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**Malcolm**

**Lara**

**Job Description:**

Banking -  
Senior Loan Underwriter

Radiation Therapist-  
Clinical Applications &  
Support Specialist

**Education:**

B.A. – Finance &  
Accounting

B.S. – Molecular Biology  
and Genetics, B.S.R.T. (T) –  
Radiation Sciences

**Favorites:**

**Memory with Spouse**  
Honeymoon: Mediterranean Cruise

**Memory with Spouse**  
Our 1st Date

**T.V. Show**  
Modern Family

**T.V. Show**  
Grey's Anatomy

**Ice Cream**  
Chocolate with Peanut Butter

**Ice Cream**  
Moose Tracks

**Disney Movie**  
Finding Nemo

**Disney Movie**  
Cinderella

**Form of Exercise/Hobby**  
Running

**Form of Exercise/Hobby**  
Figure Skating and Swimming

**Children:**  
None

**What Takes Priority in Our Lives**

Taking time to work on our marriage and spending time with our family & friends takes top priority in our lives. Over the years we've been together we have juggled a job where Lara travelled for 2-4 days a week and sometimes opposite schedules so we've always made it a point to have 1 – 2 date nights a week and 1 lazy morning to read the paper and have a big breakfast together.

We've always connected regularly no matter how busy we are and to connect with our families often. We both enjoy being active and doing activities as well as working on our home. A big part of our home is our cats and ensuring they are well taken care of whether its fresh tuna in the evening with some play time or keeping an eye on them as they play in the yard. We seem to always have something on the go.

**What Led Us To Adoption**

As infertility was a known possibility when we got married adoption was an option we always discussed. Our families have always supported the idea without hesitation. We are very ready to have a family in every way and began the infertility process in the past 6 months more seriously and were recently told it would now be unsafe for Lara to carry a pregnancy at all which was disappointing. With insight given from friends over the years and when recently faced with certain infertility we turned towards adoption to hopefully fill our home. A work colleague who adopted through Adoption by Gentle Care and a close neighbor gave us information that helped us get started in the process. We also feel that is also a great gift to be able to give a child such opportunities they might otherwise not have.

**What We Will Tell Your Child About Their Adoption**

We plan on being very open about an adoption plan and intend to shine a positive honest light around all aspects of it. We hope to have the ability to answer any questions that he/she may have in an age appropriate manner. We will also seek any resources necessary to help in this as they grow. It would be ideal to have a lot of the answers regarding the birth family come in large part from them directly in terms of a letter or in person be it via phone or occasional visits, along with positive reinforcement from us. This gives everyone a chance to say and ask all that is needed for peace of mind and understanding.

**Our House & Neighborhood**



We live in a wonderful neighborhood in a northern suburb of Columbus. Our community has a perfect combination of winter and summer with beautiful changes in seasons to enjoy all sorts of activities from figure skating, running and walking in parks near our house to swimming and football games. Our school district is rated excellent with distinction by the Ohio's Dept. of Education with many enriching program opportunities.



**Our Home**

## House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Springtime Flowers Around Our Home

We love to take care of flowers around our house from tulips in the spring to mums in the fall, but our favorite are beautiful tall rose bushes that bloom from May to November. We have so much fun decorating for fall holidays and Christmas. We could not ask for better neighbors/friends. We often have weekly cookouts with 8 families where we rotate houses each week in the summer months.

The kids cannot wait until we have children for them to play and help with. If something is really wrong you can count on someone within a few doors to have whatever is needed taken care of before you have a chance to ask for help whether it's looking after kids, pets or house.

## Our Extended Families

Malcolm was born and raised in Columbus and Lara was born and raised in Ontario, Canada living in Columbus for over 5 years now. We visit Canada 3 – 4 times per year with family visiting in between. Our extended families are both close and far away, but only a video chat or phone call away. Malcolm's family close by is a part of lives each weekend when we have lunch and wonderful gatherings on birthdays and holidays. Lara's family is on the phone daily.

**Lara** is the younger of two children. Lara's father is a retired school teacher and mother is an Administrative Assistant for a Cardiologist. Lara's older brother who lives on the West Coast in Canada near Vancouver is a school teacher and is married to a Dental Hygienist with two young boys Noah and Luke. We often have video chats and with new video chat on our phones it's even easier to talk and be a part of their growing up. We look forward to the regular video clips from skating, swimming, and baseball games.

**Malcolm** is the third child with 3 sisters. His mother and two sisters live close by in Columbus and we see them regularly. His third sister, Nicole lives in Hawaii with her husband and two boys, TJ and Quincy. We have one niece, Gabrielle, who is currently in graduate school for Art Therapy. Malcolm's mother lives alone, but one of us is over almost daily visiting as his father passed away over 10 years ago.



Malcolm's Family at Our Wedding



Our Wedding with Relatives

## Our Wonderful Pets



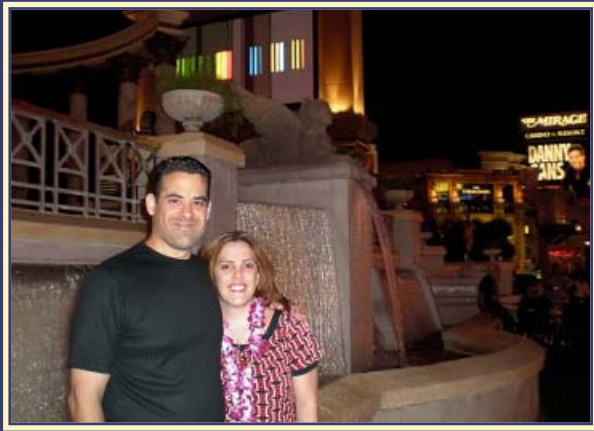
### Our Cats:

Ginger,  
Granola  
Rocky &  
Romeo



We have two calico girl cats, named Granola & Ginger, who are 5 and 7 years old. Lara adopted Granola as a baby kitten about 6 months before meeting Malcolm but she didn't truly come alive until "Daddy" introduced her to her toys and his "play time". It was truly love at first sight for both of them. She is the neighborhood cat who kids look for as she plays outside. She runs right over when called and rolls around for people she knows. Her favorite time is "water patrol" when she drinks out of a dripping sink tap each morning as soon as we get up or when she comes in from being outside. Ginger was a very affectionate stray that was showing up on our back porch for food daily one summer. We took her in when the weather changed and she was obviously alone. She loves to watch football games with Malcolm and goes crazy playing in tissue paper.

Finally this past summer we decided a kitten would be a nice addition and we ended up adopting two little boys who definitely were a package deal. They are the life of our home now as they stir up everything they can. They are best buddies who love and play together all the time. We named them Rocky (as he growls when you try to take his toy away) and Romeo (a true sweetheart who can't get enough snuggles and affection). We both firmly believe that caring for animals has so many benefits for children from unconditional love to lessons on responsibility and respect.



Las Vegas



Birthday Weekend in Chicago



Santorini, Greece

# Malcolm & Lara



The Grand Canyon



OSU vs. Michigan Football Game



Niagara Falls with Lara's Parents



Family Brunch After Our Wedding -  
With Our Nephews, The Ring Bearers

## Dear Birthparent(s),

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We understand that this is a time full of difficult decisions and we have often discussed what you must be experiencing. To be considering such an act of selfless love for a child shows a great deal about a person's character and we are committed to making the process as comfortable as possible for all involved. We are very happy to send a letter and photo/video's often and have high hopes for an occasional get together so you can be reassured and the child can know your thoughts were with them. We plan on always being fully open with a child telling them their story with help from you whether it is a letter or in person.

As a couple who have been together for almost 5 years now, we have always known that we were faced with infertility issues and adoption was a strong possibility. When we got married we could not wait to start a family and are fully ready to begin this journey. Our loving families have been strong assets of encouragement, support and guidance for us and will help with every step along the way. We have fantastic friends and neighbors who are wonderful parents who will be a great influence.

Lara works at a children's hospital doing clinical applications support and Malcolm works in banking services. We have varying and adjustable schedules as needed. Lara plans on spending a great deal of time home and our work hours will allow ones of us to be home at most times. Through all of this we are committed to maintaining a very strong and close marriage as best friends and partners. Throughout our relationship we have always made remaining close a high priority and adjusted things to do so. We would often meet for lunch or dinner with different work hours so we could see each other or by always getting up early to makes sure we have breakfast together.

We enjoy travelling a great deal and can't wait to show a child the world from weekend trips to long vacations. Growing up we were both involved in many extracurricular activities. We feel that it is an important part of a child's development along with steady involvement in the community be it soccer, music or church to allow them to find what their passions are so they can pursue them with success.

We are college educated professionals whom value a well-rounded education which is an important part of raising a child. We plan on exposing them to other languages and cultures as much as possible.

Your child will be a part of everything we do and a factor in each decision we make to ensure they are always happy and secure. We would love to meet you and are thrilled for you to be considering us. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a bit and we look forward to taking this journey together.

## Malcolm and Lara

