GUSTAVO + MICHELLE

Story





ABOUT US

We have often referred to ourselves as the imperfect-perfect couple. Neither of us is close to perfect, but what one lacks, the other makes up for. Gus is a detail-oriented planner who can fix anything and will get on the floor to play and be a silly husband and dad. He works as an analyst for the state. Michelle is a big-picture, carefree, spontaneous, patient wife and mother. She works as a consultant for an educational company. Together we make the strongest team and can accomplish anything. We love to travel, cook and eat, sing and dance, and just be together as a family. On any given weekend, you can find us out hiking, packing some snacks and drinks for the beach, riding bikes, grilling at home with friends and family, attending the many festivals in our area, or just relaxing at home.











OUR HOME + PETS

We live in a quiet neighborhood where all you hear are children laughing and playing outside. We are close to many parks and playgrounds, and our neighborhood pool. We love our family bike rides, playing outside in the yard together and eating on our screened in porch in the summer. We have two dogs that are spoiled rotten. Marley, a poodle mix, follows us everywhere, often getting stepped on, and Betsy is our blue tick coonhound rescue dog. They are both as gentle as could be. They put up with Isabella dressing them up as a princess and are good patients when she wants to play doctor with them.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Very early on in our relationship, we knew we wanted a large family. We have so much love, energy, and excitement and a deep desire for children. Adoption has always been a desire of ours as we both have special family members in our lives who were adopted, and we couldn't imagine our lives without them in it. Michelle's mother was adopted, so she's always had a special place in her heart for adoption. We are very thankful for the opportunities we have and can give to a child.











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more about MICHELLE

Occupation: Educational Consultant

Education: Master's degree

Race: Caucasian
Religion: Catholic

Sport: Soccer, gymnastics

Food: Italian anything

Hobby: Reading, swimming, being with family

Tradition: Family dinners, baking with my

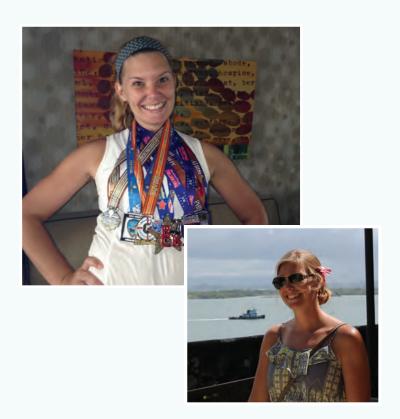
grandmother's recipes and utensils

Movie: The Holiday

Dream Vacation: Any beach with clear blue water

and white sand

Subject in School: English **Book:** Tuesdays With Morrie





more about GUSTAVO

Occupation: Government Employee

Education: Bachelor's degree

Race: Hispanic
Religion: Catholic

Sport: Soccer, biking, racquetball

Food: Peruvian

Hobby: Working out, snorkeling, playing soccer

Tradition: Getting together with family on Sundays

Movie: Forrest Gump

Dream Vacation: Caribbean beach

Subject in School: History

Book: The Alchemist

our family & TRADITIONS

We would not be where we are today without our family and friends! We actually met through a close friend of ours during a summer barbeque. Michelle has two older siblings, and Gustavo has an older sister whom we visit as often as possible.

We enjoy hosting holidays together so we can see each other's families. We cook tons of food and desserts while the girls play dress up and the boys play video games or watch TV. Our house is noisy and full of laughter, and our dinner table is always filled with family and friends that we call our family. We also enjoy vacationing together to laugh, relax, enjoy one another, and build more memories. Some of our favorite spots so far have been to Peru, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Canada.

Together we have three nieces, one nephew, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. We have plenty of room and love for more children. Our families couldn't be more excited for us, and our daughter will be the best big sister a child could ask for.













dear EXPECTANT MOTHER



First of, we want to thank you for reading our profile and considering our family to love and raise your child. We know this is a very difficult time and decision for you. We hope to bring you comfort and confidence in knowing your child will be surrounded by love, opportunities, experiences, family, and friends, should you choose us.

Your child will have an instant big sister who will be his or her lifelong friend and playmate. Rest assured, your child will never be alone! They will play games, enjoy puzzles and playdough, read books, ride bikes, vacation, learn to cook and bake, and participate in activities that he or she desires.

We would be ever so lucky to raise your child in our home. It will truly be a huge honor and blessing for you to select us.

