



Rachel & Jeff

Legacy of an Adopted Child

Once there were two women who never knew each other..
One you do not remember, the other you call mother.

Two different lives, shaped to make Your one...
One became your guiding star, the other became your sun.

The first gave you life and the second taught you to live it.
The first gave you a need for love,
and the second was there to give it.

One gave you a nationality, the other gave you a name.
One gave you a seed of talent, the other gave you an aim.

One gave you emotions, the other calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile, the other dried your tears.

One gave you up ... that's all she could do.
The other prayed for a child and God led her straight to you.

And now you ask me, through your tears,
the age old question unanswered throughout the years...
Heredity or environment ..
Which are you the product of..
Neither, my darling .. neither..
just two different kinds of love.

- Author Unknown

Hi! We are
Rachel and Jeff!

Thank you for taking the time to read about our lives. We admire and are humbled by your courage and strength in taking this difficult step to choose adoption for your baby. Wherever your journey leads you, we hope you find peace and comfort with your decision. We hope that this glimpse into our lives will help you get to know us better. We hope that the love, fun, and joy of our family comes through to you as you learn more about us.

We will welcome your child into our family with open arms and loving hearts and gladly give them all we have to offer. Thank you for considering us as a possible family for your child. May you find the perfect loving family you seek.



Our Beginning

We met when we were 15 (Rachel) and 16 (Jeff) years old and dated for over a year. While our love was real we knew that we were far too young for a long term commitment so we went our separate ways. In 2001, we reunited and have been together ever since. Little did we know our first love would be the love of our lives. We got engaged in Disney's Animal Kingdom and were married a year later. We have been very happily married for 9 years and have known each other for 18 years.

Our dream is to be parents to a child, not to give birth to a child. Adoption is close to our hearts, Jeff's only cousin was adopted and he watched him blossom in his family.



Our Engagement at Disney World



Our Wedding Day



Written by Jeff



Written by Rachel

Rachel is a genuinely loving and compassionate person.

She pours her heart and soul into our family. She is dynamic and full of life. People (especially me) are drawn to her, because she is a genuine person who truly gives without the thought of getting back. She is actively engaged in charity work serving on non-profit boards and mentoring college students.

Rachel's passion for life comes across in everything she does; she is one of the most determined people I know. She is determined, driven, and smart but more importantly, she cares deeply about people and has an innate ability to connect with others.

Rachel is extremely passionate about education, she has been so successful in her academic and professional endeavors, but I know her biggest dream is to be a mom and I have no doubt that will be her biggest achievement yet.

Rachel has always been my biggest cheerleader and has supported me through good times and bad. She has always made me feel more confident about myself, and I see her doing the same thing for our child as a parent.



Jeff is very loyal, compassionate and charismatic.

I knew that he would be the type of man who would make a great husband and an amazing father.

Jeff brings a sense of security, comfort, and stability to our family and myself. He never gives up and always pushes for the best. His drive for success has made him very successful in both his personal and professional life.

While Jeff always makes me feel secure in the type of person I am, he also encourages me to strive to be my best. He encouraged and supported me while I fulfilled my dream of earning my doctorate (and two Master's degrees) and supported me when I wanted to change my career to pursue my dream of becoming a Professor.

He is a sincere and very positive person who always makes time for his family and friends. I am always amazed at all of the life-long friendships he maintains.

Whenever life gets challenging or you are having a bad day Jeff is always the first to put a smile on your face and make you laugh.

Rachel's Favorite Food

Italian, Lobster, & Cheesecake

Jeff's Favorite Food

Pizza, Tacos, & Lobster

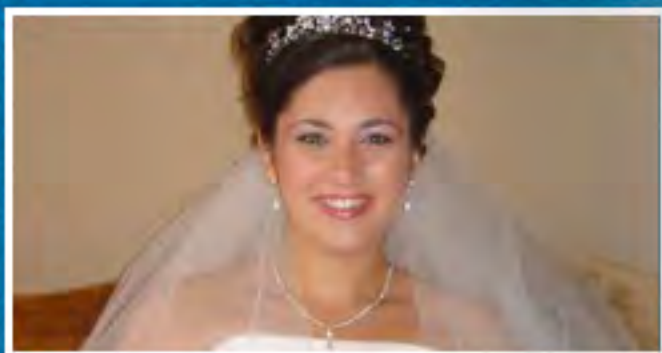
Rachel's Interests



Compassionate
Loving



Dynamic
Smart
Determined



Family Time,
Photography,
Decorating
The Arts



Traveling
Volunteering
&
Reading

Rachel's Career



I am a professor at a private University. I recently left corporate America to pursue my passion for teaching full-time, and so that I can have the flexibility to be at home a lot more with our child. My favorite part of my job is mentoring the kids and watching them blossom into adults. My academic and professional achievements are an important aspect of my life but my biggest dream has yet to come...to be a mom. I am excited to share my passion for education in our child's life. I believe that through education, you can achieve anything that you set your mind to.



Rachel getting "hooded" as a Dr.

Jeff's Interests



Witty . Funny . Loving . Charismatic



Jeff holding a friends baby



Jeff feeding a friends baby

Family Time
Sports, Movies,
Fundraising,
& Traveling

Jeff's Career

I am a Manager at a privately owned grocery store. My favorite part of my job is coaching the kids that work in my department and interacting with the customers (especially the little ones). There is nothing better than being in the middle of a hectic day and seeing a regular customer and having their child run up to me for a big hug. While my job can be busy at times, I like the fact that I am constantly learning as I encounter new situations, and that I have the flexibility to be home for my family to share all of the special events. I am happy that my career allows me to provide for my family with a comfortable home and good lifestyle.



Childhood Memories



Rachel's favorite memories:

Celebrating Halloween, Arts & Crafts, Going to the Park, Dinner Dates with Daddy, & summers with Grandma & Grandpa

Cherish the precious MEMORIES



Jeff's favorite memories:

Baseball and catch with Dad, the Arcade with Mom, Summer Camp, being "the house" where all my friends hung out

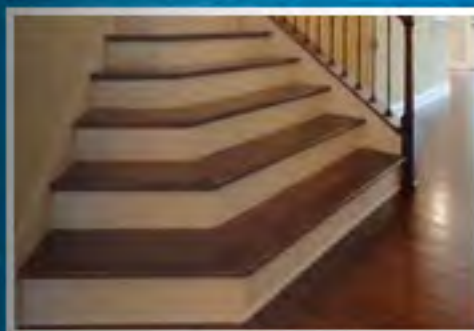
Our Community



Our Home



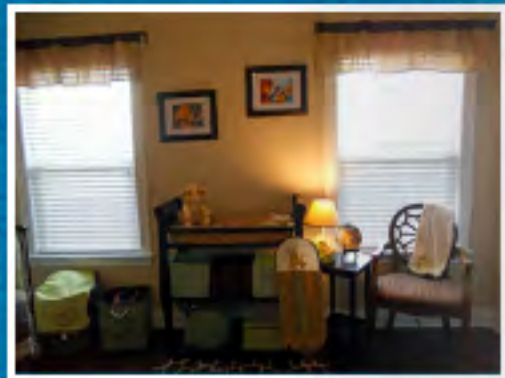
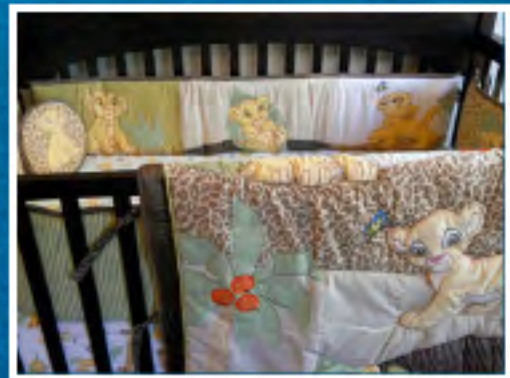
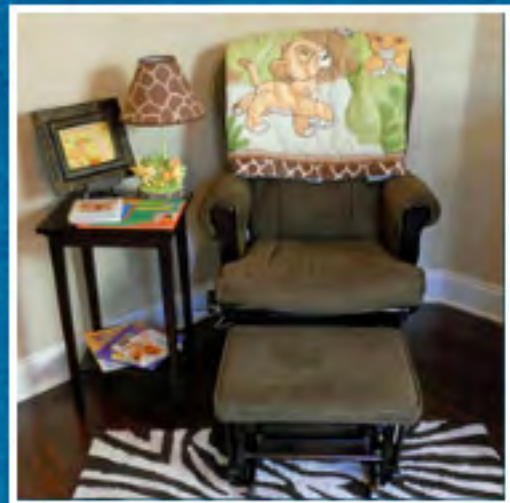
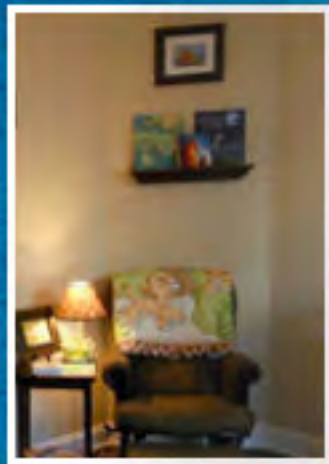
Our Kitchen



Our backyard

Home Sweet
Home

We live in a beautiful 3,000 sq. ft. house that we custom built. It has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, an office, large bonus/play room, and a beautiful backyard. Our home is in a new development that includes playgrounds, a community pool, a barn to use for parties, and walking trails. We have a big backyard, waiting for a swing set. The town we live in is extremely kid friendly and offers a variety of activities. Our school system is the best in the state, which was very important to us when selecting a place to live.



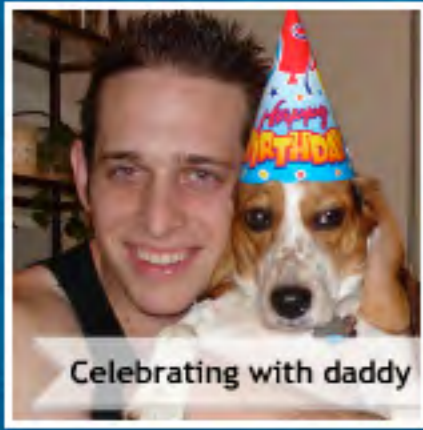
The Nursery

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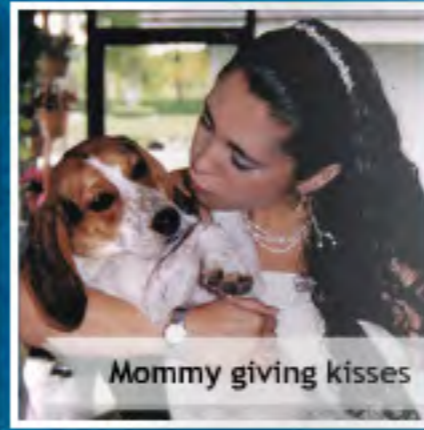
We got engaged at Disney's Animal Kingdom and honeymooned at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge and DisneyWorld.



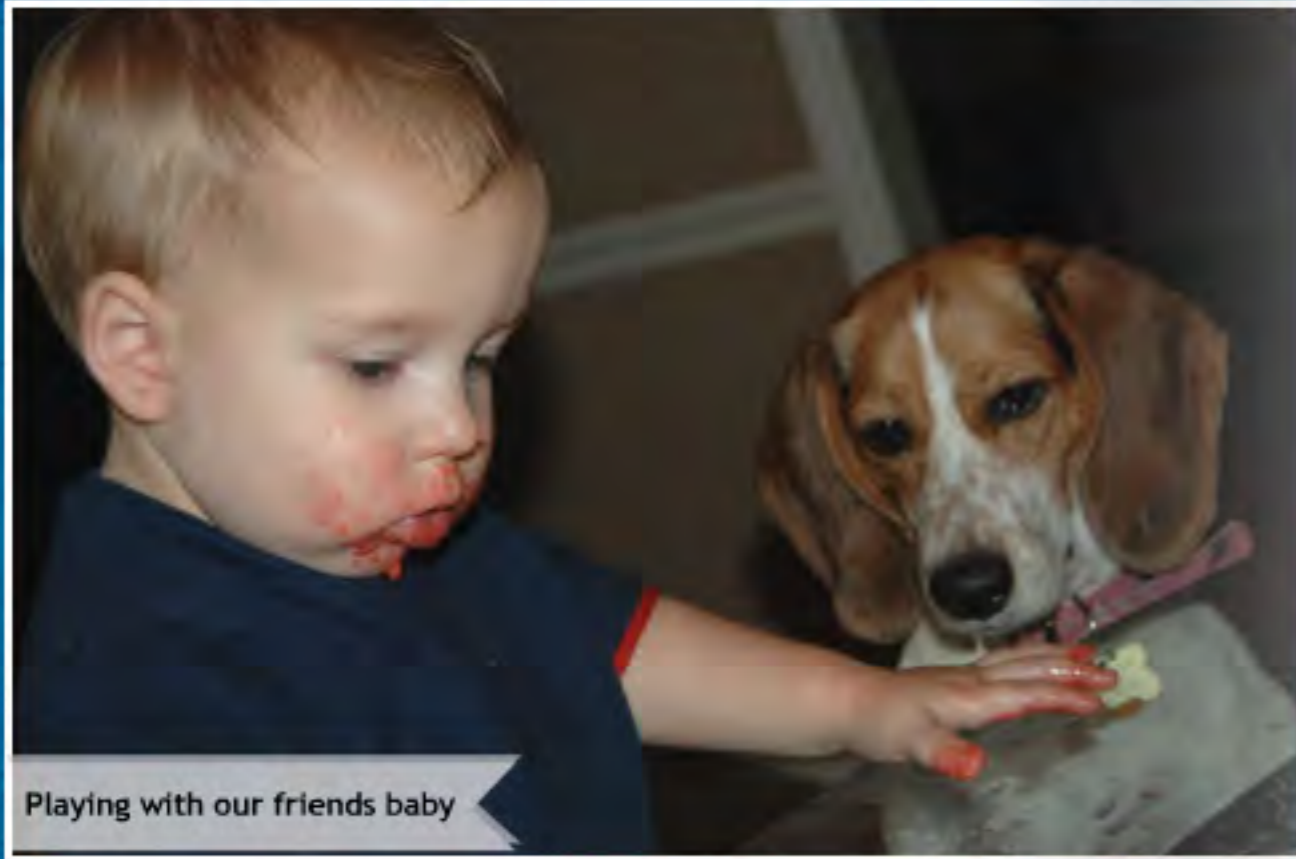
Meet our Pet: Cookie the Beagle



Celebrating with daddy

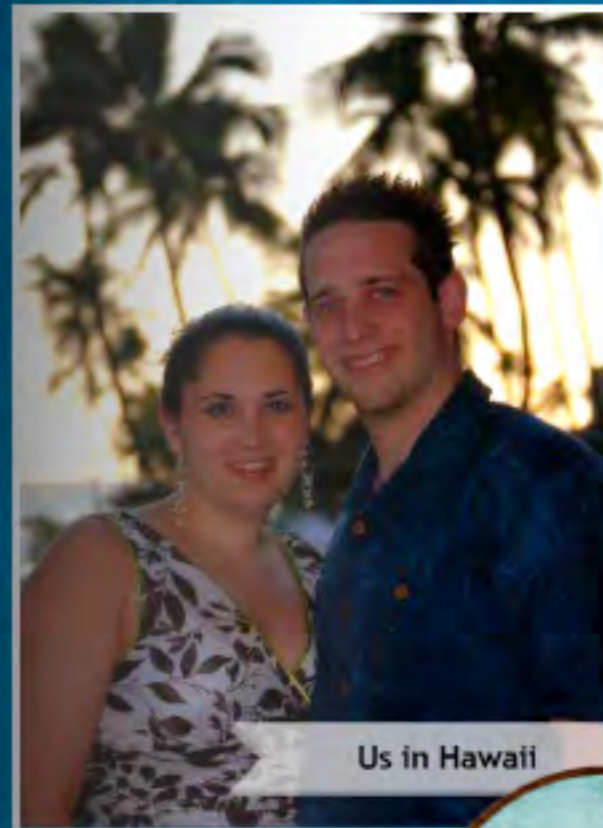


Mommy giving kisses



Playing with our friends baby

Cookie loves little kids. She is ready for baby hugs, ear and tail pulls. Since we have always wanted kids we trained her to like being petted anywhere, so she is ready for those little tugs of love.



Us in Hawaii



Jeff at the Zoo



Jeff in Seattle



Rachel in Alaska

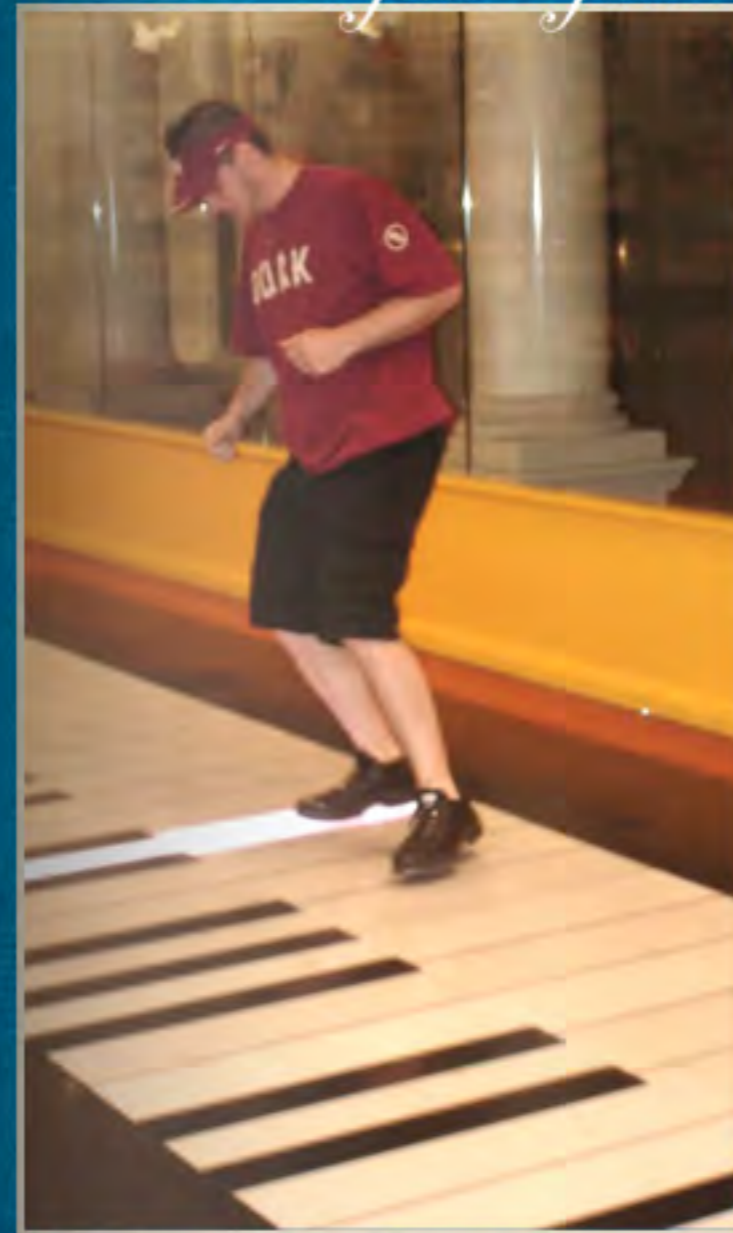
We love to Travel and can't wait to take our child on adventures they will never forget...

We also love to have fun...

LET'S HAVE
fun vs fun vs fun



Traveling, going to Zoo's, and being a kid at heart!



*"Jeff is one of the funniest people I know,
and kids are drawn to him." -Rachel*

LIVE
laugh
LOVE

PARTY!

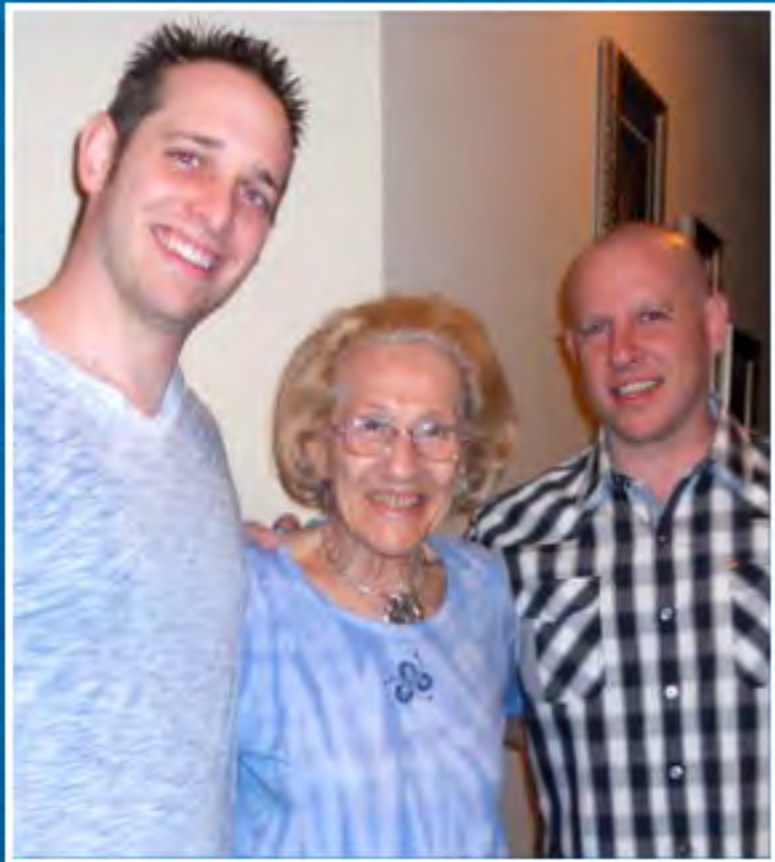
We also love to have parties to spend time with family & friends...



"Rachel loves to decorate for the holidays...Halloween, Hanukkah, Valentine's Day...." -Jeff



Family & Friends



Our family and friends mean the world to us. Our parents, "Grandma & Grandpa" are going to move near us to be able to spend a lot of time with our child.

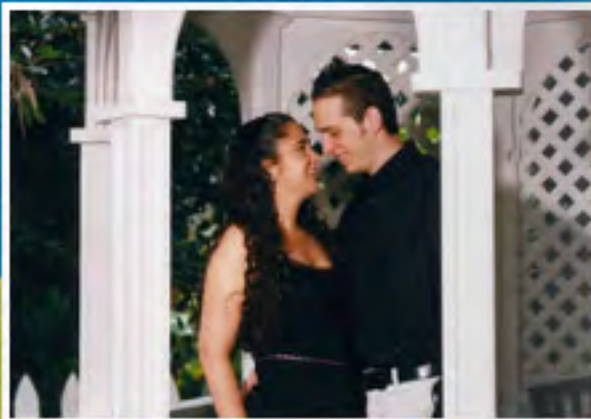


Our Thoughts on Parenting

We have always wanted to have a child and have tried for years and learned that we are unable to. We still dream of completing our family, and now we hope that the dream will come true through the miracle of adoption.

We will base our parenting approach around positive reinforcement, hands-on involvement, and leading by example. We will always encourage our child to be their personal best and focus on their strengths.

Education is very important to both of us. We want our child to have the option of college available to him/her and will establish a college savings plan right away to pay for their tuition, in addition to what Rachel's University offers (75% paid tuition to any institution).



Thank you for considering us as a possible family for your child.

May you find the perfect loving family you seek, we wish you all the best.

Thank You and Best Wishes,

Rachel & Jeff





*You've had a long journey to make this decision.
Whatever family you choose to parent your child,
may you find peace and comfort with your decision.*

*Thank you,
Rachel & Jeff*