# Hello! Wetare Stephan & Michelle!







# Ready & Prepared for a Family

We have been together for 15 years, married for 10, and have been dreaming of a family and considering adoption since the beginning. It feels like the perfect time to welcome a child into our family; we are financially stable, we own our home, we have been hoping for a baby for a long time and many of our friends and family have little children now. We have a lot of support in our plans to adopt, and everyone in our lives is excited to help and contribute to our future family.

We are really looking forward to making a child's life memorable and special. Our home has a big safe yard for kids to play in, including a treehouse and a garden for growing and exploring. We are lucky to live in Victoria, BC, one of the most beautiful places in Canada. Our neighborhood is full of schools and families. There is a wonderful sandy beach and community parks and playgrounds a short walk away. We often take our niece to play at the beach, year round.

# Family Values

Family is very important to both of us, we have close family that love to get together and help each other out. We often host meals for holidays, birthdays and look for any excuse to get together. It's not uncommon for our family to get together to help out with a household project and stay to enjoy a lunch or dinner together. Our niece Eloise is always happiest when all the family is together, which has shown us the importance of maintaining our bonds and traditions.

We really enjoy spending time with the little ones in our lives and feel that we would be very good parents. Our ideas about parenting include: establishing the healthy routines of family life; simple things like playtime, dinner around the table, story time cuddles, tooth brushing, bath and bedtime are all opportunities that nurture a child's development.



## About us

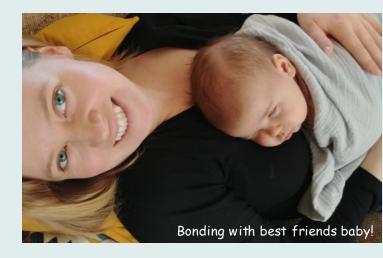
We are a hardworking and loyal couple making a good team by each bringing our strengths to the relationship. Stephan often takes care of the logistics and Michelle is great at making sure they maintain a good life / work balance by seeking out fun and rewarding opportunities. We have always bonded on long walks together and have been dreaming of family walks with a stroller. It's a time to share plans and dreams and work out the details of our life together.





Stephan is very good at meeting and succeeding in every challenge he has set himself and is ready to take on fatherhood. He is determined, never gives up, understands the challenges of parenting and is up for it all. Stephan is dependable and is very excited about being a father. He is good at keeping Michelle motivated and optimistic while we wait for a baby. He is also athletic, and loves running and cycling. Stephan is fun to be around and is a loving partner to Michelle.

Michelle likes to take care of people, both in her job as a dental hygienist, and at home. She is loving and thoughtful, taking time to visit older relatives, making gifts to celebrate special occasions and nurturing her family and friends when they are sick or need a hand. Michelle has always gotten along well with children and likes talking with them and has lots of fun ideas for ways to spend time together. Her love of painting and creating is something that she loves to share with the people in her life, from playful crafting time with her niece to hosting creative painting nights with friends.



### Thank You

We want you to know how brave you are to be considering an adoption plan for your baby and we hope to earn your trust through sharing our story with you. We sincerely hope that we can become a part of your plans for the future. We plan on being very open about our child's adoption, sharing photos and stories from an early age. Additionally, we are very open to a relationship with you, if that is your wish.

Thank you for the gift and opportunity to become parents, it means more to us than we could ever say :)