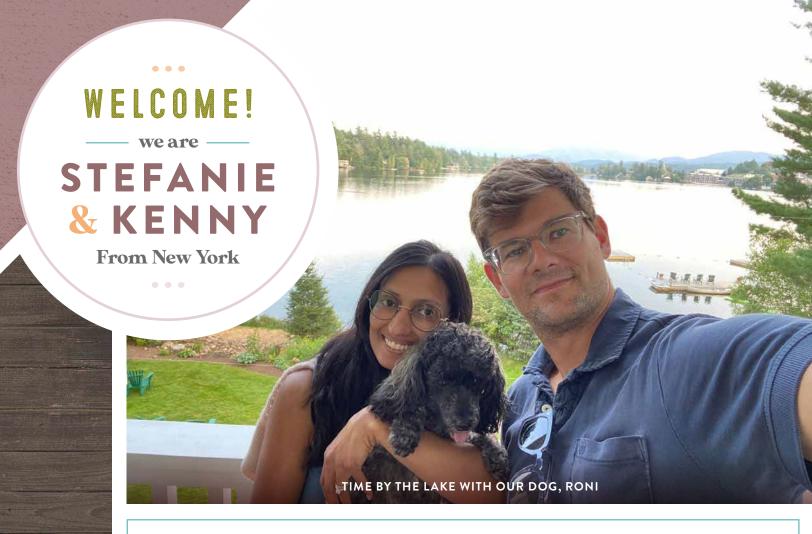
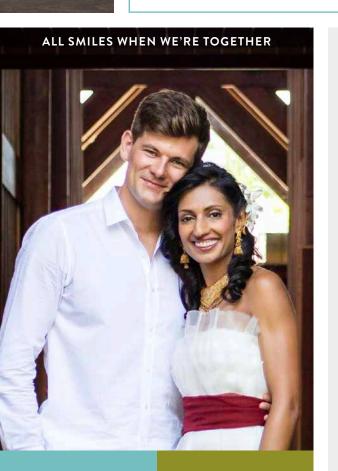
## STEFANIE & KENNY





We are so very excited to introduce ourselves. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time getting to know us.



### OUR HOME IS FULL OF LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND NURTURANCE AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO EXPAND OUR

**FAMILY.** We are passionate about nature, all relationships in our lives, and about living life to the fullest. We are grateful to have the possibility to enjoy our passions, including travel and sports, while incorporating our love for friends, animals and nature. We are thankful to have a close community of family and friends, and for Roni, our inquisitive, friendly and adorable little pup.

Our journey began almost 10 years ago when we fell in love and married. We had a strong desire to expand our family and to raise children from the beginning. While our path has taken many different turns, we are truly hopeful that this journey will bless us with a child who we will love unconditionally.

Your precious child will be welcomed with open hearts and arms. We promise to provide everything in our power to ensure a happy, healthy and prosperous future, and to raise your child with every ounce of love, nurturance, and support that we can give. We would love to learn about you, your family and your thoughts about the adoption.

# OUR LOVE STORY

#### OUR STORY BEGAN UNEXPECTEDLY, DURING A SUMMER ALMOST 10 YEARS AGO.

The courtship started with mutual interests that included exploring the outdoors as well as a curiosity for life in general. We found ourselves having fun training for sports, such as triathlons, spending time hiking and biking, as well as discussing all matters of life. The training allowed us to understand one another further, no doubt contributing to the strong foundation that we have as a family unit, and planting the seed for our love to grow. Marriage, as well as hopes to start a family followed shortly thereafter.

Prior to our courtship, we both had independently thought about adoption as a beautiful opportunity to parent. Given that desire, we are very excited to explore this opportunity today. We have a close community of family and friends, including grandma and grandpa, who can't wait to share their love and spoil the newest member to our family.





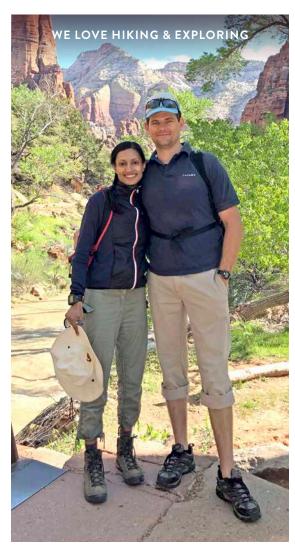
We have a variety of diverse interests and make an effort to continuously explore new experiences.

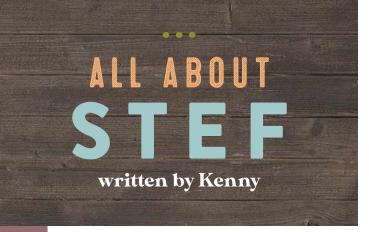
WE LOVE NATURE AND ENJOY OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES, such as running, cycling, swimming, rollerblading, hiking, rock-climbing and skiing.
We love spending time in the park for walks and playtime with Roni. You will also find us enjoying hockey or football sporting events or exploring live arts, such as theater and opera.

WE APPRECIATE SPENDING TIME AT HOME, cooking and enjoying quality time with our loved ones. We have a passion for movies, including action movies of all sorts, Disney movies and cartoons.

WE TRULY ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH CHILDREN at our friends places or in our neighborhood, who love playing with Roni in the park.

# THINGS THAT WE LOVE TO DO







My wife, Stefanie, is loving, caring and curious, and displays a strength in character and resilience that is second to none.

THIS IS BEST EXEMPLIFIED BY HER INSATIABLE DRIVE TO BETTER HERSELF, AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF

**OTHERS AROUND HER.** She has dedicated her life's work

to helping families, with a focus on children, and individuals achieve happiness and to optimize their potential. I believe that aside from her professional training, she has a natural intuition and instinct with children, that would make her a natural mother. Additionally, and most importantly, she displays an enormous capacity for love and nurturance. A bonus is that Stefanie is one of the funniest human beings that I have ever met, filling every moment with laughter and levity, making each and every day exciting and something to look forward to. Her enthusiasm and passion for life has no doubt been a tremendous asset for me, and for my extended family including my parents.

ABOUT Stefanie's CAREER

STEFANIE IS A PSYCHOLOGIST
WITH A DOCTORATE DEGREE
AND HAS PROFESSIONALLY
DEDICATED THE PAST 20
YEARS HELPING CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES IN VARIOUS

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CAPACITIES. Her interest and passion together have led to her work mainly with children, adolescents, and young adults. In her practice, she has followed children over many years, has seen them grow, at times, have their own families, and all while continuing to consult with them throughout their life span. This unique opportunity, combined with Stefanie's innate intuition for children, has undoubtedly and unequivocally made her confident in being a parent.



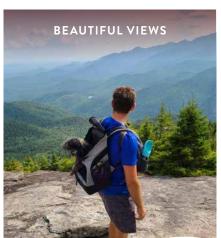


# ALL ABOUT KENNY written by Stef

My husband, Kenny, is strong, yet nurturing and empathetic, truly enjoys children and spending time with them. AT FAMILY GATHERINGS, YOU WILL MORE LIKELY THAN NOT FIND KENNY IN THE YARD PLAYING ROUGH AND TUMBLE WITH THE CHILDREN, TEACHING THEM HOW TO KICK A BALL OR THROW A BASKETBALL. Thus, he is able to form bonds with children rapidly, with the children often inquiring "when uncle Kenny can come over and play next?". His love of the outdoors and sports is

a natural combination for any child to enjoy along with him. Kenny is dedicated and has a hard-working nature. His, at times, carefree nature is not to be mistaken for a lack of seriousness, or strength in character.











KENNY HAS A BUSINESS / BANKING
BACKGROUND, HAS WORKED AND
ADVISED MANY COMPANIES, BOTH US BASED
AND INTERNATIONALLY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL

**DECADES.** Kenny truly enjoys his work, especially the personal aspects of getting to know the professionals better that he works with, as well as growing with the same company over the years. He is truly committed to his company and colleagues, who have now become close friends, who we share summers with. He is also passionate about the prospect of building his own business and excited to engage in this endeavor over the coming years.









We love our home which not only is filled with sunlight, but is spacious, has outdoor space, and is situated right across the street from one of the largest and most beautiful parks.

We value giving love where we can, enjoy having pets, and cherish all animals. We dream of building a sustainable farm with animals and home grown produce someday. Kenny grew up in a rural farmland and has that work ethic instilled in him. We hope that your child will be able to experience all that life has to offer!



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# WE ENJOY THE PARK EVERY SEASON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND FIND IT HARD PRESSED TO PICK A FAVORITE ONE!

We love spending as much time as possible in the park together with our dog Roni, who loves her walks rain or shine. We are fortunate to live near multiple playgrounds in a ¼ mile radius which are ideal for children of all ages. There is plenty of cultural offerings in our neighborhood such as churches, museums, or the best theaters, which we make an effort to visit regularly. There are a number of additional outdoor adventures in close driving distance from our home such as beautiful beaches that we love to visit for playing and swimming, as well as wonderful national parks that offer spectacular nature and scenery ideal for a picnic or a hike. Our neighborhood offers one of the best school districts in the state, and there is an elementary school right down the block.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY INCLUDES KENNY'S** PARENTS, STEFANIE'S SISTER AND BROTHER AS **WELL AS HER TWO YOUNG NEPHEWS, AND AUNTS** AND UNCLES ON BOTH

SIDES. Kenny's parents are caring and nurturing, would love to become grandparents, and can't wait to spoil the newest member of the family!

We are grateful for our friends, who represent genuine closeness and support, and are tremendously fun people. Many of them either have young children or are in the early stages of starting their own family as well. We all share similar passions in life, whether it be family, sports, or our professions. We love hosting family and friends for healthy homecooked meals, or spending quality time talking and playing sports.

Our family and friends share many of our core beliefs, and provide a strong support system that we always can lean back on. We truly value our family, friends and community, and are grateful for the love we have in our lives and are so excited to expand on this love and to share it with your child!





All of our loved ones are very proud and excited about the prospect of us expanding our family.



ABOUT **OUR FAITH** TRADITIONS

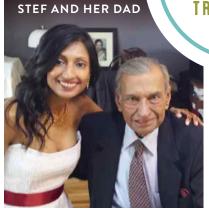
WE FEEL BLESSED AND **GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR** PROVIDING US WITH MEANS TO **SUPPORT OUR FAMILY.** Tradition is

very important to us and we celebrate the big holidays as well as have created our own tradition as a family. We enjoy small get togethers with friends and family for birthdays that always include cake! We are always the designated hosts for our family and friends for homecooked meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. For Christmas, we bake cookies with Kenny's mother, choose and decorate a tree (that Kenny insists on carrying home!), and always making the time to enjoy the neighborhood festivities and decorations. On Christmas eve, we have a dinner with friends and family, and attend Christmas eve mass in church. On Christmas day, in addition to celebrating with presents, we also celebrate Kenny's mom's birthday. These traditions have been passed down to us from our parents, and it is important to us that we carry this on with our kids, family and friends.











# one last THANK YOU!

We are ready! We do understand that raising a child will bring challenges. We would be so very grateful to you to allow us the opportunity to raise your child. We would like to hear about your values, desires, and wishes and will make

every effort to honor them. Our journey has not been an easy one, and our ability to work together as a team, nurture each other, and of course, love and patience has helped us tremendously along the way. We hope that our mutual respect for one another can help to build a bridge for a bright future for your child. Your precious child would be welcomed with open hearts and arms, and we promise to provide everything in our power to ensure a happy, healthy and prosperous future!



## OUR THOUGHTS on — PARENTING

We are so blessed and grateful to be in the position that we are in with regards to health and prosperity.

**LOVE** - We promise to instill in our kids how to love, not only themselves, but also a love for family and life.

**BALANCE** – We strongly believe that finding the right balance in life is of utmost importance.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact us directly by calling (929) 240-0935 or by emailing ChooseOurFamily@gmail.com

PASSION - Life's journey is helped by knowing one's passion or natural interests, which we hope in helping your child discover. This can include passions for a diverse range of interests, which we hope to cultivate with your child.

HAPPINESS - The culmination of love, balance and passion, we believe can only lead to happiness and fulfillment in life.

We promise that we will do our best and nurture all of these elements in your child. We would love to share that with your child and truly look forward to nurturing a child, which is an aspect that has been missing from our lives.