

# STEPHANIE & CHARLY



We are so thankful for the opportunity for you to get to know us. And while we are excited, we are humbled by the incredible journey you are on that might include making us parents to your child. We hope this description of who we are might be who you are looking for:



## About us

Our relationship is rooted in friendship; our families have known each other for a long time, long before we were even born. We grew up together, became close friends during high school, and eventually began to date in university. Today, 8 years married, our relationship has grown into a deep respect and love for each other.

We have been blessed to have laid down our roots in Vancouver. We live in a comfortable townhouse surrounded by kind neighbours, many of whom we consider friends. We love to explore our city together. We take walks around our neighbourhood, bike around the sea-wall, or head to the beach or park for a picnic. We visit farmers' markets, cook and bake together, play board games, watch movies, dance/sing and make music, and enjoy our rooftop patio. We love the sunshine and being outside, though also really know how to spend a cosy day indoors, especially on rainy days.

We are teachers, passionate about life-long learning. During our vacations, we enjoy learning about ourselves and others by experiencing different places and cultures around the world, and visiting friends and family who live elsewhere. Whether it's to Whistler, Kelowna, or Bowen Island, or to France, Spain, or Hawaii, we are excited at the prospect of exploring different places as a family.



## Our Values

Family dinners with grandma, parents, siblings, nephews and nieces are a weekend staple for us. We value spending time with our families and friends. Both of us have lifelong friends, many of whom we have known since childhood. Some have children, and we look forward to watching our children play and create their own relationships in time. We believe that raising a child involves many people, and we know our families and friends are looking forward to being part of our child's life.





A holiday in Spain with friends

Our faith is most important to us. As Catholics, our perspective has allowed us to trust God in difficult times and be appreciative and humbled during the best of times. Our faith constantly reminds us to believe in something bigger than ourselves. God’s love for us, and our love for God continue to teach us how to love each other and others, and we hope that our example will inspire our children to grow in their own faith and their love for others.

## About Stephanie

Stephanie is a kindergarten teacher at a French Immersion school. She loves working with little ones and especially enjoys witnessing their curiosity, wonder, and enthusiasm for learning. She has a gift for languages and hopes to pass this on to her child. She has always wanted to be a mother, and according to Charly, “if there is anyone who could nurture a child, to help them grow into a strong, loving and compassionate person, Stephanie is the woman.” But she is more than a teacher and potential mom. Stephanie is a creative artist. She loves to sing, dance, play piano, and create art, often gifting people with homemade cards and calligraphy. Her love for her husband and family, however, surpasses all these things.

## About Charly

Charly is a high school English and Media teacher. He is passionate about making strong connections and building relationships with his students, always finding inspiration in young people’s unique insights and diverse personalities. Aside from his work, Charly loves writing, reading, storytelling and film. He also plays and watches hockey, and is a dedicated Vancouver Canucks fan. But his number one priority is his wife and family. He is playful and often makes Stephanie laugh. Charly is very excited by the prospect of being a father, being able to share his love for faith, family, and his wife. Most of all, he is excited to make his child laugh.



Bowen Island



Steph and her goddaughter



Italy



Skating on Lake Louise

## Our Commitment

Adopting a child would be a wonderful blessing for us and we promise to commit our lives to them—to love them unconditionally. We promise that they will grow up in a safe and stable home, that they will be given every opportunity to learn and love, and that they will always know that they have worth beyond their imagination.

We understand the value of a child’s connection to their birth family and welcome any level of openness that you are comfortable with. Regardless, we will ensure that your child knows that they are loved, not only by us, but by you. Thank you for considering us as parents to your beautiful child.