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Frank

Susan

Job Description:

IT Program Manager for a Fortune 17 Company

Owns and Manages a Small Town Restaurant

Education:

Bachelor's Degree

Three Years of College

Favorites:

Hobby
Golf

Hobby
Crafts

Thing to Cook
Homemade Spaghetti Sauce

Thing to Cook
Enchiladas

Quality About Spouse
She's Very Loving

Quality About Spouse
He's a Great Protector

T.V. Show
NCIS

T.V. Show
Biggest Loser

Magazine
Family Handyman

Magazine
Cosmo

Children:
None

Family Traditions

Family traditions are very important to us. We pride ourselves on making sure we find time to uphold our traditions each year. Since we have been together we have established many traditions in our small family. We can't wait to share them with our children and create new traditions with them. Some of our traditions include a trip to Gatlinburg where we hike and look at all of the beautiful fall leaves, baking Italian cookies for family and friends at Christmas, going to many local festivals in the summer and an annual family trip to my sisters' house in the Virgin Islands.

I would say one of our favorite traditions is also one of the simplest; picking apples on Labor Day. The first year we did this we were out for a drive just enjoying the last of the beautiful summer days. We then stumbled upon an apple orchard in the middle of the country. It looked so cute and inviting so we decided to stop and check it out. We ended up having so much fun wondering through the apple orchard. We picked apples and goofed around while watching other families pick apples and enjoying the sun. We knew right away that this would be a tradition that we carried on each year. Last year we decided to pick a few extra to give to family and friends. This didn't work out so well for us. By the time we were done giving them away there were not many left for us to freeze or make apple sauce. Next year we know better; pick double the amount!

Our Restaurant (by Susan)

For the last eight years we have owned a small mom and pop type of restaurant. The restaurant was started by my grandparents about 60 years ago and the restaurant has been owned and managed by family every since. As the years have passed by, almost all of the extended family have worked there at one time or another.

About eight years ago my Aunt and Uncle were retiring and selling the restaurant. At that time no other family members were in a position to purchase the restaurant. We couldn't let it be sold out of the family so I quit my job and bought the restaurant. I have managed the place every since and love carrying on the family business. The restaurant has always been a family affair and it is a tradition we definitely want to carry on.

I can remember as a child when my grandparents still owned the place, they had a table in the back for us to play and color when they got busy. When they were slow we were allowed to come to the kitchen area and learn to make our own ice cream cones. If we needed money for video games they would pay us a dollar to take out the trash or clean the tables. It was so neat being able to spend the day with my family while they were at work and learning the value of a dollar while also passing down family traditions. My 12 year old niece has spent much time at the restaurant. All of my employees love having her there. She thinks she is cool acting like she runs the place; this is quite amusing. I cannot wait to share our restaurant with our children and hopefully one day one of them will want to carry on the family business.

Our House & Neighborhood



We recently moved back to Susan's hometown to be closer to family and friends. It's a beautiful country location a couple miles outside the small town and is only a few miles from our restaurant. Our home has an open floor plan that is perfect for big gatherings with family and friends. We love to have our family over for the holidays and we are excited to have a big home where everyone can come and spend a few days with us. There are four bedrooms so there is plenty of room for Grandma and Grandpa to stay with us when they come to visit. We already have a room picked out for the nursery and have begun to decorate and get ready for our new arrival. The nursery will be right next to our room so we can be close to the baby.



Our Home

Our House & Neighborhood, (continued)

The house is on a big lot so there is plenty of room for a swing set or club house as the need arises. The back yard has a fenced in area to keep our kids and dogs safe while exploring the outdoors. Even though the house is in the country it still has other homes surrounding it where you can hear the kids laughing as they play outside daily.

Many of the friends and family that Susan grew up with still live in the small town so there was no question that it would be the perfect place to raise our own kids. It will be awesome to have such a wonderful support structure already in place as our child grows. The school district is still small so the classes receive lots of one on one attention and it's typical for many of the kids to graduate with the same kids they went to kindergarten with.

Even though we live in a small town we are still only about a half hour from Columbus where we love to go to the Zoo, Festivals, hockey games and shopping at either Easton or Polaris malls.

Our Extended Families

Susan (by Frank): Susan is the youngest of three children, one brother and one sister. Susan's brother and his daughter Hailea live just a few miles from our home and we see them regularly. Hailea is the only child on Susan's side so she gets a lot of our attention; she spends the night with us frequently. We love to take her to the movies or sometimes we just hang out at home baking cookies or playing video games.

Susan's sister has two homes one home about fifteen minutes from ours and the other in the Virgin Islands. She lives in both homes and is lucky enough to have a job where she can travel back and forth many times a year. We are very close to her and see her often and love to visit when she is at her island home. When we got married we were fortunate enough to have both our families together on the island and it was so much fun snorkeling and enjoying the beach together.

Susan's parents were married 35 years when her father passed away 15 years ago. After her father's death her mother remarried and currently resides in Yuma, Arizona. She comes to Ohio to visit and spends most holidays with the family and of course we love going to visit her in the sunshine as it's a good break from the winter Ohio blues.



Susan's Family

Susan grew up in a large Catholic family with lots of aunts and uncles and over thirty cousins. The majority of the family all lived in same town and holidays and summers were filled with tons of family gatherings, canoeing, cookouts and family reunions. Much of Susan's extended family still lives very close and they still get together often for special events and celebrations.

Frank (by Susan): Frank has the typical Italian family. He only has one sister; however, he has a large extended family with lots of aunts, uncles and cousins. Family gatherings are always larger than life and filled with lots of wonderful Italian food and tons of storytelling and laughter. I remember the first time I went to Frank's parents for Easter dinner, never meeting any of his extended family before I didn't know what to expect. Everyone greeted me with a big bear hug and a kiss on the cheek and made me feel like I belonged right away. It was such a great time and they were all so nice, I felt so lucky to be a part of their day.

Franks' sister lives with her family (husband and two daughters, 6 & 8) in Wisconsin. Even though they live in another state we still talk to them regularly and make it a point to see them a few times a year. Last year we were lucky enough to have the girls come and stay with us for a week in our home. We had lots of fun and have decided to make it a tradition each summer. The kids grow and change so fast and it is nice to have one on one time with them since we don't get to see them as often as we would like.

Franks parents have been married for 40 years and recently were both lucky enough to retire. While they live a couple hours away from us being retired gives them the freedom to visit often and we are fortunate enough to have a big home so when they visit they normally stay with us for a few days.



Family Gathering

Our Pets



Susan with Our Nieces and Dogs

We have three dogs, two 70 pound golden retrievers and a little 15 pound shih tzu. The two goldens are gentle giants. They are both so loving and easy going. They both get along so well with new people that we often joke if someone broke in the house they would show them where the valuables were and then happily leave to go for a ride with them. Our little shih tzu (Sophie) has a princess complex. She is so spoiled she thinks she is human and must not only sleep in bed with us at night but also be under the blanket and get a pillow of her own.

When our niece comes to visit, the dogs follow her around like she is the queen. They get so excited when she comes in the door they practically knock her over. When she spends the night we clearly move to the second tier because they all want to sleep with her instead of us. We can't wait to introduce them to our new baby, they will definitely be excited to have a playmate we are sure they will appreciate all the food that they will get to clean off the floor.



Zip Lining at Hocking Hills



Canfield Fair



Our Wedding Day

Frank & Susan



Trip to Gatlinburg



Relaxing in St. Croix



Frank and Niece, Lexi

Dear Birthparent(s),

As we put this letter together we find it hard to express the right words for the decision you are faced with making. You must be going through a very tough time and are about to make one of the hardest decisions a person can be faced with making. We embrace you for the courage you have, to even be considering this incredibly unselfish decision; a decision that shows true love for the child you have created. Hopefully by reading our profile it will give you comfort knowing how greatly we want to add a child to our family. We promise to love an adopted child as our own blood and will commit ourselves 100% to creating great memories, love and laughter while teaching morals, manners and respect for others.

We love kids and there was never a question that children would be a part of our future together. We knew prior to getting married that biological children might not be an option for us but we knew whether we adopted or gave birth to our child we could be able to love him/her just the same.

We both have large extended families and love to spend as much time as we can with them. Our nieces are a huge part of our life and we include them in as much of our life as we can. We are so excited to give our family another child to love. Our family is so supportive of our decision to adopt and they can hardly wait for us to bring a baby home. We have been buying baby stuff and getting our nursery ready and this has made our families anticipation even greater.

Our favorite season is the fall. We love bonfires, picking apples, carving pumpkins, taking walks to look at the leaves and dressing up for Halloween. We are so excited to share all of these things with our children. We promise to be hands on parents and include our kids in as many aspects of our life as possible.

We have been lucky enough to be blessed in so many ways we hope we will soon be blessed with a child to help make our house a home. While neither of us are perfect we promise we will always try our best to provide a stable home filled with lots of love and security for a child. The child will have lots of extended family and friends to give extra love and grandma and grandpa will do their part to spoil them.

If your child is placed with us, we can promise to include them in all aspects of our life. Your child will have everything they need and get to travel and see the world, but most importantly, your child will be involved in all our life offers. The child will be taught the importance of education and hard work but will also learn love is way more important than money. They will learn that it is important not to judge others and that the best gift is one given not one gotten.

Should you select us we promise to send letters and pictures and always keep you updated on the big events of life. Our child will grow up knowing they were adopted and they will know they were given up because someone loved them enough to give them the best life possible.

Thank you for taking time to consider us. We understand that while this is a very exciting time for us it is a very difficult time for you, please know that we support you and realize you must make the best decision for yourself and your child.

Bless you,

Frank & Susan

