

A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, its colors transitioning from red at the top to purple at the bottom. Below the rainbow, a yellow butterfly with black markings on its wings is in flight. In the foreground, a glowing, golden orb sits on a small, dark, circular base. The background features a stylized, jagged mountain range under a bright, hazy sky. The overall scene is bright and colorful, with a soft, ethereal glow.

Over the Rainbow

By:
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Gabrielle, Justin, Corey,
Ryan & DJ

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow where dreams do come true,
Is a place where we hope we can find you.

Our story is unique how our family came to be,
Our hearts are filled with love and our children hold the key.

Our little girl was born first, from an angel on earth,
She was loved so much already, months before her birth.

Wishing on a star in the sky up above,
Gave us our son to cherish and to love.

Our lucky charm was next, a son born to me,
The odds were against us, his birth a mystery.

Another little boy he was our answered prayer,
How happy we were to have all this love to share.

Although he plays with angels, he lives on in my heart,
Forever in this family, he will always be a part.

And last but not least another little boy,
A gift that filled our hearts with happiness and joy.

A family, not traditional, is what we are,
The bonds we created will take our children far.

So somewhere over the rainbow where dreams come to be,
We pray a little baby will join our family!



Our story began in 1991 when I met John in college. We enjoyed school very much and were very active in campus life. John, who I will now refer to as Skip as a result of his fraternity nickname, was vice-president of his fraternity and I was president of my sorority. In May 1992, we graduated school along with many of our friends who have remained a big part of our lives.

Skip and I have always wanted a large family because we love kids! When we had difficulty conceiving a child, we decided we would create our family through the miracle of adoption. Our children's amazing birth parents blessed us with Gabrielle, Justin and Ryan. God also blessed us (and surprised us) with Corey and D.J. when Christine unexpectedly became pregnant! We love all of our children the same and truly enjoy being their parents.

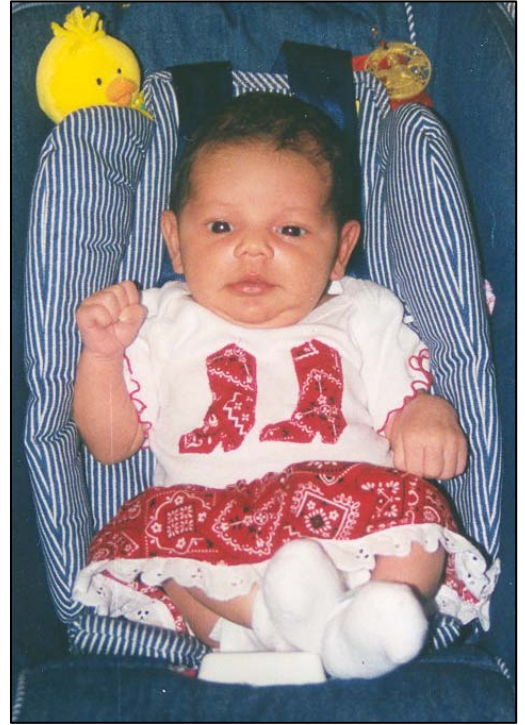


Our children are our absolute priority (and joy)! In fact, we love being parents so much that we would love to add to our family again! We are hoping and praying that we may be the family you are looking for to love and raise your precious child. Please read on further to learn more about our family...





In August, 1999, Gabrielle Marie was placed into our arms. We chose the name Gabrielle after a character in a book, and Marie after my mom's sister.



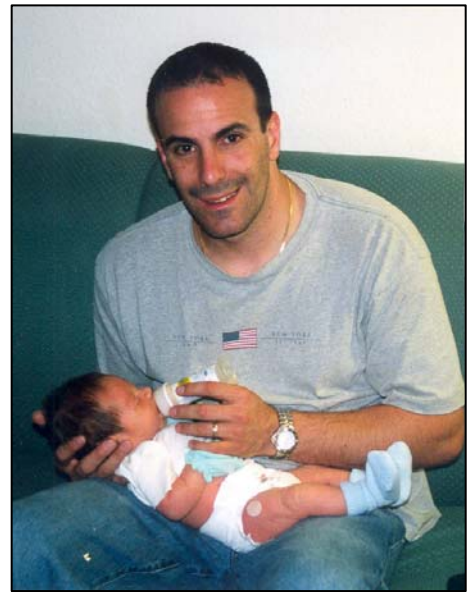
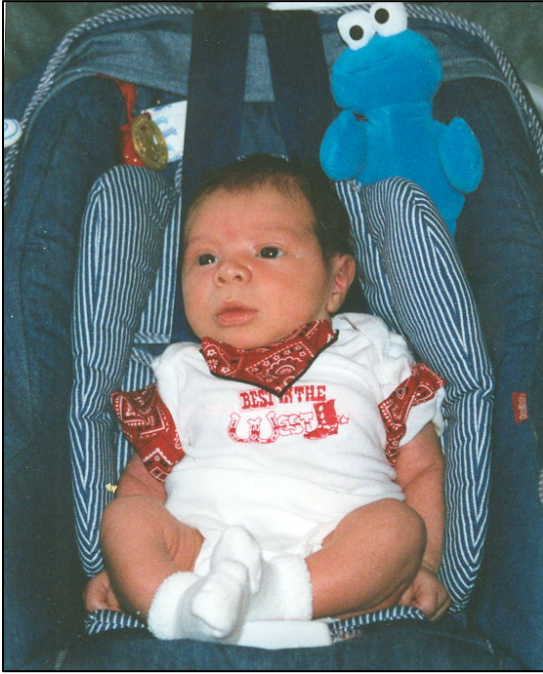
Gabbie is our oldest child and our only daughter. She is ten years old and a little mommy to her younger brothers. Gabbie is smart, outgoing, and very friendly. She loves to cheer, sing, dance, and paint. She is growing into a beautiful young lady and is the best big sister that any child could ask for.



Gabbie is and always will be our little angel!



Wishes do come true and in May, 2001, Justin Keith was placed into our arms - I always loved the name Justin and his middle name came from my godson.



Justin is our oldest son and is 8 years old. He is very athletic, determined and cares about everyone around him. Justin loves sports especially football, basketball and baseball. Any child would be proud to have Justin as their big brother.



Justin is and always will be our shining star!



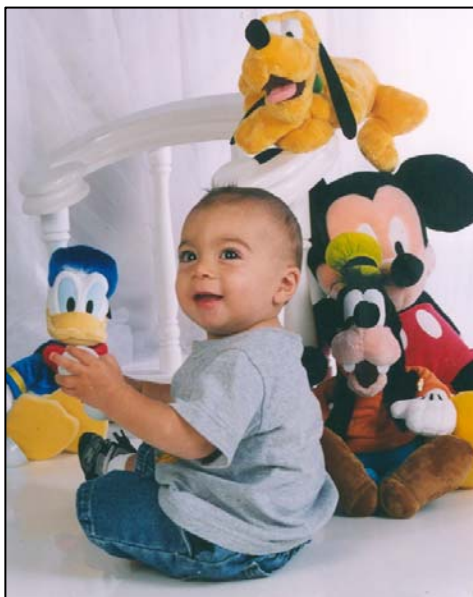
Many thanks and prayers to our guardian angel. Love and luck brought more happiness into our lives.



Corey Joseph was born in September, 2002. This time daddy chose his favorite name and Joseph is after my brother.



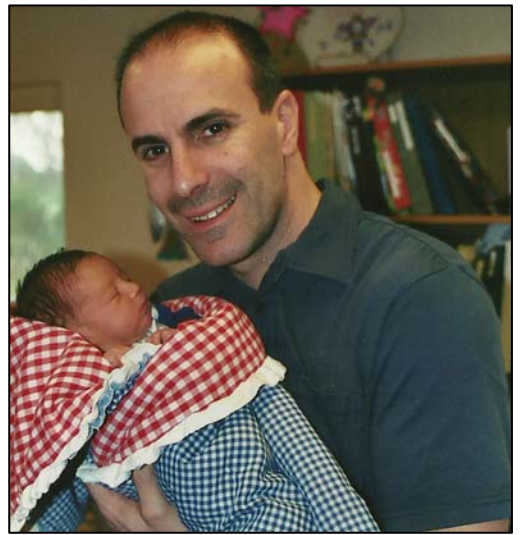
Corey is 7 years old. He is funny, creative and willing to try anything. He enjoys playing sports and loves building with Lego. Corey has a great time no matter what he is doing and makes sure his siblings do too.



Corey is and always will be our lucky charm!



Our prayer was answered in May, 2006 when Ryan Anthony was placed in our arms. Skip and I both liked the name Ryan and his middle name was after St. Anthony.



Ry-Ry was our 4th child. He was energetic, lovable and everyone's baby brother. His smile lit up a room. He loved Thomas the train, every type of dog and most of all his brothers and sister. Ry-Ry plays with angels but lives forever in our hearts.



Ryan is and always will be our answered prayer!



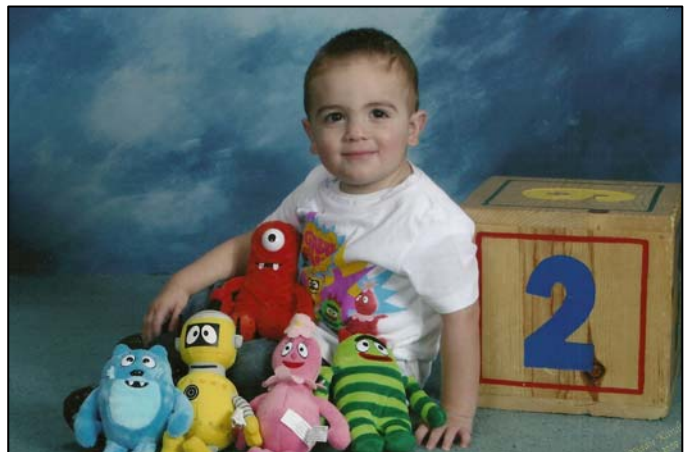
Blessed from another angel. A gift we could not have wanted more.



Derek John was born in March, 2007. Mommy chose the name Derek from a character on a show and John for his daddy.



DJ is our youngest child. He is happy, easygoing and a pleasure to be with. He loves going to his mommy and me classes, wrestling with his brothers and cuddling with his sister. DJ is the best little brother and looks forward to becoming a big brother too!



DJ is and always will be our gift!!

Besides Skip and I, these two people could not wait for the arrival of their grandchildren. They are my parents, Flora and Pete. Gabbie was their first grandchild, they now have ten.



They love spending time with all their grandchildren almost as much as the kids love being with them. The kids keep them young by going to the movies, playing lots of games and even going on rides.



These are Skip's parents, Fred and Louise. They have seven grandchildren and anxiously await another. Pop-pop loves watching the kids play sports, and grandma loves baking with them and making crafts.



This is my mom's sister, Aunt Fran, who has been a second mother to me since I was born. Although she has ten grandchildren of her own, there is nothing in the world that she would not do for our kids. They adore her and consider her another grandma.

Now its time to meet our kids' best buddies...their cousins.



Girl Rule...



And boys are cool...



Brothers are the best...



Especially when you share them.



Hugs for Ry-Ry



Feeling like a princess



Too cute

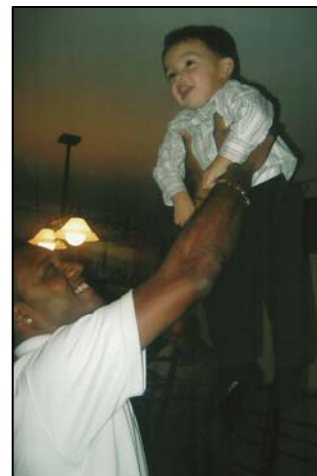


When I grow up...



Me too!

Skip and I have always loved the holidays, and our kids make us love them even more.



Finding the most eggs.

Baking for mom on Mother's Day.

Can't wait to open presents!



Breakfast for dad on Fathers Day.



When can we eat?



Does he look like me?



It's midnight!

Skip and I are very lucky that our families are such a big part of our lives. Since the day our families were introduced on our graduation day, they have gotten along very well. We not only spend holidays together, but also birthdays, graduations, baptisms and of course adoptions. It does not matter who is celebrating what as long as we are together it is special.



Our Little Angel's
Christening



My Godson's
Graduation



Our handsome young
man's holy communion



50 years Grandma and
Grandpa



Our football
allstar



Daddy and his little
girl's special dance



Happy



Birthday



To you!

Going on vacations is something else Skip and I love to do.
Here are some of our favorite trips...



Disney is the best.



Getting slimed in
Nickelodeon



On the ride with
grandma in Ocean City.



Hanging out with the chocolates
in Hershey Park.



At the shore with grandma
and grandpa.



Hanging out at Six Flags.



Riding a wave at Virginia Beach.

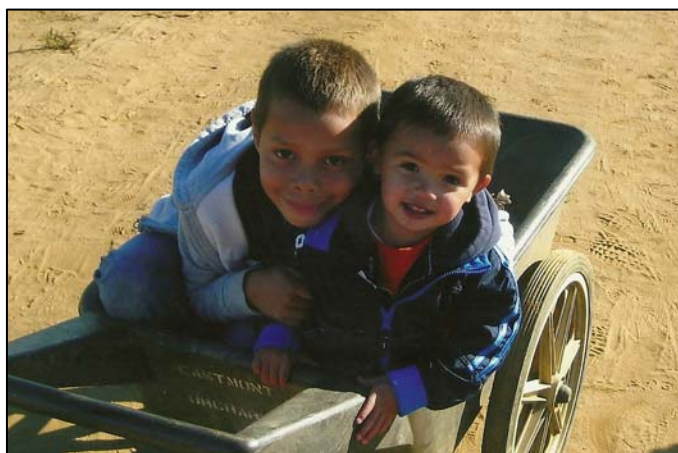
Skip and I are very active. We like to keep our kids busy with lots of fun activities throughout the year.



Skiing and building snowmen in the winter.



Roller blading in the spring.



Apple picking in the fall.



Swinging...



Climbing...



Or hanging out on Sesame Street in the summer.

Our kids are involved in lots of organized activities too.



Everyone plays baseball.



Hip Hop Diva!



Nothing beats tackling your brother and not getting in trouble.



They think football is tough.



Their Biggest fans!



We hope you enjoyed meeting our amazing family. We are comfortable sharing pictures and updates regarding the child if you wish to receive them. We now hope that somewhere over the rainbow our story will continue!

