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Michael

Kara

Job Description:

Construction Superintendent | Human Resources Specializing in Executive Compensation

Education:

Studied Business Management in College

BA in Psychology and Graduate Coursework

Favorites:

Hobby
Golf

Hobby
Running

Tradition

Christmas Eve at My Aunts

Tradition

Hosting Thanksgiving Dinner

Classic Movie
The Godfather

Classic Movie
It's a Wonderful Life

Children's Toy
Baseball Glove and Bat

Children's Toy
Fisher Price Camper

Shopping Store
Nordstroms

Shopping Store
Crate and Barrel

Children:
None

Qualities We Admire and Respect In Each Other

Kara about Michael: I knew very early in our relationship that Michael was the love of my life. He is very easy to talk to and is a good listener. He is supportive, sincere, sensitive, loyal, fun, funny, and kind-hearted. He empowers and inspires me and makes me feel loved and appreciated. I respect Michael's dedication to his family and friends. He is very close to his family and speaks to his parents and brothers almost every day. In addition, Michael has had the same group of best friends since his early teenage years and they still see each other regularly. I admire their loyalty to one another. I also admire Michael's work-ethic. He is hard working and takes pride in his job. I also love that Michael makes me laugh at least once each day. It's usually because he makes up a word or deliberately mispronounces something, just to make me laugh. Finally, I love that he loves to cuddle as much as I do. We're both very affectionate and this child will not lack hugs and affection.

Michael about Kara: I love that she loves me! I always wanted someone to love me as much as I love her and Kara fulfills that every day. I love that she gave me a chance to love her, become her best friend, and share my life with her. She is my beautiful princess, which is why I call her "P." I know without Kara in my life, I would be the same person, but I would not be the same quality of person. I admire how successful she is in her career. She is so humble about it that I don't think she even realizes how much she has accomplished. She deserves everything that she has achieved. Kara's work ethic is amazing and she goes above and beyond and I know she'll apply that same work ethic to being a mom. I respect the fact that Kara is not afraid to challenge herself to achieve what she wants out of life. She's her own person and is kind and respectful to everyone. Kara sees people as people. She doesn't judge or categorize anyone.

What We Look Forward to Sharing with a Child

We look forward to playing our favorite childhood games, such as Chutes and Ladders, Candy Land, and Hungry Hungry Hippos. We also look forward to reading stories, poems and nursery rhymes. We love animals and will take this child to the zoo as often as he or she would like to go. We are excited to play in the sandbox, dig in the dirt, play catch, and jump in puddles with this child. We look forward to playing with play-doh, coloring and finger painting. We look forward to teaching this child how to ride a bike, hit a ball, tie his or her shoes, drive a car, and eventually to become a well-rounded adult. We are very excited to establish our own holiday traditions like decorating the Christmas tree, coloring Easter eggs and watching fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Our House & Neighborhood

OHIO

We live in Ohio in a neighborhood that has approximately 30 homes and is within walking distance of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Our home is a four-bedroom, colonial style house with an open floor plan. Our backyard has a deck and patio and lots of space for a child to play. Being so close to the park, we often see deer in our backyard in the morning and at sunset. In addition to the Park, we're also within walking distance of "hike and bike" trails. We love riding our bikes, taking walks, and running on the trails when the weather is nice. We live close to great hills for sledding and skiing in the winter. In addition to being close to the Park, we're also within 10 minutes of shopping centers, restaurants and major highways.



Our Home

House & Neighborhood, (continued)



The Back of Our House

Many of the families in our neighborhood have young children. We have several neighborhood parties throughout the year. At Halloween, there is a party for the kids, in addition to a trick-or-treat night. We also have a Block Party in the summer and it's a tradition for the kids to decorate their bikes and have a bike parade. The local fire department also brings its engine so that the kids can sit in it, honk the horn, sound the sirens and learn about safety. In the spring, we have a Progressive Dinner and go from house to house eating appetizers, then a main course, and then dessert.

Our Extended Families

Kara: My parents have been married for 45 years and live approximately 20 minutes away. I have a sister who is married with three school-aged children (two boys and a girl) and they also live about 20 minutes away. I am also very close to my aunt, who lives 15 minutes away.

Michael and I enjoy attending our nephews' and niece's baseball and basketball games and taking them to the zoo. We also enjoy sharing meals as a family, celebrating birthdays and holidays together, and going out to dinner. We also look forward to our family trips to Disney World. The ten of us usually go every other year and spend a week visiting the Theme Parks, playing golf, swimming, and relaxing together.

Michael and I also attend most of the Cleveland Browns' home games with my dad. We're all waiting for the day that the Browns will be good again!

I also have a large extended family (great aunts, great uncles and cousins) that has reunions throughout the year. We get together on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and around Christmas time. The picnic over Labor Day weekend has been a long-standing family tradition for many generations. It has been on the same day, in the same location for over 50 years. There are usually around 100 or more family members that attend. We eat, catch up with the relatives we haven't seen for a while, eat more, play silly games like an egg toss, and have a prize raffle.



Kara's Family



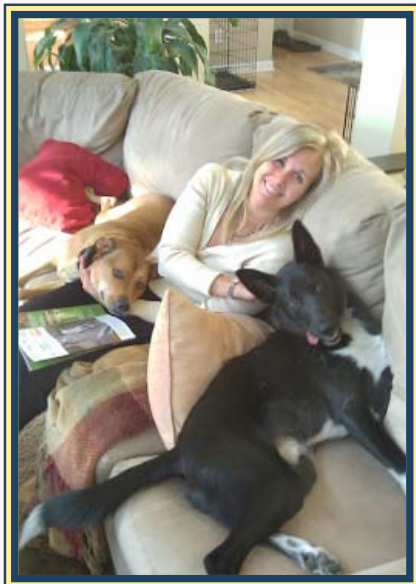
With Michael's Family Celebrating His Mom's Birthday

Michael: I come from a traditional Italian family. My parents have been married for 50 years. They live around 15 minutes away from us. I also have three brothers (two are older and one is younger) and they each live within 15 minutes of us. Two of my brothers are married. My youngest brother and his wife have a son who is a toddler and one of my older brothers has a twenty-one year old daughter.

I talk to my mother almost every day. I also usually talk to my brothers several times during the week. Kara and I enjoy hanging out with my oldest brother on weekends. When the weather is nice, I enjoy playing golf with my dad and brothers. I am very lucky to still have my grandmother (on my mother's side) in my life. She's 95 years old.

I also have a large extended family. I grew up very close to my aunt and cousins and we visit each other regularly.

Our Pets Are Important in Our Lives



Kara Relaxing with Lizzie and Jasper

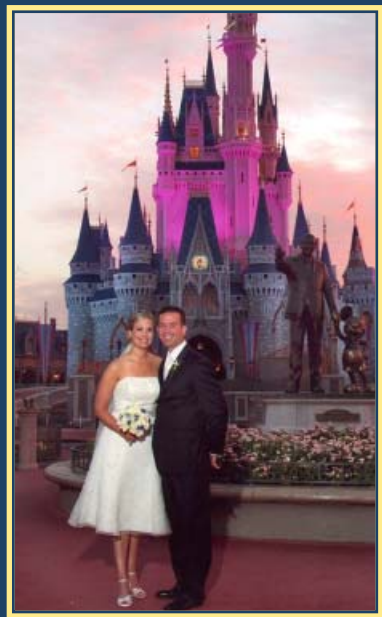
We love our dogs, Lizzie and Jasper, and our cat Zoey. They add so much joy and happiness to our lives because of their unconditional love and devotion. We love that all three of them are excited to see us when we get home, even if we've only been away for an hour.

Our pets also provide us with hours of comedy and entertainment. We love playing fetch with the dogs and watching them run around the yard and play with each other. Our pets also seem to be able to read our moods. They cuddle with us when we are sad and share our energy level when we are enthusiastic.

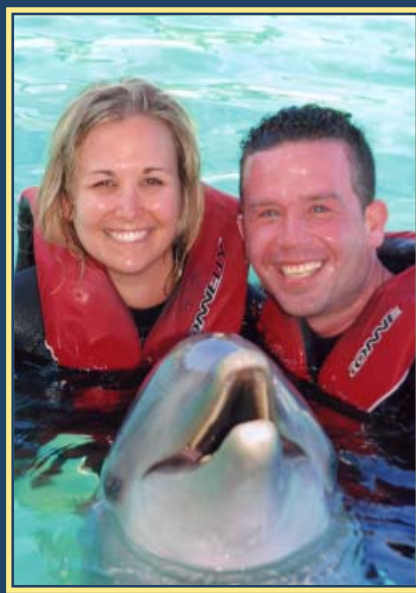


In the United Kingdom
at EPCOT Center

Michael & Kara



Married in Walt
Disney World



Swimming with the
Dolphins in Nassau,
Bahamas



Michael and Our Nephew



Fun and Sun in Key West



Christmas at Michael's
Parents' House

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you very much for considering an adoption plan and for viewing our profile. Although we can't begin to imagine the range of emotions you are experiencing as you make this very difficult decision, we know your decision is based on love, courage, strength, and hope.

We are excited and admittedly, a bit nervous, about the prospect of becoming parents. We are committed to helping this child explore his or her interests, pursue an education, and set and achieve goals. We will provide a loving, supportive and stable home. In addition to our immediate household, this child will have a large extended family with many aunts, uncles and cousins who will provide additional love, guidance and encouragement. This child will be a welcome addition to our families and included in all our celebrations, vacations, picnics, and reunions. In addition, it is important to us that you know that you will always be considered a part of this child's and our family. This child will always know as much about you as you'd be willing to share. We will send letters and pictures so that you can have peace of mind knowing that this child is growing up happy and healthy.

We draw our strength from each other and from our families. In particular, our parents are great role models. Michael's parents have been married for 50 years and Kara's have been married for 45. They have set a great example for us through their commitment and dedication to each other. In addition, our parents taught us the importance of honesty, compassion and unconditional love. They encouraged us to develop our own interests and supported our decisions, even if they didn't always agree with them. Through their guidance, we learned that sometimes, it's ok to fail, as long as we tried our best. Our parents laughed with us, cried with us, and when appropriate, provided discipline to help guide us. Most importantly, they taught us the value of family and family traditions. We aspire to be the kind of parents that ours have been and look forward to passing those values along to a child.

Spending time together as a family is important to us. Fortunately, we both have supportive employers who will grant us the flexibility we need to spend as much time as possible with this child. One of our favorite family activities is cooking and eating dinner together because it provides us with an opportunity to catch up on our day and spend quality time together. Family dinners will continue to be the cornerstone of our day as this child grows up. We look forward to hearing first words, about first days of school, friends, fights, good experiences and bad ones, too. In addition, we look forward to exposing this child to our hobbies and interests, such as attending baseball and football games, riding our bikes, and playing golf. We also look forward to helping this child develop his or her own interests by exposing this child to a variety of activities such as art, sports, music, and theater.

We met at our favorite local tavern and instantly felt a strong connection and deep amount of respect for one another. We both appreciate the simple things in life and some of our most memorable dates were spent sitting on our deck talking and watching for "shooters" (which is what we call shooting stars). We quickly learned that we had the same priorities in life, the first of which is family. We find joy in doing the little things in life together such as playing with our dogs and cat, cooking, shopping, and even cleaning. We are also grateful for the big things life has offered us, like our home, family trips to Disney World and cruise vacations! We are eager to add a little one to our family to share in all the big and small experiences that life has to offer.

We are grateful that you took the time to read our profile. As you continue your journey, please know that you have our sincere respect, support and admiration.

We wish you all the best.

Michael and Kara

