



Emanuel

Yvonne

Job Description:

School Technology Specialist

Human Resources

Education:

B.S. Degree in Business Administration and Marketing

B.S. Degree in Business
J.D. in Law

Favorites:

Hobby

Cars

Hobby

Working Out / Reading

Movie

Harry Potter Series

Movie

You've Got Mail

Quality About Spouse

Her Passion

Quality About Spouse

His Sense of Family

Subject in School

Art

Subject in School

Math

Dessert

Anything chocolate

Dessert

Cheesecake

Children:

None

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What Led Us to Adoption

We knew from the time that we met that we wanted a family. We both came from loving families and watched the love our nieces and nephews brought to their families and us...as well as the love we were able to give to them. When we bought our home, we bought it knowing that we wanted to start a family. We tried to have a family for over a year, but then realized we were not going to be able to have biological children. Once we looked into adoption it felt so right to the both of us. Now we wouldn't have it any other way. We've learned so much over the last couple of months; we can't wait to open our home to your child.

Our Lifestyle

We tend to live quite an active lifestyle. We both have very good and fulfilling careers. We are active in our church and community. We like to spend time with family and friends and tend to entertain quite often. We love to hike or watch the Buckeyes play football in the fall. We like to snow ski, read or listen to music by the fireplace and play board games in the winter. We ride our bikes or walk around our neighborhood in the spring. In the summer we play lots of tennis and love to host BBQs. This past Christmas we got a Wii & Wii Fit and have had Wii get-togethers with family and friends. And of course we love to spoil our Chihuahua. We like to cook dinner together as much as possible. We usually sit down on Sundays and try to plan our dinners for the week. We both workout and try going to the gym together at least a couple of times a week. When that doesn't work we exercise in our home gym or ride our bikes when the weather is sunny and warm. We would love to share our lifestyle with your child.

Our House and Neighborhood



We actually picked our neighborhood first because it seemed warm and inviting and there were a lot of children playing outside. We also knew that the school system was excellent with schools within a mile of our home. Our first day at the house we had the neighbor kids playing football in our back yard. On Halloween we were "The House-To-Go-To", from decorations to dressing up, we had over 250 kids come to our house.



Our Home

Our house is very open and bright inside. It is traditional, but we've furnished it with warm, comfortable and modern furniture. There are four bedrooms; one is a nursery ready and waiting for a child with the adjoining bathroom painted with characters from The Little Mermaid. There is a cool home theater in the basement that'll be great for watching Disney, Pixar & Dreamworks' movies. And we can even play iTunes throughout the house.

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Backyard

There is a great fireplace for cold winter days. And we have a huge wooden swing set with slide and lookout in our back yard. Our back yard is great to run around, play ball, pitch a tent, or put up a hammock to just lounge around. We have just the right amount of trees in our back yard for having fun raking leaves in the fall. There is a great bike/walking path in our neighborhood that is fun to use. We are also very lucky to have great neighbors who are waiting for our new addition to our family almost as much as we are, and have offered us anything we might need when the baby arrives.

Our Extended Families

Yvonne's Extended Family:

My cultural heritage is Greek. If you ever saw My Big Fat Greek Wedding - it is like almost any culture that has a large extended family. My parents were born and raised outside of the United States. My father went to University to become a doctor. Once he graduated, he married my mom and they moved to the United States. My dad often tells the story of coming to the States with only \$5.00 - he seems to leave out the part about already having landed a job in the States. Once settled they quickly started a family. I have a brother and a sister. My brother has two children and my sister has three so all together there are twelve of us. We all love spending time together. Last summer my dad even took all of us on a Caribbean Cruise. We are looking forward to doing it again...hopefully a Mediterranean Cruise next time. We discussed our adoption plans with my family and they are all so very supportive, excited and are ready to spoil this child.

Emanuel's Extended Family:

I'm also Greek-American and have a pretty large extended family - lot's of aunts, uncles and cousins. I have family in the East Coast and Midwest, and my god-brothers and god-sisters live out on the West Coast. Our families have known each other for three generations now. Just like Yvonne's dad, my dad came to this country with \$1.25 and made a go of it. His uncle helped him get his start. He worked in his uncle's bakery and dry cleaning businesses until he opened his own restaurant and later his own construction business. My mom has unfortunately passed away. But it brought me, my brother and sister closer together. It made my family discover and make new traditions. I guess you can say that family is really important to Yvonne and me, without a doubt, your child will be a part of Our Big Fat Happy Greek Families.



Yvonne's Family



Emanuel's Family on Halloween

Our Pet Is Important in Our Lives



Our Precious Pet

Our Chihuahua came into Yvonne's life unexpectedly when she was just two months old. Yvonne had never had a pet before and wasn't looking for a pet, but when she saw her she fell in love instantly. Yvonne carried her in a beach bag for two days! Emanuel had a dog growing up - a Collie/Shepherd mix. He always wanted a dog when he was on his own but never found one. Then when Emanuel came into Yvonne's life, he not only found a great lady but a cute little woofier too. The rest is history. To this day...although our Chihuahua loves her mom, Yvonne...she is really infatuated with Emanuel. She has brought so much joy and humor to our lives as we know she will to your child. The two words everyone uses to describe her are "cute" and "sweet". She loves her "cousins" and all of the neighborhood children. Everyone is always wanting to play with her including our neighbors' woofers. She is eagerly awaiting along with us.



Honeymoon in Hawaii



Carriage Ride in Central Park

Emanuel & Yvonne



Riding Bikes Down a Volcano



Rock Climbing



Emanuel with Nieces & Nephews



Hanging Out with Our Godchildren

Dear Birthparent(s),

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Our names are Emanuel and Yvonne. We got married a few years ago and are ready to begin our family and share our lives with a child. When we realized we weren't able to have our own biological children, it felt so right once we decided to adopt. Ideally we'd like to adopt two children thereby providing the lifelong love and support of a sibling. Our decision to adopt was reinforced by the support we've received from our family and friends. Our nieces and nephews are so excited to welcome a child into our family, and grandparents are ready to spoil!

We both come from a culture embedded with family traditions - where family comes first and foremost. We plan to raise this child in a Christian home full of love and respect. We both currently work and have both already told our employers of our adoption - they are very supportive. Yvonne's hours are extremely flexible and Emanuel works in schools so he gets out at 3pm with the kids. Although we haven't decided yet we are financially comfortable enough for one of us to stay home.

When we chose our neighborhood we looked for two things, (1) a neighborhood where we visibly saw children playing, and (2) top rated school system. We moved into a beautiful four bedroom home that already has a nursery ready for a baby, a big swing set in the backyard ready for playing and a movie theater ready for movie watching or video gaming. We are an active couple that also enjoys downtime. We can't wait to share our life with your child, whether it is learning to read and write, or just having fun.

We believe in open adoption and plan on sharing the child's adoption story in years to come. Although we feel it is important to tell the child all we can about his/her adoption and hope to stay in communication with you with letters and pictures, we'll respect your decision on this point. Regardless, your child will always know about you and the love and courage you showed in your adoption plan.

We thank you again for taking the time to get to know us a little better. We hope that we have given you the information you need to make this very important decision. We pray that you have peace in your decision and although we hope that you choose us, if you don't, we wish only the best for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Emanuel and Yvonne

