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Dear Birth Parents,

We are Mike, Maria and Karina. Thank you so much for taking the time to look at our profile. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to tell you about ourselves.



We cannot imagine what a difficult decision this is for you, and we wish you peace and courage.

We appreciate your inner strength and understand what an important decision this is for you and your baby. You can find comfort in knowing that he or she will be loved unconditionally and cherished forever. We're a fun, loving, active family and are looking forward to welcoming our second adopted child into our family.



We met while out with a few friends and we hit it off instantly. We talked for hours about everything and anything and never felt at a loss for words. We were married in 2004, surrounded by our family and friends. Our marriage is based on friendship, love and trust.





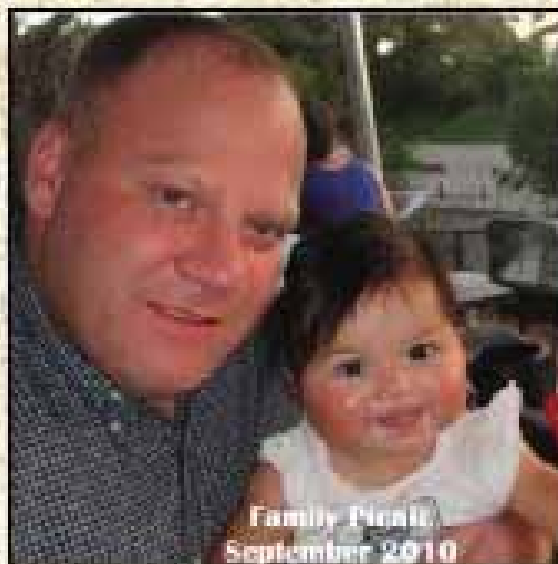
Throughout our relationship, we have always looked forward to having a family and raising children. We were unsuccessful in conceiving a child naturally or with the help of reproductive treatments. However, early on in our attempts, we often discussed starting a family through the miracle of adoption.

In February 2010, we were blessed and adopted our daughter, Karina. She brings us so much happiness and joy and we couldn't love her more. Just thinking about Karina as we write these words makes us smile from ear to ear. Adopting Karina was an amazing experience for us. It was wonderful to meet Karina's birth parents and we will be forever grateful to them for making our dream of becoming parents come true. We have been with Karina since she was born; it was a moment we will always treasure.

We enjoy each other's company and always have fun doing anything together including ordinary tasks such as shopping or working on projects around the house. We love spending time with our daughter, Karina.

We love going to the park, zoo, going out to dinner, movies, concerts, hiking, camping, traveling, watching a variety of sporting events or just staying home and playing with Karina and our two sweet dogs.

We are so excited and ready to expand our family and welcome another baby in our lives and in all of our activities. We have so much love to share with a child. We love being parents!



ABOUT MARIA



Maria has a quiet and caring personality. She lights up any room she walks into with her smile and energy. When we first met, I was instantly taken in by her warmth, compassion and sense of humor.

Maria is very family oriented person. She loves her family very much. Maria loves spending time with our daughter, nieces and nephews. Children gravitate to her. She values the time she can spend playing with them and teaching them.

Maria is a genuinely kind, sensitive and caring person. She enjoys playing with Karina and going for long walks with her and our two dogs: Sammy and Mandy. She also enjoys: reading, relaxing on the beach, swimming, snorkeling, camping, hiking, traveling, going to sporting events, attending pilates and yoga classes, concerts and museums.

Maria always makes sure Karina has an active lifestyle and a nurturing environment surrounded by love and support. She is the kind of mom that any child would love to call their own. She is committed to our life together, and to our family. She is a great mommy. She's patient, loving and a devoted mother and wife. Maria is also bilingual and speaks Spanish to Karina and will teach the Spanish language any child that comes into our lives.



ABOUT MIKE



Mike is the best husband a girl could ever hope for! He is caring, compassionate, kind, loving, funny, and a great listener. Mike is loved and respected by our families and friends.

Mike has many hobbies including softball, baseball, football, hockey, playing golf, listening to music, camping, hiking and traveling. Mike has an amazing way about himself. He takes great pride in his work and is efficient and organized. Mike has a great sense of humor. He is the type of person everyone wants to be around.

Mike is a fantastic, hands-on father and Karina loves him. It makes my heart melt when I watch Mike and Karina together. He is a very nurturing father who showers Karina with love. I am so blessed to have him as my husband and father of our child.



ABOUT KARINA



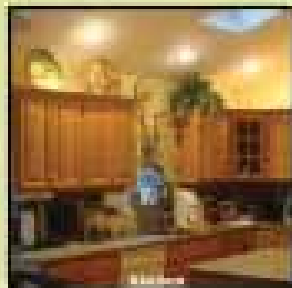
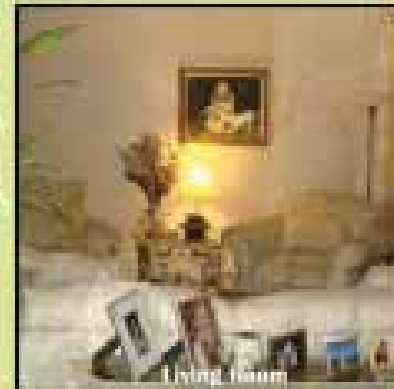
Our daughter Karina, is one of the happiest children we've ever seen. She is always smiling and laughing. Karina has an outgoing personality and brings a smile to everyone she meets. She has a magical way of wiggling her way into everyone's heart.

Everyday we look at her in amazement. We can't believe how lucky and blessed we are that Karina is our daughter.

Karina loves animals, going to swimming lessons and enjoys playing with other children. She lights up when she sees a baby. She will be an awesome big sister.



OUR HOME & FAMILY



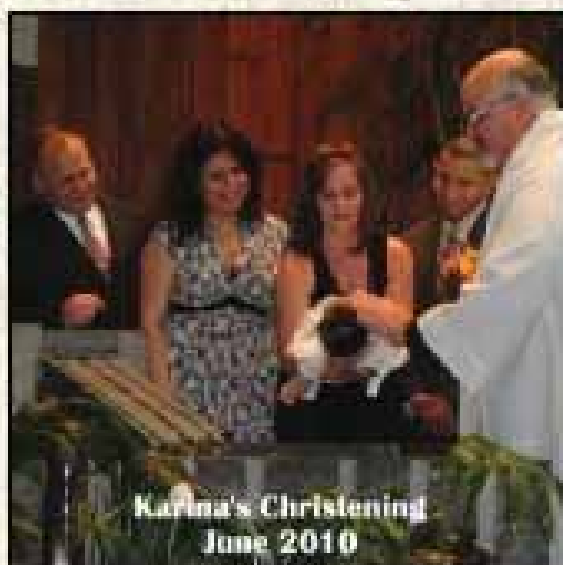
We own a 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, with a den, family room, living room, kitchen, and dining room on a quiet residential street in the New York suburbs. Our home is incredibly child friendly. We have a large playroom full of toys and a large fenced-in backyard, with plenty of space to run and play. We also have a swimming pool and playground with a swing and slide.



Our school district has an excellent track record with great programs. There are also numerous parks, beaches, theaters nearby and the library is only a mile away.



**Karina's Christening
June 2010**



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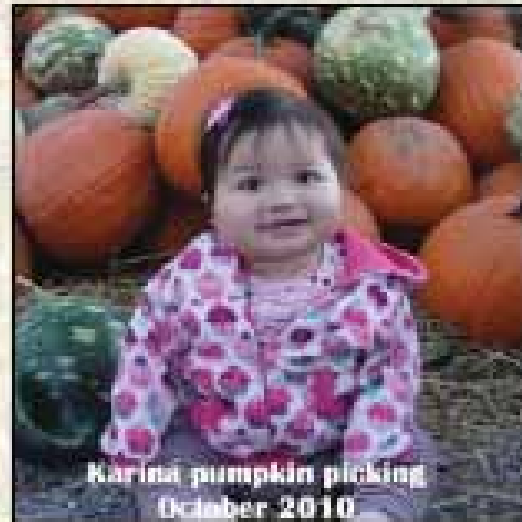
**Pony Ride
August 2010**

There are also many parks, beaches, theaters nearby and the library is only a mile away.

We are very fortunate to be surrounded by loving and supportive families. We live within two miles of two of our siblings. We have a large family with 8 nieces and nephews ranging from 3 months to 17 years of age. Our family gets together often and the children all enjoy playing with each other.

Our door is always open for family and friends. Most weekends are spent with them, either enjoying breakfast, dinner, or visiting for cake and coffee.

We also have them over for birthday parties, holidays, barbeques, casual visits and family game night.



Since we have the biggest yard, we get together and play catch, soccer, football, or a fun day of swimming.

We enjoy a variety of holiday traditions and love having our families and friends over to celebrate.

During Christmas, we have "Santa Claus" come for a visit and everyone gets a turn sitting on Santa's lap as he hands out gifts. The older children try to figure out who's dressed as Santa, while the younger children are in amazement that Santa came for a visit. We love watching their faces.

During Thanksgiving, we set up extra tables so that we can have sit down dinner and Mike carves the turkey. During Easter we have an Easter Egg hunt in our yard for the children. During the fall, we go pumpkin picking at a local farm, decorate and paint pumpkins and go on hay rides.

At birthday parties, we often have a piñata and all the kids, have a great time trying to break the piñata and trying get as much candy and toys as possible. It's usually the highlight of the day.



The beaches and parks are close by and the city is only 50 minutes away. We often go into the city to go shopping, have dinner, see a concert or play, visit the zoo or museum, or just take a walk. We are excited to share these things with a child and expose them to all the museums and culture New York has to offer.

We also plan several family vacations throughout the year, including cruising, visiting historical sites, camping, site-seeing, and just relaxing.



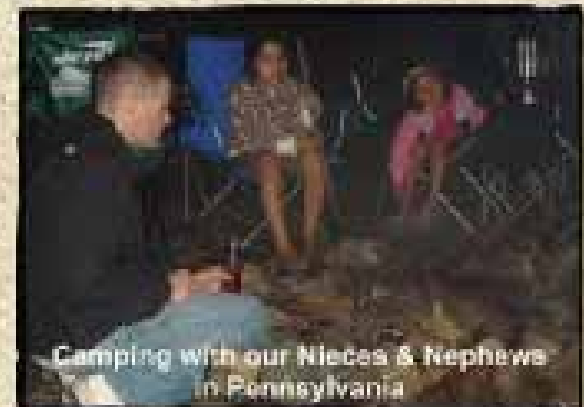
Softball game at our family BBQ



**Maria at Kids Party
October 2010**



FAMILY CAMP-OUT





Every year we have a camp-out with friends and family and their children. During the day we swim at the lake or go hiking. Every night we tell stories and we roast marshmallows on the campfire. All the children love it. It's always the highlight of their summer.



Karina with Grandpa & Great Grandma
December 2010

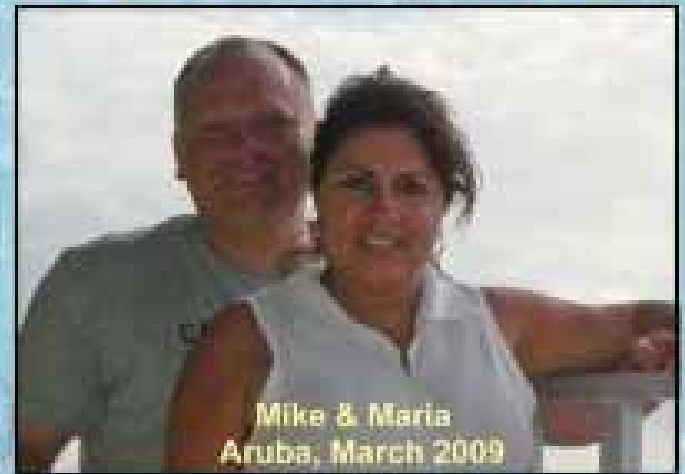


Father's Day 2010



Maria with Mom & niece







Our Nieces & Nephews
Greeting Santa



OUR DOGS

Sammy & Mandy are fun friendly dogs and love children. Karina loves playing with them.





We love being parents and are eager to have another baby to love. We promise to love your baby with all our hearts and provide him or her with every opportunity possible. He or she will have lifetime of love, support, nurturing, financial security, guidance and the best educational opportunities available.

We are dedicated to ensuring that he or she will be raised in a loving, positive, nurturing environment so they can develop to be the best person they can be. We will always encourage their interests and hobbies. Our main hope is that, as an adult, he or she will look back on their childhood and smile and know that they have always been loved as much as humanly possible and had a wonderful childhood full of love, wonderful memories, smiles and laughter. Our hearts are ready to embrace, love, teach and raise another child. We are looking forward to showing your baby the world and sharing our adventures with him or her.

We hope and pray that fate will shine upon us again and bring us another baby who is meant to be in our family. We are so excited for that day, as we have so much love to offer and can't wait to add to our family.

Should you choose us as the adoptive parents, we will be more than happy to send pictures of your child and progress reports through the agency; should you desire to receive them. We hope that this book provides some knowledge, comfort, and peace with some of your concerns. We would be honored if you would consider us to be the adoptive parents.

With love and respect,
Mike, Maria and Karina

