

Michele and Doug



Dear Birth Parents,

We are Doug and Michele and we're delighted and honored that you have chosen to read our profile. We know that this is a big decision for you that comes out of love for your child; we want you to know that our decision to adopt is also based on love. We hope that by reading our profile you will discover the meaningful values and loving environment we would like to provide for your child. Our goal will be to love and nurture with all our hearts and to provide a supportive world for him or her to grow and flourish within.

We have many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews who will be adoring aunts, uncles and cousins to our child. We are unable to have biological children of our own, and we have always have known in our hearts that adoption is the right path for us. Michele and I love each other very much and want to share our love with a son or daughter. We hope that you will consider us as the right parents for your child.

Sincerely yours,

Michele and Doug



How we met

We spotted each other from across the room on the very first day of graduate school. We became friends and study partners, and then eventually started dating. Our wedding was in a beautiful historic house, and our family joined us from all around the country to celebrate our special day with us.



Favorites...

Food

Doug

Chili

Michele

Spanish Paella

City

New York, NY

Valladolid, Spain

Sport to Watch

Football

Soccer

Sport to Play

Tennis

Tennis

TV Show

Late Night with Jimmy Fallon

Childhood Toy

Blocks

Barbie

Dessert

Crème Brulee

Brownie with ice cream

Outdoor Activity

Bicycling, hiking

The beach

About Doug

I have very fond memories of my childhood in Maryland, growing up with my parents and brother and sister. As a family we enjoyed vacations together, including road trips to the beach, holidays and birthday parties. I was both a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout, and in high school I ran track and cross country. I was close with my maternal grandparents and lived with them during college, which was a great experience because it gave me the opportunity to get to know them better. My parents are wonderful and doting grandparents.

About my career: I am an urban planner, which means that I help communities decide where to place their homes, shops, warehouses and the transportation systems that link them all together. I truly enjoy my career, which is both engaging and challenging. Because I have been with my current employer for twelve years I feel a true sense of commitment and stability at my job. When I'm not working, I enjoy my time with Michele, our dogs, family and friends. Other activities I enjoy are cycling, hiking, yoga, gardening and playing guitar.



Michele and Doug with Doug's cousin's son



Cycling



New York City



Hawaii

Michele talking about Doug

I love Doug very much and cannot picture my life without him. I would describe him as thoughtful, down-to-earth, rational, yet completely fun-loving as well. Doug works very hard at his job, but he's also a kid at heart with a great sense of humor. He really loves to play with children and they always think he's a blast to play along with. When I think about a few of Doug's best qualities that will shine through when he's a parent, I think of how he's honest, patient, loving, and a good role model.

Doug and I have shared priorities, and agree on what's important in life. Like me, he has a strong work ethic and is exceptionally dedicated to family, public service, volunteerism and community. I knew from the beginning that we would make an excellent couple since we enjoyed each other's company, and had shared interests and values. I also saw how he was so loving and wonderful with my nieces and nephews; I knew he would make an exceptional father.

About Michele

I come from a warm blended family of six children. I have ten nieces and nephews ranging in age from five months to 28 years. Most of my siblings live nearby, although my younger sister currently lives in Australia. My father was from Spain and my mother was of Italian descent. Family is extremely important to me and I make it a priority to see my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews frequently. I enjoy watching our nephew's sports games and our niece's music recitals; it's a pleasure to just watch them develop into extraordinary people. My family is extremely generous, loving and dependable; I am grateful for their consistent support.

In my free time I really enjoy cooking and I am told that I'm a fantastic Spanish and Italian cook, a skill I learned from my mother and my aunt in Spain. I also enjoy dancing, especially Flamenco.

About my career: I have a great municipal job as an urban planner. I've always liked history—historical places and old buildings that are important ties to our past. My interests led me into being an historic preservationist because I believe it is important to preserve our heritage. Because of my work and dedication, I recently won an award in historic preservation. One of the many benefits of my job is that I have flexibility and intend to take a leave of absence upon adopting a child.



Doug Talking About Michele

Michele is the love of my life. She is beautiful, warm, friendly, very smart and full of energy. Michele is also well respected in her profession. She is the "go-to" person for many different professionals who truly respect her opinion and seek her advice. I, too, as her colleague, frequently seek her advice, as she has excellent judgment and depth of knowledge.

Michele makes friends easily and is regarded as a loyal and caring friend. Another quality I admire in her is the way she effortlessly connects with children in a warm and loving way, whether she's with our extended family of nieces and nephews or other children we know or meet unexpectedly. Michele engages with children in a sweet and earnest way. I truly love my wife and cannot wait for us to share the joys and triumphs of raising a child together.

Michele with our niece



Michele with our nieces in New York City



Doug with his cousin's son



With Michele's sister, her husband and our niece in Australia

Values, Goals and Education

As parents we want to provide a stable, loving, supportive, healthy and fun environment for our child. We also want to ensure that our children are equipped to succeed as adults. In addition, we intend to teach tolerance and morality, and we believe faith and good values are important.

As part of our values, we believe in giving back to the community and have both chosen careers in public service. In addition, Michele volunteers at a local animal shelter as well as for her professional association where she provides workshops and tours. Doug serves on our town's volunteer economic advisory committee.

We believe that education is very important; we both have master's degrees and have a shared commitment to continued learning. We recognize the importance of setting up good study habits and taking pride in school work—even from a young age. We will foster this value in our child and happily sit down each night to assist with homework, give academic guidance and just be there.

Our Home and Community

We have a three bedroom house that we have lovingly restored. We both spend time tending to our garden, and we have taken great care to select plants and flowers thoughtfully. In our yard we see butterflies, rabbits and birds. We love our sun-filled, cozy house and we've furnished it with many keepsakes from our parents' and grandparents' homes. The baby will have his or her own room.

We live in a small, but popular town that has a lot of families. There are many young children and excellent schools within walking distance, as well as playgrounds, ball fields, parks, and a quaint little downtown with shops, restaurants, a grocery store, and a movie theater. We love our town for its diverse, open-minded community and that is why we chose it. There are also many organized recreational activities for children, including every sport you can think of, as well as cultural activities. We are also a train ride away from New York City and all it has to offer.



Our Home

Thank you for reading our profile and for considering us. If you choose us to be the adoptive family, your child will be well loved by us and our extended families. He or she will grow up in a supportive environment within a great community. We will do everything in our power to make sure that he or she has a happy and fulfilling life. He or she will know about you, your courage and your love. If you desire, we will share pictures and updates with you. We are happy to speak with you on the phone if you would like to learn more about us.

Please call the Adoption-Alliance at 1(800)626-4324 to reach us. We would be delighted to talk to you.

Very truly yours,

Michele and Doug

