



# Ariel & John

OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY



# about us

We are John and Ariel from Illinois. We met in the summer of 2015 and were instantly inseparable. We were married in 2018, and along with John's two kids (14 and 12), who are with us part-time, we have built a wonderful life and home together full of love, laughter, and board games! While we initially bonded over our shared love of theater, comedy, and '80s music, we also enjoy traveling to new places and getting out into nature together! John is a training specialist at a pharmaceutical company. He enjoys acting, writing, and hosting a college football podcast in his spare time. Ariel is a communications manager at a real estate firm and spends her free time working with a local children's theater company, singing, and painting in her basement studio. We have a great network of friends in the area and enjoy spending time with both of our large extended families, most of whom live relatively nearby.



## OUR HOME

We live in a lovely neighborhood in Illinois that borders two small towns along a river. The neighborhood is full of kids and people with dogs who are always out and about. Everyone is friendly, and people frequently stop to chat on the sidewalk. We love our three-bedroom home with its open kitchen and family room that overlook our big fenced-in backyard! Just around the corner from our house is a small park with a big open field and a great playground with basketball courts and a wildflower garden. We are a short drive from our quaint little downtown, which has a farmers market every Saturday and many restaurants, parks, and shops along the river.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

From the time she was a little girl, Ariel has always known she was meant to be a mother. When we met, we were so excited to grow our family. As fate would have it, we are not able to have biological children, but we know families aren't always built of genetic material. All you need is love. Ariel comes from a blended family where all parents, siblings, grandparents, or cousins—whether step, half, or adopted—are seen as full and true family. We are so looking forward to becoming parents together and sharing our loving home with a new little one.



OUR LIFE  
**together**



# Ariel

**Occupation:** Communications Manager

**Education:** Bachelor's degree

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Unitarian

**Sport:** I'm great at yard games!

**Food:** Reuben sandwiches

**Musical Group:** The Indigo Girls

**Movie:** Sense and Sensibility

**Dream Vacation:** Ireland & Scotland

**School Subject:** Choir, art

**Book:** Jitterbug Perfume

**Hobby:** Singing, painting, reading, gardening



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# John

**Occupation:** Senior Training Specialist

**Education:** Master's degree

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Catholic

**Sport:** Football, baseball, basketball

**Food:** Lasagna

**Musical Group:** Whitney Houston

**Movie:** The Shawshank Redemption

**Dream Vacation:** Italy

**School Subject:** History

**Book:** Infinite Jest

**Hobby:** Acting, watching sports, yardwork

# OUR FAMILY & traditions



John has two children from his previous marriage whom we have with us every other weekend. Our son (14) plays soccer, baseball, and basketball. Our daughter (12) is a musician (piano and saxophone) and a dancer, and she loves to draw and hang out with her friends.

Our extended families are a large part of our lives. Our parents and most of our siblings live within an hour or two of us, so holidays and life events are always spent together! John's parents live closest to us and host many family parties, and Ariel enjoys taking annual girls trips with her mom and sister. John has twin older brothers and one older sister. Ariel has two step-brothers and a younger half-brother and half-sister. Ariel's biological father lives in Tokyo, Japan, and although we don't see much of him in person, we look forward to visiting with him via FaceTime as much as we can!

There are many other children in our family. John's sister has eight children, and his brother has one on the way! One of Ariel's brothers has a three-year-old daughter whom we enjoy visiting with over FaceTime as well.



A photograph of a young couple in a forest. The woman is on the left, wearing a black top and a necklace, with her arm around the man's shoulder. The man is on the right, wearing a black sweater, looking at her. They are both smiling. The background shows trees and a fallen log.

# dear expectant mother

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile. Giving a child life is the greatest act of love, and your bravery and selflessness are beyond measure. Though we cannot know the many emotions and feelings you are going through at this moment, we are intensely grateful for the gift of being considered as parents for your child.

We want you to know that should you choose us, we will respect and happily join you on whatever kind of adoption journey you choose to take. We will do everything in our power to make sure your child always knows where they came from, who they are, and that they are and have always been deeply and profoundly loved.

In our home, your child will be surrounded by love and laughter at every turn. We will be there to support and comfort them as they grow and learn. We will share with them our love of music and theater, nature and sports. We will take family trips and explore the world together. They will have a large, wonderful, and diverse extended family and a loving brother and sister to protect and care for them and to help guide them through the world.

We know this is a monumental decision. Thank you again for your consideration.

WITH LOVE,  
ARIEL AND JOHN

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