



Meet Jamela, Jeff & Haylee.

Hello! We're Jeff and Jamela, and our daughter Haylee really wanted us to mention right away that she thinks we're two of the best parents you'll find. Of course she's mostly just excited at the idea of having a new brother or sister, but we certainly hope you'll agree.

Our family has been together for over a decade, and in the last 10 years we've shared our passion for travel and adventure while working hard at our careers. Like all families, we've had many memorable moments along the way, but most importantly, we've walked this road together, supporting each other every step of the way.

Like most great family units, we are complete opposites that work amazingly well as a couple. Jamela is outgoing and enthusiastic whereas Jeff is calm and a great listener. We describe ourselves as Jamela is the what, and Jeff is the how. Jamela has the big ideas and Jeff figures out how to make them work. We're both incredibly balanced, which we attribute to being able to listen and help each other out.

Jamela and Haylee met Jeff when Haylee was already two years old. We know the challenges and unique love that comes from merging existing families together. Some people may look at it as though it's not a traditional biological family, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

We've achieved many things during our time together, including raising a beautiful daughter, along with having careers that have delivered us the financial security we're looking for. However, we've been working very hard at growing our family, and our fertility issues mean it hasn't gone exactly to plan.

Which is where you come in. We're hoping you'll be able to see our family unit as the perfect place to love and nourish a new member. We want to raise a child to be happy, grateful, and appreciative. To be kind, considerate and honest. We want to raise a child who chooses their own path and know they are supported every step of the way.



Jeff's Words.

As an advertising executive for over 20 years, it's easy to treat this as another pitch on why I'm your guy, but how do you sell the benefits of what's in your heart? When it comes to growing your family - you can't quantify your love you have for a child. Sure, not every day will be rosy, but it's what you do in those moments that define who you are. It's what makes your family strongest.

I grew up in Montreal and Edmonton with a younger brother and sister, both of which I'm still very close with today. We still see each other a couple times of year, including our annual tradition of spending New Year's eve at the West Edmonton Mall waterpark. Yes, it's just as fun for the adults as it is for the children! My brother has a young family and that also visits the Okanagan every summer. We're looking forward to adding one more member to the family.





Jamela's Words.

With a career as a homebuilder and real estate development consultant, I get to see many families build their dream home and share in the excitement of when that dream becomes a reality. I absolutely love what I do, and I'm sure my clients will say that shines through in my work.

I've accomplished a lot in my career, but the one thing I'm most proud of is raising

a smart, beautiful daughter that is getting closer every day to going out in the world to achieving her own dreams.

We also manage several of our own rental properties, and that gives us a unique opportunity to see the world through many walks of life. We see the different versions of family from every perspective, and that's made us more thankful than ever for what we have, and showed us we have a lot more love to give.

Haylee's Words.

Hello! I'm Haylee, and I'm 13 years old. I'm a passionate gymnast that spends my mornings in school and afternoons in the gym. I have a great group of friends, and I'm sure they'd say the same for me. I'm old enough now to understand what

adoption is, and why we're looking to grow our family through adoption.

I think I'd make an amazing big sister, but more importantly, I think my parents would make amazing parents. I think my first hand experience gives me a unique perspective here ;)



Family at the core.

When Jeff came into our lives, we didn't know what to expect. You never quite know how someone will react when you bring someone into a relationship when you already have a child. Would he accept her? Would he love her as if she were his own? Jeff wondered the same thing about Haylee: how would she feel about him?

Over the last decade, we've learned that your love doesn't begin and end at artificial boundaries. Love is an infinite resource, and grows with the family unit. Whether it happens when two existing families come together, or by the addition of a new child, as a family we stand with each other, and help each other out, and provide the unconditional

support we need to get through life together.

We have a deep sense of family in our home, and that doesn't begin and end with biological connections. There's nothing quite like that feeling you get when you find out your family is about to become a little bit bigger - no matter how it comes to you. It's that burst of love and caring that swells in your heart the moment you know, the moment it happens, and you just can't wait to share it with your new member of the family.



Feel at home.

We live in an amazing neighbourhood in Kelowna. There are lots of children in the neighbourhood and we know almost all our neighbours. Some of our best friends live steps away. Our home is right beside the beach and there is also a neighbourhood pool. We spent a lot of time around the water in the summer.

I think Haylee would agree, but it's the perfect place to raise a family, and we look forward to welcoming a new addition to our home. To their home. To your home.

We would be forever grateful if you were to choose us. After going through our home study, we are happy to oblige with whichever level of openness you feel is right for you. Thanks for considering us.