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THERESA + ERIK

growing our family



about us

Three years ago, Erik invited Theresa to a morale event, even though she would have been considered a mortal enemy to an Emergency nurse (Theresa is an Intensive Care Unit nurse). We felt an instant connection that grew to a beautiful friendship with mutual respect for each other's experiences and values. Later, we worked together teaching military medicine, something we are truly passionate about. Our respect and friendship grew into a love like nothing we had experienced before. We not only love each other; we like each other. We are best friends. Erik is a kind, hard-working man with a never-ending sense of loyalty and compassion. Theresa is a passionate, motivated and nurturing person who provides and cares for her patients, peers, and family with every fiber of her being. Our goals are to raise a loving family and give back to the community.



our home & pets

We live in a beautiful town in Ohio. Our home is brand new and in an excellent school district. The area is green, lovely and peaceful. We have five pets: Three dogs and two cats. There is Maisie (or "Big Mama"), our Chocolate Lab, Dante, a black lab, and Charlie, our Shih Tzu. We have a skittish, sweet cat named Knives Chau, and Token, our three-legged cancer survivor, who is a feline willing to take on three coyotes if provoked (We've seen him defend our home!). We treat them as our own children because, to us, they are family. Since the arrival of our baby girl, they have not left her side and stand ready to give tail wags, cuddles, and endless kisses as the situation requires!

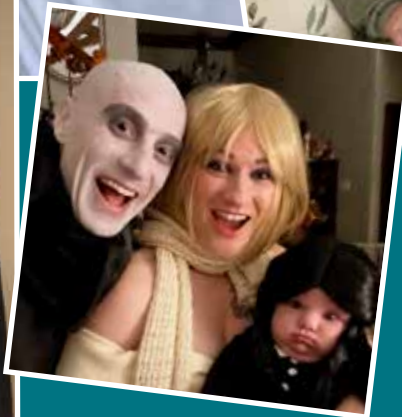


OUR ADOPTION STORY

We are both romantic and poetic at heart. The only thing that we ever really wanted in life was a family. Unfortunately, we had previous spouses who did not value a family as much as we did. When we came together, we knew that what we wanted most was to bring children into this world. However, we may never be able to do that on our own. We decided that we would give what our parents gave to us, a supportive and loving family. We chose to adopt so that we could share those blessings. After Mila arrived, we decided to adopt again so that Mila can have the opportunity to know the joy of being a big sister to a little boy or girl.



OUR LIFE
together



more about...

THERESA

OCCUPATION: Air Force Critical Care Nurse

EDUCATION: Master's in Nursing

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Spiritual

SPORT: Hockey

HOBBY: Hiking, Reading, Gardening

TRADITION: Family Dinner
@ Table Every Night

MUSICAL GROUP: Meatloaf

MOVIE: Gangs of New York

DREAM VACATION: Scotland,
Australia Zoo

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: Letterkenny,
It's Always Sunny

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English,
creative writing

BOOK: The Lioness Quartet



more about...

ERIK

OCCUPATION: Air Force Emergency Nurse

EDUCATION: Working on Doctorate

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Jewish/ Spiritual

SPORT: Football, Hockey, MMA

HOBBY: Hiking, Reading, Piano

TRADITION: Big Dinners/ Group Vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: Journey

MOVIE: Forrest Gump

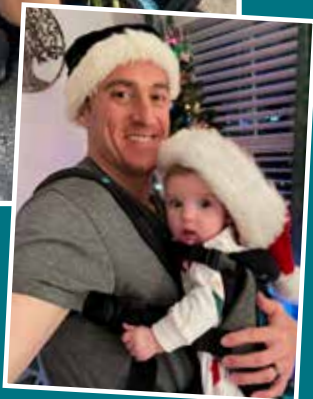
DREAM VACATION: United Kingdom

HOLIDAY: Christmas Season

TV SHOW: The Office, Parks and Rec

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Red Rising Series





OUR FAMILY & traditions



We both have parents who have been married for more than 40 years. Our siblings are all married with children, whom we love very deeply. Erik's family comes from the Ukraine, and Erik is a first generation American. Theresa was born to a military family that moved all over the U.S. and therefore is very close with her parents and siblings.

We both have cousins who are basically siblings to us and are even called aunt and uncle by their children. Though we have been separated often from them by the military, we find ways to see them whenever possible. We love traveling to meet with them and getting together for holidays and special events. No matter how long we are apart, when our families come together, it's like not a day has passed.

Both of our families plan fun activities, celebrations, and reunions whenever possible. We may not have tons of time together, but when we do gather it is always special and creates cherished memories. Our families were beside themselves with joy when we were blessed with Mila, and they are ecstatic about welcoming a little brother or sister into the clan!





DEAR
*expectant
mother*

Thank you. Thank you for your reason, for your bravery, and for your love. We can't begin to imagine how difficult a choice like this must be. You are admired and appreciated. You are willing to place the needs of your baby above everything else. You are brave in a way we may never know. This is the ultimate example of selflessness and love.

While we were unable to have children of our own, we were blessed last year when we adopted our beautiful baby girl, Mila. She has brought new light, love and joy into our lives, and that is because of the selflessness of a birth mother to whom we will always be grateful.

We have excellent careers, a supportive family and each other. We believe in loyalty, perseverance, compassion and finding joy in every single day.

If chosen, your little one will receive the finest education, pursue any hobby that interests them and experience the overwhelming love of our entire family, to include the support of a big sister who is also adopted! They will be taught the joys of nature as well as learn to appreciate and care for all kinds of animals. They will experience different lands and realize the beauty of diversity. They will be empowered to become the very best version of themselves. They will be encouraged, supported, and nurtured beyond comparison.

Your child will know that they are with us because of how courageous and caring you were. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

With Love,

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