

# Colin & Jolanda

We grew up together in the same community in the Fraser Valley but our first personal encounter wasn't till the day Colin surprised Jolanda inviting her to join him for dinner. Since those first moments we have built a strong, loving relationship over the past ten years by openly sharing our thoughts, challenges, and successes. Our hearts are very excited to grow in love through adoption. Welcoming a child into our home will be a lifetime dream come true.



*Colin*

Written by Jolanda



*Jolanda*

Written by Colin

Colin is a loyal and cheerful husband who can often be found filling our home with laughter and playfulness. He works as a Surveyor but also has a passion helping people in our community as an on-call firefighter. In his free time at home he enjoys yard work, woodworking, baking and photography. When I imagine Colin as a father I see him: reading stories, teaching and having fun playing down on the floor and building things for and with our child. Colin is my life long companion and friend and means the world to me. I am certain that he will do his utmost to be that loving, supportive, and approachable father every child needs in their life.

Jolanda has a patient, warm, and loving heart that she shares with everyone surrounding her. She is a hardworking and flexible woman who is always willing to help. She works as a Practical Nurse caring for the elderly. Her kind soft nature is appreciated by those around her. On her days off Jolanda enjoys transforming our house into a cozy home. She thoroughly enjoys spending quality time in many different ways with her sisters and friends. Since becoming an auntie at seven, Jolanda has had children surrounding her most of her life. She has long dreamt of having children of our own and daily looks forward to becoming a stay at home mom.

## at work



## our lifestyle

We both value as much quality time together as possible. At home, we enjoy spending time with our fur friends, Sophie and Jessie as well as gardening, cooking, baking, hosting family and friends and biking the country roads. Away from home, we enjoy spending time with the two of us or with family or friends; taking weekend day trip to the city, biking, and shopping. We hope to use our Christian values to love, nurture and raise our children.

## our family and friends

Colin is one of four brothers and Jolanda the youngest of ten, the oldest being adopted. Our large close knit families (mostly local) see each other often. We have over 40 nieces and nephews as well as friends' kids that call us "Uncle" and "Auntie". All those we hold dear to us, have expressed so much support and excitement as we prepare to grow our family through adoption. They look forward to loving, cuddling, and playing with a new little friend.



**"They may not have our eyes, they may not have our smile, but they will have all of our heart." (Kathy Jeffords)**



## our home

We are blessed to have a beautiful family home in the country with lots of room to play. We live in a quiet family neighborhood nearby to beautiful lakes, trails and waterfalls.



## a message to you

We feel that an open adoption is an important piece in giving your child the best in their life. We look forward to meeting you to discuss the openness you are comfortable with. After ten years of waiting your child will be received with open arms and hearts. Whoever you choose to raise your child we hope that you feel supported and loved on your journey. Thankyou for taking the time to read our profile.