



Olivier & Dimitri

Hello. It's nice to meet you. Thank you for having chosen to read our profile. We're Olivier and Dimitri, and we hope you'll like what you'll read. We wish we could have this conversation in person, but for now, we're happy to be able to share a little bit of our life story with you.



We met in beautiful Switzerland, almost 10 years ago, in a small town where we both lived for most of our lives. Very early on in our relationship, there were two things we talked about: our desire to find a place in the world that would become our home, and the strong desire to have children. When we set foot in Vancouver several years ago, we knew that was the place where we wanted to dig our family roots. We made new friends, became permanent residents of Canada, moved to a large and comfortable home, and both found good and permanent teaching positions in excellent schools, and we truly love our lives here.

We cannot believe our luck and our excitement that you have decided to read this letter. Since we only have two pages to describe what our life looks like and what our values are when it comes to raising a child, we wanted to focus on words that we think define us well.

Happy and Kind

When spending time with family, friends, colleagues or students, we strongly value trust and respect. We always like to look at the bright side of life, and have built around us a network of like-minded people. When surrounded with kind and optimistic people, you can't help but feel happy yourself. We are inspired by our loving and supportive families, especially with our nephew, 5 nieces, and goddaughters. Probably thanks to his values, Olivier has developed a caring bond with his first goddaughter, who was adopted herself, and who is now a brave and confident young woman.



"We would raise our child in a bilingual French and English home, benefiting from both Canadian and Swiss citizenship."

Curious and open-minded



The world is an amazing place, and keeping our eyes open to the extraordinary is what drives us everyday. We are fortunate to speak multiple languages, and this has opened many doors for us and allowed us to meet unique people.

We love music and books, and in our home, both are hard to miss. Dimitri can't fall asleep until he has read at least a few pages; he can't wait to start reading bedtime stories to our child. Whether it is when Olivier is playing the piano, when Dimitri is cooking his favourite recipes, or when we are both enjoying a night at the theatre, we always find a way to satisfy our curiosity.

We would like our children to share this love for inquiry, and we'll make sure that they are comfortable to talk to us about absolutely everything, feeling supported and loved.

Active and Sociable

How lucky are we to live in a place like Vancouver? We are very excited at the idea of exploring the province with our child, telling them campfire stories, and learning the names of stars together. Being in the outdoors is wonderful, and it is even more meaningful when



you get to share those moments with friends and family. Many of our best friends have young children, and since

they visit us often, we've made sure that our home and patio are safe places for them to play. As we are both teachers, we are incredibly lucky to have long breaks in the summer, in winter and in the spring. This gives us many opportunities to travel and to spend valuable time with our family and our child.



“As teachers, uncles and godfathers, we recognize that forming strong and lasting bonds is essential for the development and happiness of every child. There can't be too many people who love a child, and we hope that you'll be part of their life as well”

Openness

All personal stories we have heard or experienced ourselves have convinced us that an open adoption is the most beneficial kind for the child. We believe that children benefit greatly from keeping in touch with their birth mom, and possibly their extended family. We look forward to working together to create a plan that is comfortable for you, which, we hope, includes visits a few times a year and regular contact via email or text. No matter the kind of openness you prefer, we will make sure that your child knows where they came from and that they are loved.



Thanks again for taking the time to read our letter. We sincerely hope that you liked what you read, and we would be thrilled to get to know each other. We appreciate how difficult this time must be for you. Be assured that if you choose our home, raising and loving your child will immediately become the most important thing in our lives. We know that there are great prospective parents (we've met many of them), so whatever decision you make, we are certain it will be the right one for you and your child.

Dimitri & Olivier

