



# GORDON AND NEIL

## ABOUT US

We met in the fall of 2014 online. After a week of texting, we decided to meet for coffee and have been inseparable ever since. We are both hard-working individuals. Neil works in finance, and Gordon works in local government. Gordon has music in his blood. He is a self-taught pianist and guitarist and is excited to share his love for music with your little one. Neil loves art and, in his free time, loves to paint. Many of his paintings are hanging in our home, including the one Neil painted for Gordon for his birthday. We also love to travel. Specifically, we love going to our family cottage on the lake. Neil is a great cook, and although we love to go out to local restaurants, most nights we stay in for a home-cooked meal.

## OUR HOME & PET

We live in a three-bedroom, three-bathroom home in a suburb of a large city. With just under an acre of land filled with gardens, there is plenty of room to play. Penny, our two-year-old shepherd/Lab mix, enjoys running and playing fetch. Our home boasts a custom kitchen perfect for cooking dinner, baking cookies, and hosting family gatherings. Our home has a dedicated music room with our piano and guitars. We hope our love of music can be passed down. Our neighborhood is very quaint, with a small downtown, local restaurants, several parks, and shopping. The community is very active and child oriented. There are several festivals and parades the city hosts, and the schools are top notch.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

From the very beginning, we have always wanted to expand our family beyond just the two of us. After settling into our careers and our home, we are ready to open our minds and hearts to a child. Because we both come from large, loving, and caring families, we could not see our lives without continuing the tradition. Our lives would not be complete without a little one to love, teach, guide, and help grow.



# OUR PHOTO ALBUM



## MORE ABOUT GORDON

**Occupation:** Community Planner -  
Federal Aviation Administration

**Education:** Bachelor degree

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Catholic

**Sport:** Tennis

**Food:** Peanut butter

**Hobby:** Piano

**Tradition:** Pumpkin carving

**Musical Group:** Sara Bareilles

**Movie:** *Jurassic Park*

**Dream Vacation:** Glacier National Park

**Holiday:** Halloween

**TV Show:** *Schitt's Creek*, *The Golden Girls*

**Subject in School:** Band

**Book:** *Where the Crawdads Sing*



## MORE ABOUT NEIL

**Occupation:** Banking - Assistant Vice President

**Education:** Some college

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Spiritual

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Tacos

**Hobby:** Painting

**Tradition:** Decorating Christmas cookies

**Musical Group:** Muse, Arcade Fire, The Beatles

**Movie:** *Amadeus*

**Dream Vacation:** Fiji

**Holiday:** Christmas

**TV Show:** *Six Feet Under*, *Veep*

**Subject in School:** Art

**Book:** *The Help*

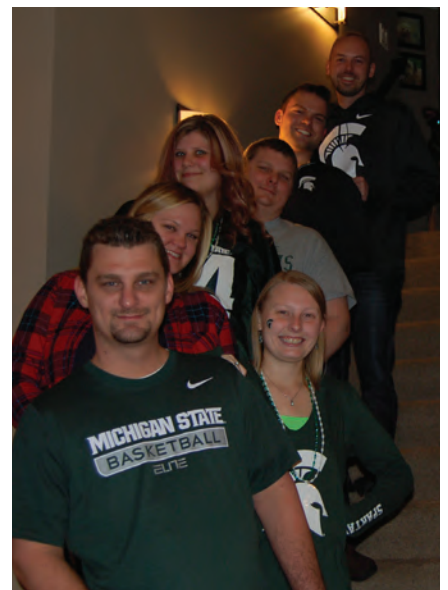


# OUR FAMILIES & TRADITIONS

Our extended family is awesome! And huge! Being from the same metro area, we have been fortunate to have our extended families as part of our daily lives. With many family members living right around the corner, it is not uncommon for us to have a spur-of-the-moment game night, beach party, or movie night. Family is extremely important to us, and we are excited to share our wonderful extended family with your baby. With a big family like ours, it is a guarantee that your little one, should you choose us, will have friends and support for life!

In the summertime, our whole family goes “up north” to the family cottage for a relaxing getaway. Grandpa is usually the one firing up the grill while the rest of the family is swimming and playing in the sand.

Christmas is another big time for us. Our families always make time to get together for presents, Christmas music, and, of course, food. It is not unusual to have 30+ people there to celebrate. It is always a blast to see our siblings’ and cousins’ kids tear open their presents with glee.





## DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

Thank you for considering us as a potential family for your baby. We are so grateful for your courage and selflessness. We are excited to work with you through this journey and to provide the best home for your child, should you bless us with this life-changing gift we cannot provide ourselves.

We look forward to providing your child with the love and guidance necessary so they can live a happy, healthy, and successful life. We promise to provide a safe home full of love for your child to grow and thrive in. We are dedicated to ensuring that your child can explore their individuality. From dance class to art class or from the football field to the tennis court, we will ensure that your child will have the opportunity to explore their creative side and participate in activities that interest them.

We are committed to striving for openness between you and our family and sharing big life moments with you so you can be as proud of your child as we will be.

***Gordon & Neil***