

Hi! We're Karina, Matt, and Ko. Thank you for looking at our profile - hopefully it will help you get to know us.

<u>Karina</u>: I am French Canadian and I grew up in Otttawa, speaking both French and English. I am passionate about our family, the outdoors, chocolate croissants, and sunshine. Some of my hobbies are baking lemony desserts, gardening, and going on adventures. I'm a teacher at an elementary school, right near our house, and I love my job. Most importantly, the best bit of being a mom for me, is being able to love our family and create that spark of joy in our child's eyes.

<u>Matt</u>: I love skiing with our family, surfing, and cooking - especially on the barbecue. People would describe me as: tall, funny, smart, and probably a total nerd. I'm curious about everything and I work as a scientist at a biotech company. My favourite thing about being a dad is getting to be completely ridiculous when we play. I tell a great bedtime story, especially if it involves funny voices.

<u>Ko</u> is our son. He was born in the summer of 2016, and we adopted him in Japan. Ko will be a fantastic big brother. He's a happy, funny kid, and we laugh together a lot. His favourite things are being together, riding his bike, and fruit (all kinds). It feels like he sings all the time. We love him a ton.











We can't wait to welcome a new little person into our family. We grew up with brothers and sisters, and that's what we want for our family too. We're happiest when our home is filled with people, love, and laughter. We live in a friendly, quiet neighbourhood full of kids with our wienerdog, Olive. Olive is a bushy eyebrowed, funny, loving dog. She loves kids, giving kisses, and food. Especially food.

We would like to have an open adoption. We are in contact with Ko's birth family, and that relationship is really important to us. We'd love for all of our kids to have the same opportunity.

Our promises to you and your child:

There will be adventures. Some will be small, like exploring a forest to look for bugs or biking to meet friends. Others will be big, like family vacations to new countries. They will all be about exploring together and finding the joy in the world.

There will be laughter. Lots. We have many moments of joy as a family. Playing together, joking around at the dinner table, and taking the time to be silly are really important to us.

There will be unconditional support. We both come from caring, supportive families, and it's one of the things we value the most. We promise to pass that on to your child.

There will be love. As much love as it is possible to have for another person.

Thank you for listening, and good luck, whatever you choose.

Karina, Mathew, & Ko





