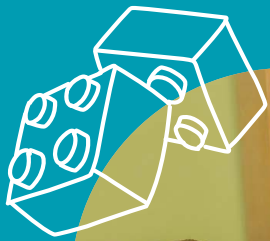


building our family



Lisa + Michael



about us

Hi, we are Lisa and Mike. From our first date on Earth Day 19 years ago, we've been building a life filled with love, laughter, and simple joys. Whether it's puzzles, hockey nights, or exploring the outdoors, we cherish the time we spend together and the traditions we've created. As engineers (one who works for an international energy company and the other in aerospace), we share a curiosity for how things work and a love for problem-solving. But our greatest joy comes from giving back. For years, we've been deeply involved in FIRST LEGO League, supporting middle school students as they dive into STEM with creativity and teamwork. The best part isn't the games; it's the bond we build with the kids, helping them learn and have fun in the process. Through every adventure, we aim to create a home that's welcoming and full of warmth.

our home + pets

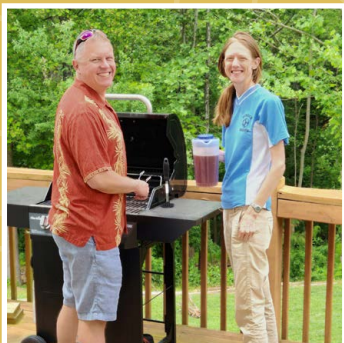
We live in Virginia with our dog, Splotch. Our home is in town nearby a school and playground, but we also have property 20 minutes outside town. It is 14 acres with a cozy house, our vegetable garden, and a pond that is perfect for fishing and get-togethers. Our city is best described as a "family town", known for its schools and wonderful community. Splotch also highly recommends hiking on the trails. We live within driving distance of a lot of other fabulous places, being 3 hours from both Washington, DC, and Charlotte, NC. We love that our location has nearby cultural experiences while being a more relaxed hometown. With libraries, parks, and the town's children's museum, we can't imagine a better place to raise a child.



what led us to adoption

While not having children yet, we are deeply grateful for the families that fill our lives with love and joy—our LEGO family, Meals on Wheels families, and extended family of friends and children.

Having been together almost 20 years, we have built a strong foundation rooted in mutual respect, love, and compassion. Throughout that time, we always dreamed of raising a child, but we were not able to. The loss of Lisa's mother to cancer and the fear of that happening to our child softened the pain of not being able to conceive. After receiving clear genetic testing results, we realized how important it was for us to grow our family. We know now, without a doubt, that our greatest wish is to share our love.



our photo album



Occupation: Senior Engineering Advisor

Education: Masters in Mechanical Engineering, Masters in Applied Statistics

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Hockey

Food: Homemade chicken pot pie

Hobby: Jigsaw puzzles

Family Tradition: Visiting family farm in NY

Musical Group: The National

Movie: *Jurassic Park*, *Dave*

Dream Vacation: Denmark

Holiday: Earth Day

TV Show: *Northern Exposure*

Subject in School: Math

Book: *A Wolf Called Wander*

more about **Lisa**



more about **Mike**



Occupation: Engineer

Education: Masters of Engineering

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Florida Football

Food: Italian

Hobby: Hiking and fishing

Family Tradition: Disney World

Musical Group: Jimmy Buffett

Movie: *Shawshank Redemption*

Dream Vacation: New Zealand

Holiday: Christmas

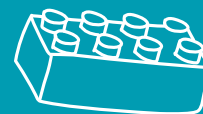
TV Show: *The West Wing*

Subject in School: Physics, Music

Book: *The Lord of the Rings*



our family + traditions

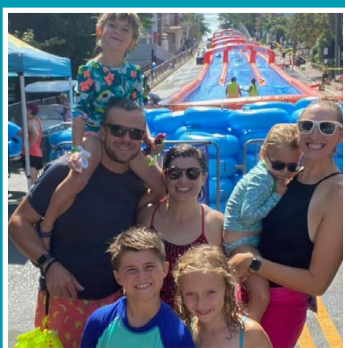


Trips to Mike's family in Florida are a blast. His sister has two wonderful daughters, who share our LEGO love, while his brother has three amazing children who are passionate about art and basketball. The magic never fades on their Disney visits.

Lisa's family is more spread out, with a sister with two kiddos in Idaho and another sister in Texas. Although it's a long distance for simple pleasures, our favorite is watching Top Chef while eating takeout Chinese food.

We are lucky to have friends who are truly family. Mike has known his best friends for over 20 years, and their tradition of staying up until four in the morning playing games remains strong (though Lisa taps out by 11!). Lisa has known her best friend since preschool, and no year feels complete without at least one trip to see her and our "adopted" nieces and nephews. These trips often come with extra adventure, roping Mike into home improvement projects like building a swing set or pool or, one year, tackling backyard irrigation with full-fledged construction equipment!

Our weekends in Virginia are spent cheering on friends' kids at soccer games and gymnastics. Seeing them thrive truly makes every moment special.



dear expectant mother



We can only imagine the emotions you are feeling right now—the weight of making a decision that will shape both your future and your child's. We want you to know that we deeply respect and admire your strength in navigating this journey. Please know that if you choose us, your baby will be embraced with unwavering love, security, and the warmth of family.

Children have brought immense joy to our lives through our extended families and community. We have long imagined raising a child of our own—guiding them through life's discoveries, celebrating their milestones, and encouraging their passions. We dream of days filled with laughter, bedtime stories, and adventures that fuel their curiosity. We cannot wait to witness the moments that define who they become—their first steps, their favorite book, the activities that bring them joy—and to support them every step of the way.

Above all, we will ensure that your child knows how deeply cherished they were from the very beginning. They will always know the incredible love that brought them into this world and the courage you have shown in making this decision.

Whatever path you take, please know that you are not alone. We honor the love you are showing for your child. We are here with open hearts, ready to embrace them with love, devotion, and a future full of possibilities.

With heartfelt appreciation (and hugs from a distance),

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