

MICHELLE





about me

I cherish the qualities passed down from my parents – my mom’s warmth, independence and helpful, can-do attitude and my dad’s kindness, generosity and entrepreneurial spirit. Together, these traits inspired me to establish my own marketing analytics company more than 15 years ago. One incredible aspect of my career is the opportunity to explore the world, something I’m truly passionate about. I adore sun-soaked beaches, where I can dive into the waves and ride my boogie board. My son, Jack, shares my love for adventure and eagerly looks forward to every “swimming beach” trip. When I’m not in the water, I enjoy engaging in various sports, with tennis being a personal favorite. But what brings me the most joy these days is spending time outdoors with my son, sharing our love for adventure and play!



my home + pets

A few years back I took the long way back to the office after lunch and came across this amazing piece of property: up on a hill overlooking downtown with a waterfall, pond, and park right below it. I couldn’t have picked a better neighborhood; one of my neighbors is a high school classmate. Almost everyone has young children and lots of space to explore in their backyards, it’s in one of the top school districts in the state, and the street ends in a cul-de-sac. My two rescue cats, Tiger and Lilly, are now 15 years old, so they’ve slowed down a bit but haven’t stopped wanting attention and love getting cuddles and pets from my son.

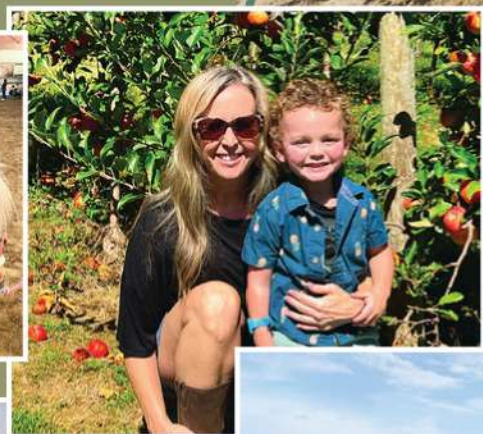
my adoption story

Adoption has profoundly impacted my life in countless ways, including the incredible experience of becoming an adoptive mother. As I envisioned the family I want to be a part of, my priority was to provide a nurturing, safe, and loving home for a child, rather than focusing on a biological connection. With my deep personal connection to adoption, I chose this path to grow my family and it has proven to be the most rewarding decision, filling my life with abundant love.

I truly appreciate the significance of birth family connections, and I am open to any level of support and involvement that you feel comfortable with. Whether it’s maintaining close ties, sharing updates and milestones, or respecting your desire for more distance, I believe in honoring your preferences and fostering a relationship that works best for all of us. We have frequent visits with some of Jack’s extended birth family, and share photos and updates with others, understanding and respecting their unique story. I wholeheartedly believe that a child can never receive too much love, and our unique family is a testament to that.



my photos





more about **MICHELLE**

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Education: Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Race: Caucasian

FAVORITES

Sport: Playing Tennis & Watching Football, or any made up game my son invents

Food: Donuts, mac & cheese, anything directly from our garden

Hobby: Traveling anywhere warm, dressing up as Spiderman with my son, being outside

Tradition: Family beach trip at Thanksgiving

Musical Group: Anything I can sing to with the windows down in the car

Movie: *Love Actually*

Dream Vacation: A private island, boogie boarding in the warm waves, and no bugs

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: *South Park*

Subject in School: Meteorology

Book: *Love from The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle



my family + traditions

“Spot” was a game my brother and I made up as kids on the long drive out to Denver to visit our cousins. It involved only a mirror and the sun and I’m not sure there was a winner, but we still had a ton of fun. My brother and I were close growing up and remain so today, although now my role has transformed from older sis to “Aunt Shel” to his four young children. My parents and my brother’s family love our annual trip to the beach in California. Last year during our trip, we all had Thanksgiving dinner together at my son’s biological grandparents’ house, a very special event!

My parents moved to my town a few years back and are a daily influence in my son’s life. He is such an important part of their life that they resist going out of town unless we are already planning to be gone and they can’t wait for another little one to love on and see my family grow!

I consider my son’s biological family my extended family, which adds his two great-grandparents, three grandparents, four aunts, one uncle, and four cousins! We’ve been lucky to meet all of them except one of the great-grandparents and all can’t wait to welcome another family member.

