching her navigate motherhood. Evander lights up her entire world and it's evident watching the two of them together. I look forward to see the joy that another child will bring to our family.



HOW ANGI THINKS OF MIKE

Every girl should dream of marrying a man like Mike. He's loyal, strong (emotionally and physically), and exceptionally caring. Not to mention, a lot of fun to do just about anything with.

One of the things I value most about our relationship is that when I'm feeling anxious about something and I voice that to Mike, he instantly knows what to say to make it less scary. I can envision him providing this same comfort to our children. His love makes me a better person, focusing on what is most important (health, love, and family) instead of getting lost in the details.

I have attended many ceremonies at Mike's work where they speak about his presence as a leader. It is clear that everyone around him looks up to him, respects him, and values his presence in their life. I have loved hearing how people say he has influenced their education by providing books or materials to help them improve. His faith in the potential of everyone around him is inspiring. Mike has already proven to be an amazing father. I look forward to watching our children grow up with him as a role model.

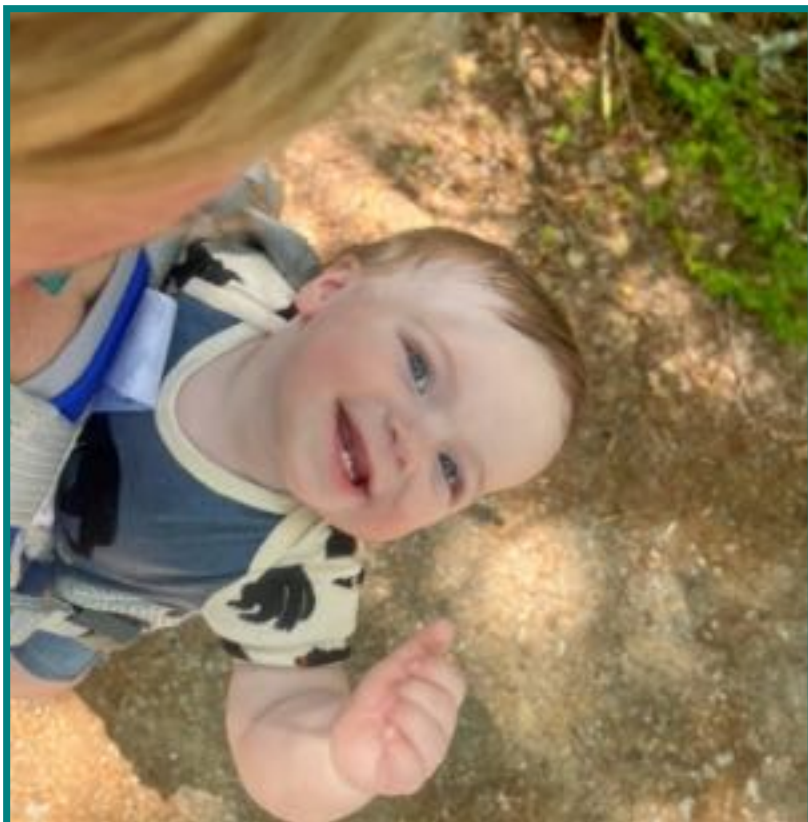
Love MAKES A FAMILY

EVANDER

Evander is a vivacious and fun-loving boy who laughs and smiles frequently. We started taking him to swim lessons at 4 months old and he really lights up when he sees the water. He enjoys spending time at the library for story time and art class as well. Based on his response to being around other children, we know he will be an exceptional big brother.

We are so thankful to have an open relationship with Evander's birth mother. We spoke with her several times before his birth and were invited into the delivery room when Evander was born. We keep in touch by sending pictures and messages by texts every month or more. We hope to continue that open relationship throughout his life.

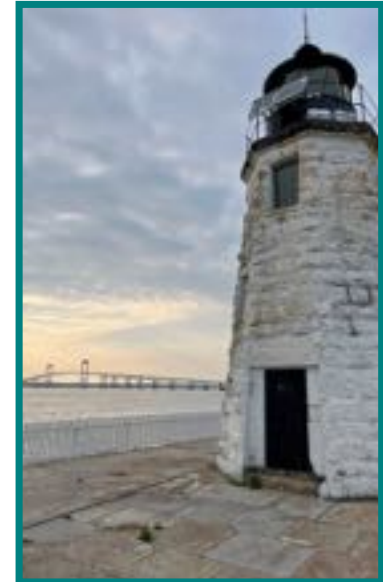




OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live in Newport, Rhode Island. We enjoy this area because it is surrounded by water, has a lively downtown shopping district, and several beaches within a few miles. The weather here is ideal for enjoying a lot of outdoor activities, and we take advantage of that as often as we can.



There are also several libraries in town that have programming for infants, and amazing playgrounds that we can't wait to take advantage of when Evander is older.



Angi's Grandparents



Mike's Niece

Family



Mike's
Brother
and
family

Angi's Brother and family



Mike's Father



We both have supportive families who have embraced Evander and are excited about our plans to adopt again. Mike's parents live in Ohio, and his brother and sister-in-law live in Indiana with their two daughters and one son. Angi's dad and stepmom live in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina. Angi's mom and Angi's brother and sister-in-law, daughter and a son all live in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It's great when visiting family also doubles as a beach vacation!

Family



Mike's Parents



Angi's Brother and family



Angi's Dad and Stepmom



Mike's Family



Mike's Mom



Angi's Mom



Friends in Mexico City



Friends in New Jersey and Serbia

QUALITY TIME WITH *friends*

We have friends all over the world, from Mexico City to Northern Ireland. We've included some of our extended network to show the wide range of support we have for our family.



Some of Angi's best girlfriends



Friends in Dallas, Texas



Family friends in Annandale, Virginia



Family friends in
Northern Ireland



Friends in Jacksonville, Friends in Honduras
North Carolina



Our friendships are important to us. We often refer to them as friends who are family as many of them mean that much to us. We are always comforted by knowing that wherever we may travel, we will probably have some wonderful people close by who we have known for years.

friends



Ski friends in West Virginia



We got Capo when she was around 3 years old. We got Cleoh, the one with the black head, as a puppy one year later. They both immediately loved Evander when he came home with us. They enjoy our family walks just as much as baby snuggle time (always supervised) and look forward to having a new ball-throwing partner soon.

LIFE IS
better
WITH A
dog



Thank you



We will be forever grateful should you decide to place your child with us. We promise to provide your child a home full of love and opportunities. We both value the childhoods that shaped us and understand that being a parent is the most important role of our lives. We both have had the chance to positively influence others through our careers, passions, and volunteer work. The reward of watching individuals grow and be successful in their own endeavors motivates us, and we are excited to experience this as parents.

Thank you for considering us as the parents for your child. We look forward to our future getting a little brighter and more adventurous as a result.

