



Philippe & Bart

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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

We are Bart and Philippe from Belgium and we are grateful you are considering us as the fathers of your child.

Through this letter we hope to give you an idea of the life we hope to share with your child.

You must be very courageous and be a generous person for insuring the future of your child by considering adoption. No one can ever imagine what you are going through, but we can all agree, planning your child's future, may be the most difficult decision you can make and we have the highest possible respect for your decision.

We will be glad to welcome your child into our family and hope to be as courageous and generous fathers as you have been through this process.

Bart

I spent my childhood in a small village in Belgium with my parents and extended family. When I was 18 I left for university to study law. For many years now I work as an in-house Lawyer in a big company. When I was 26 I met Philippe as we were working for the same company. My hobbies are reading, watching movies, traveling and spending time with our friends. But there is something missing in our lives and that is a child to love and raise to become a wonderful person.



Bart, Anton and Juliette



Philippe

I was raised by my mum and we lived together with my sister in my hometown Mechelen. When I was 18 years old, I left home and started working for an American company in Belgium.

I met Bart when I was 23. For 19 years now I have been working for a European Bank. I love to decorate our home and we like to entertain friends and family at home. I'm interested in art and love to cook and to experiment with new recipes.

I am looking forward to teaching your child about art, to be creative and prepare treats together in the kitchen. We both love traveling and we would like to show the world to our child.



*Philippe and Julie on
The boardwalk*

Our story

We met each other more than 20 years ago.

Bart had become a Master in Law and was waiting to start his internship in a law firm in Brussels. Philippe was in-between jobs and had just moved to Brussels to increase the chances of finding a job. At that time we were both working for the same company.

We commuted together by train and got to know each other quite well. After a while we went each our own way and lost track of each other.

A few months later we bumped into each other again. You could say that it was “meant to be”. We started dating and our love story began.

After being together for a few years we bought a house together in the small city of Mechelen.

Our Wedding



In an old bus driving to the city hall



With family on city hall stairs



Juliette, Julie, Bart, Philippe, Pipa, Anton



Our first moments as a married couple

A few years ago at a Madonna concert in Belgium I asked Philippe to marry me! He was standing in front of me, he turned towards me and immediately he said: YES!! There we were in a crowd of a few ten thousands of Madonna fans and it seemed as if we were alone there. We were and continue to be so happy and so in love.

We announced the news to family and friends who were very happy for us.

We wanted our wedding to be a celebration of our love for each other.

On a cold but sunny February day (February 28, 2015) we got married in front of nearly 200 family and friends.

We had an official ceremony in the city hall of our town and afterwards a ceremony with music and speeches from our friends and family and we gave each other a ring as a symbol of our never ending love.

In the evening we had a dinner party and we danced the night away...

*Our Family at our
wedding*



OUR HOME TOWN

We live in a small town near Brussels (the capital of Europe). Approximately 84.000 people live here, 128 of nationalities. It is a beautiful and fun town with a lot of history. With 25 schools, our little town is a town designed for children.



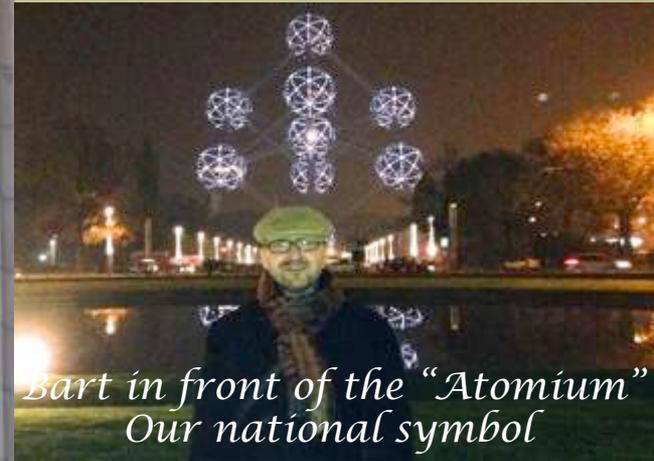
*Belgium a small country
In the heart of Europe*



The town Cathedral



The statue of Charles V



*Bart in front of the "Atomium"
Our national symbol*

Our street



Right in front of our house there is a lovely park where neighbors can meet each other.

Our Home



The front of our house



Entry Hall



Our Sitting room



In 2001 we bought a townhouse that we renovated together with Bart's father. We put a lot of effort and love into the renovation to turn the house into a home where we like to spend our time and welcome our family and friends. We look forward to adding your little one and decorating a nursery.

Our Home



Kitchen



Dining room



Bedroom



Home office



Future nursery that will get a fresh coat of paint and new furniture

Noah



bird watching

Our cat is big, fluffy and sweet. He is very funny and understands what we say. He is very social and always asks for cuddles. He is great around children.

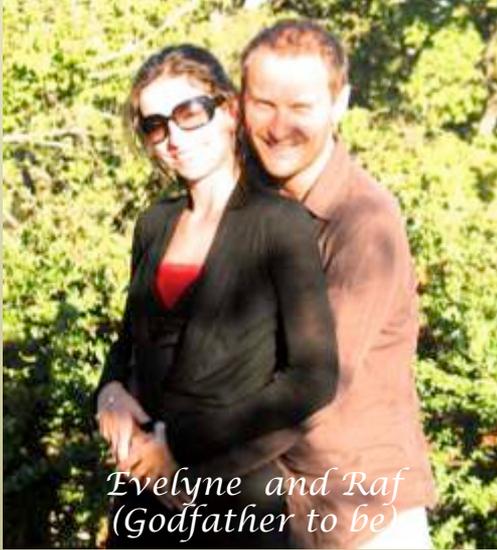


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Master of the house

Family and Friends



*Evelyne and Raf
(Godfather to be)*



*Mum and sister of
Philippe*



Juliette and Sebastian



Bart's mum and dad

Raf, Evelyne, Katrin and Yves are our best friends, we spend a lot of time with them and their children. We are godfathers of Sebastian (Raf his son) and of Juliette (Katrin's daughter).

Cathy is the sister of Philippe. She lives an hour and a half away and we visit her a few times a year.

Almost every Sunday we have lunch with Bart's parents.



Yves and Katrin (Godmother to be)

Our family tradition



*We both love
Christmas and
our tree has a
different theme
every year.*



The annual family BBQ



*Philippe decorating
The Christmas tree*



*Our Annual family trip to the coast with
Bart's mum and dad*

We love to cook and bake



*I love to cook and Bart loves to eat my cooking.
Here you see some samples of my baking.*

During my cooking, Bart loves to decorate the dining table



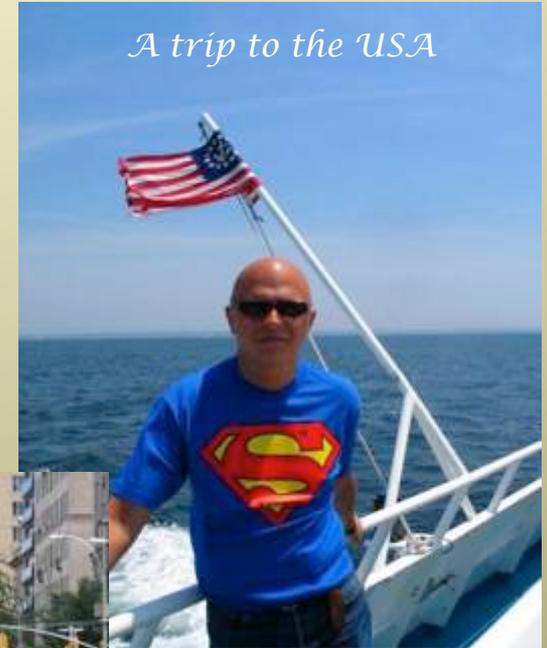
*Dinner table ready
For a dinner with friends*

We Love Traveling

We love Skiing



A trip to the USA





France



China



London



Venice



Greece

Moments we love

We both love to spend
Time with children of
our family and friends



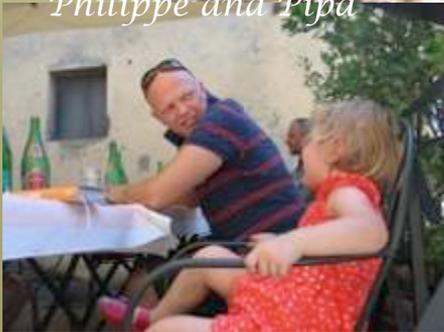
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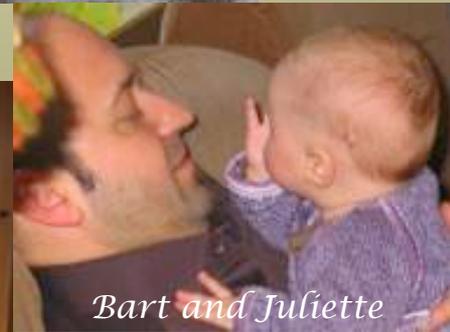
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Juliette and Bart



Bart and Sebastian



Bart and Juliette

Moments we love



Philippe and my mum



*Me and my dad at
my cousins wedding*



Hiking with friends

Dear birthmother we would like to thank you again for taking the time to get to know us!

We understand how difficult this decision must be for you, but we can assure you that if you choose us as the adoptive parents of your child, we will give your child a safe and warm home filled with unconditional love.

During the first months Philippe will stay at home to care for the baby. After that first period the baby will attend a day care program in a wonderful day care center very close to our home. This Daycare center is renowned for taking care of children of many different ethnicities and cultural backgrounds.

Our biggest dream is to raise your child to be a strong and independent adult with a bright future and we can assure you that we are very open to a child of any race.

Our family and friends are delighted with our adoption plans. Our parents are eager to welcome your child into the family.

We would like to adopt a child from the USA because we much appreciate the opennness of the adoption procedure where the birthmother can remain involved.

We will be happy to share photos and letters of your child with you.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

We wish you much Love,

Philippe and Bart.

Please contact our adoption agency at (914) 939- 1180

or toll free at 1- 866 - 922 - 3678

or contact our adoption attorney Michael Goldstein at 1 - 800 - 582 - 3678