



When we got together seven years ago, we knew within the first few dates that it was meant to be! A huge part of that was knowing that we both wanted children, and we both wanted to build our family through adoption.

WHO WE ARE

We are a married couple who both come from big families. Jeff is 1 of 5 kids from a blended family, and Rawn has two siblings that were adopted by his father. There are many aunts and uncles who are excited for new family members, including a cousin or two that can't wait for a new playmate! Family is a huge priority in our lives and our support network of our family and close friends who have children is fantastic. We both value time spent with family for holidays, vacations, and as many dinners as possible! With some extended family right in our city, we take the time to ensure that we all see each other often. Then there are the relatives all over the world; from the Maritimes to Texas, and from Australia to Ireland, our family goes out of their way to travel as far and often as possible to spend that quality time together.

We currently live in Vancouver in a vibrant community with parks, schools, shops and unique restaurants that instill a small town feeling whenever we're out and about. We both lead very active



lifestyles that include hiking any trail we can find, cycling all across the city, snowboarding the local mountains, camping in the forest, and going for a run whenever the sun pokes through the clouds. We are excited to instill the love of the outdoors in whoever joins our adventurous family, and we are glad that this city offers the natural amenities that we will look for in a rural town.

Jeff is a teacher who works at an inner-city elementary school. He has a long history of interacting with children and youth. From being a camp counselor as a teenager to working at a youth homeless shelter for six years, Jeff has the patience, empathy and knowledge that would make him an ideal parent.

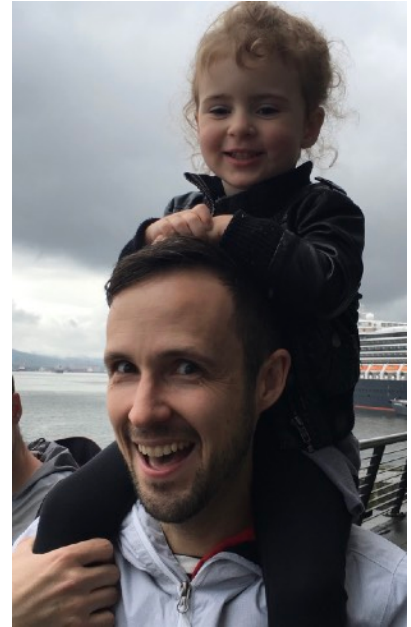
From playing with cars on the floor with energetic toddlers to having a heart-to-heart with a troubled teenager, Jeff has the ability to tailor his loud and loving personality to any situation that lets him get on the level he needs to be. His excitement for being a dad is palpable, and that is evident when he spends time with any of the children in our close network of friends and family.

Rawn is a sales rep for an ophthalmic medical equipment company who was trained in pediatric orthoptics (eye clinic) at the BC Children's Hospital. Though that is his current career path, in his youth Rawn was trained chef and loves to cook!



for our close friends and family gives Rawn a sense of joy and comfort that is apparent given the amazing food he prepares from scratch on a daily basis. Rawn has plans to make his own baby food, and wants to raise our children with their own love of

spending time together as a family making meals. When we get together with anyone of our friends or family members with kids, Rawn is the first one to roll up his sleeves and get in the thick of it! Rawn especially loves being part of the bedtime routine by snuggling up with the kids and a few books to spend that important quiet quality time with them. Rawn is excited to welcome a new member into our family, and he will be the most caring, committed and thoughtful parent that a child could hope for.



OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU

As we are both from 'modern' families, we know that you will be a piece of our grand tapestry. We want our child to know who you are and to know that without you we would not be a family. We want you to be a special part of our family, and we want to find a balanced relationship that will make you, us, and the child feel as comfortable as possible. We want to adopt because this is our ideal method of building our family. We are both happy, funny and confident people who know a house with two dads is going to be a house filled with love and adventure! We waited to make sure that we were ready, and we're excited about the new journey that this child will take us on.

