



Geoffrey

Noah

Chantal

Family

Love

Laughter

Dear Birth Parent(s),

Thank you for looking at our profile, we truly appreciate you taking the time to get to know us!



We are Geoffrey and Chantal, a happy, fun-loving couple from Belgium, a beautiful country in the heart of Europe. We are looking to add to the love and joy we have in our life by growing our family through another adoption.

Your decision to create an adoption plan for your child shows you're a courageous and loving person. We can only imagine the overwhelming task of selecting a potential adoptive family, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us in your search for the right family to love and cherish your child.

We want you to know that if you choose us, your child will be welcomed with the utmost possible love, care and devotion, and given the encouragement and support to have the brightest of futures! As adoptive parents, our promise to you is that your child will be the center of our world and will grow up to make you very proud!

Hi I'm Chantal

I was born in Belgium and my family moved to the Netherlands to be closer to my grandparents when I was 4 years old. My dad owned a large construction company and was a real estate investor. My mom was a stay at home mom to me and my older sister. She was involved in our school PTA, and helped with classroom activities, sporting events and school trips. My parents divorced when I was age 5 and my sister and I went to live with our mom. Although my dad had a busy schedule, both him and my mom always made sure that my sister and I were number one. They were always there for us.

My childhood included lots of fun, in the form of family gatherings, church, school and many friends. As a child I loved playing with dolls and I had a passion for helping animals in need, mostly birds that weren't able to fly. I fed them with tweezers and took them to the veterinarian when they needed treatment. From an early age, it was clear that I had a caring character and I knew I was destined to be a mom one day.

When I graduated from college, I began working as a management assistant for several international companies. Later on I chose to work as an administrative assistant at a school, where I enjoyed being around children. While I loved my job, I chose to be a stay at home mom the moment we welcomed our son Noah.



With my mom



With my dad



With my big sister

At my communion



With my Godchild Rosalie



Destined to be a mom one day...



Hi, I'm Geoffrey

I'm originally from the Netherlands, where I grew up with my mom, dad and older brother. My parents were high school sweethearts and married young. My dad worked as a police officer, my mom was a stay at home mom. I had a happy childhood with lots of friends, fun and laughter. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of spending weekends at our cabin at a family campground where we rode horses, had campfires and played games. As a kid I loved building things and as a teenager I used to build my own motorbikes.

Graduated from college, I began working in the DIY-industry as a sales consultant. Later on I became a manager specialized in building materials and supplies. A few years ago I switched careers when Chantal and I decided to start our own business in property development. I have never regretted this decision, in fact I love the freedom and extra time I can spend with my family because of it.



As a baby

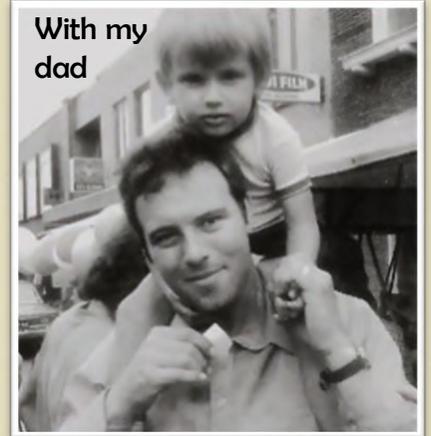


With my brother at our family campground

With my mom



With family



With my dad

With friends



Our Story

We met at a party of a mutual friend. Although we were young, we knew early on we had found our perfect match in one another. We started dating and we have been inseparable since. After dating for seven years, we married in 1998, and we recently celebrated our nineteenth wedding anniversary.



Our vows



Party time!



Our honeymoon to beautiful Marbella



Our wedding



With Chantal's family



Newlyweds



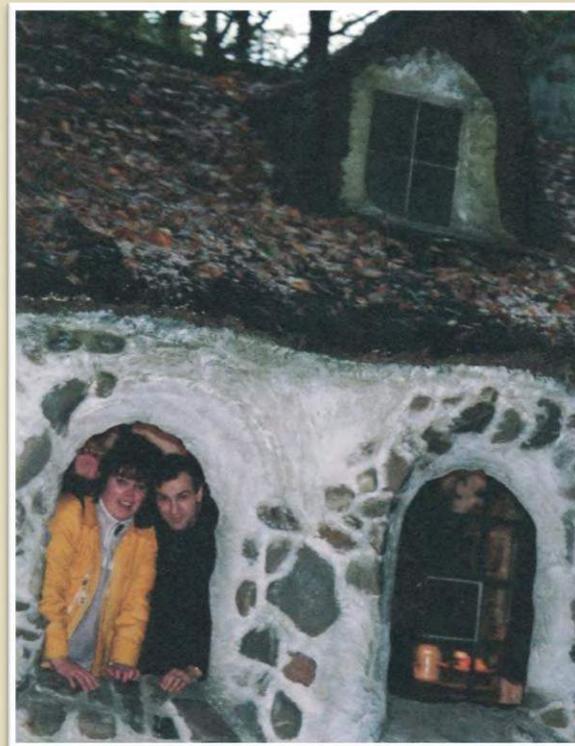
With Geoffrey's parents



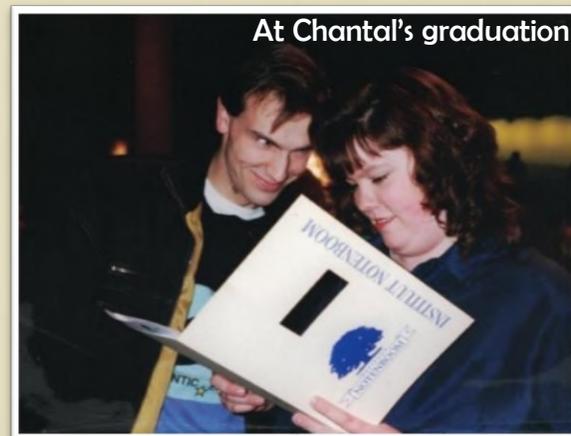
We feel lucky to have a 50/50 relationship, with plenty of love, trust, honesty and FUN! We enjoy spending time together, take Anniversary trips and make sure we have "date" night on a regular basis. We love going to the movies, the theatre, and having romantic dinners in one of our favorite restaurants. We are 100% committed and there isn't anything in this world we can't handle, as long as we're holding hands!



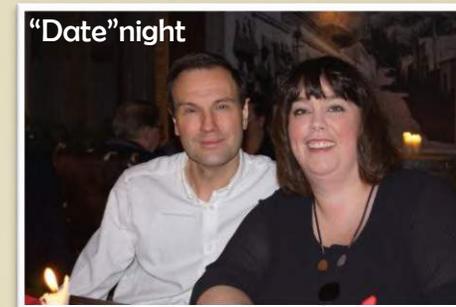
Being together for over 25 years, we have become soulmates and best friends who bring out the best in each other.



On one of our first dates



At Chantal's graduation



"Date"night



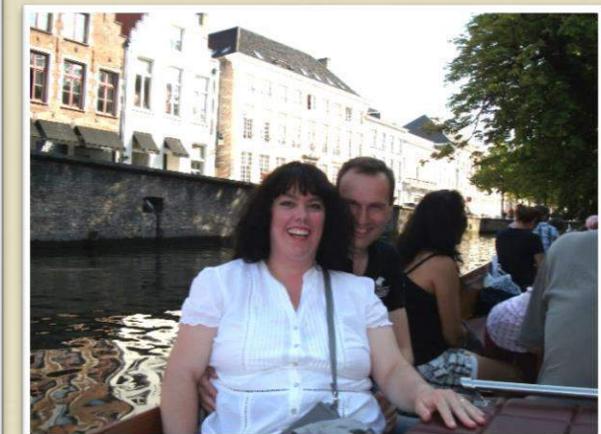
Sailing in the Dutch Venice



With both of our Godchildren, Rosalie and Timo



Visiting Geoffrey's Godchild Timo



Enjoying a boat trip in beautiful Bruges



Geoffrey's thoughts about Chantal:

Caring, generous, loves being a mom, great sense of humor, very loyal to family and friends, dedicated wife, loves dogs, sailing, bowling with friends, cooking, truly dislikes butter, likes to read and meet new people, chocolate lover, LOVES Christmas, known for making a strong effort to do the right thing and being thoughtful of others



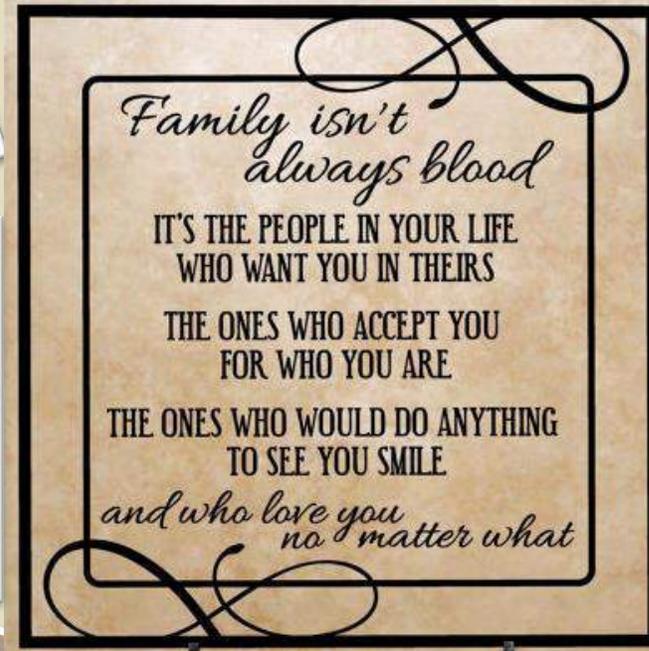
Chantal's thoughts about Geoffrey:

Funny, hardworking, loves being around family and friends, devoted husband, awesome dad, LOVES sailing, likes doing odd jobs in and around our home, loves everything about food except for oysters and raw meat, likes to read and watch movies, known for being loyal, laid back, and easy going



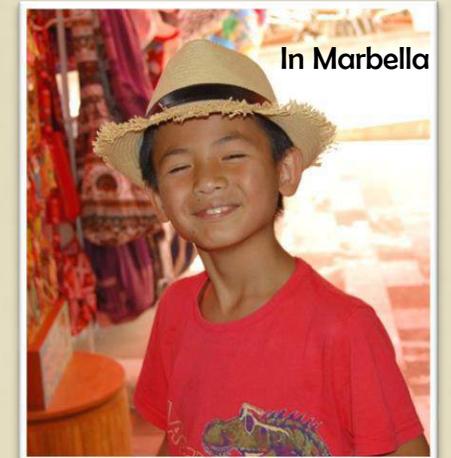
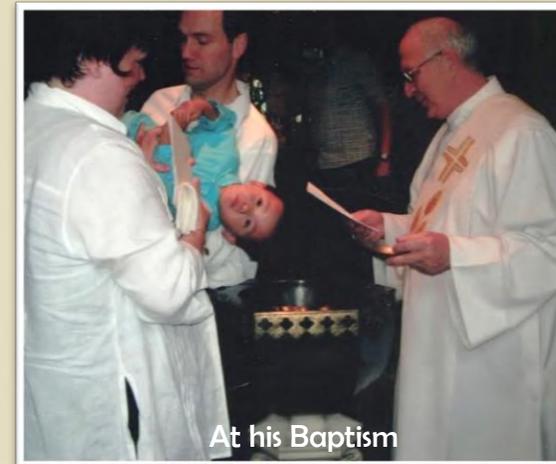
Starting our family

We always dreamed of having children. Although we were faced with infertility, we both passionately believe we are meant to raise children. With our hearts wide open, we decided to build our family through adoption. We chose to adopt from China and welcomed our son Noah in 2007, when he was 20 months old. He is the best thing that ever happened to us and we wouldn't trade our adoption experience for the world! We find that experiencing life as parents has made us look at the world in a different way. So many things that might have been a priority before we welcomed Noah into our lives, are no longer important. Our priority is on the safety and happiness of our son and our future children. Life has become much more meaningful in so many ways as parents.



About Noah

If we had to describe Noah in three words, they would be outgoing, adventurous and versatile. He is doing well in school and loves playing sports, especially horseback riding, sailing and hockey. When he is not busy building new creations with his Legos, he enjoys playing with friends or running around in the backyard with Poppy and Yumi. Noah is looking forward to being a big brother and finally starting our new life as a family of four!



With his favorite horse Winny



Our Home

In 2009 we bought the house we now live in and we renovated it ourselves. We put a lot of effort and love into the renovation, to turn the house into a home where we would like to spend our time and welcome our family and friends.

The interior of the house consists of a hall, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a laundry room, a large living room and a kitchen where we love to cook, entertain and relax.

We have a great backyard with lots of room for a playhouse and for Noah and his friends to play soccer and baseball.

This is home



Our kitchen



Front part of our livingroom

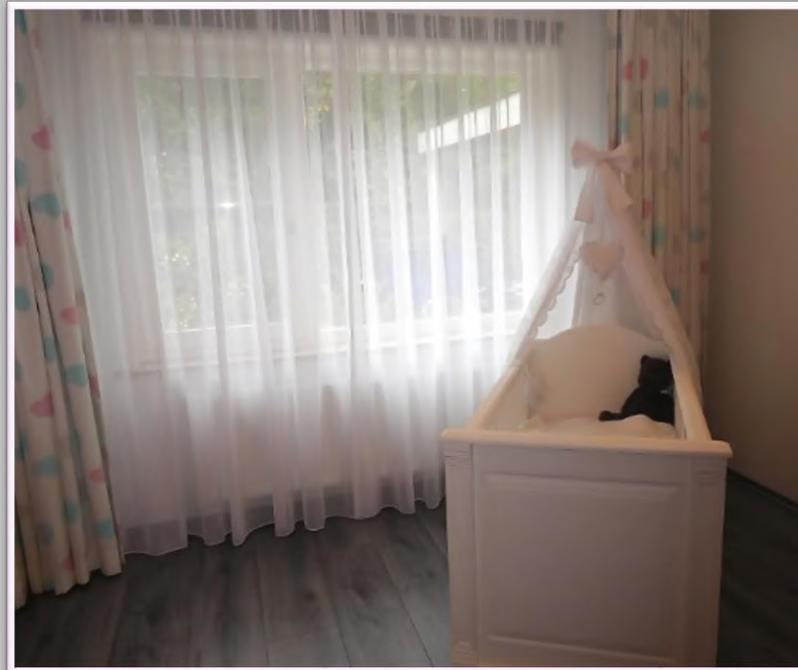


Part of the garden with room for a big playhouse

Welcome

At this moment we are almost finished decorating the Baby's Room.

The nursery, right next to our bedroom, is a charming, bright and spacious room with nice views to the garden.



Where we live

We have a warm and nurturing home and live in Belgium, a beautiful country in the heart of Europe. Our home is situated in a beautiful village near the countryside, close to the Dutch border. We enjoy the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We love to go for a walk between the fields and creeks and to take bike tours and have picnics. We also benefit from playgrounds, shops, physicians and care. The area is known for its great schools and family-friendly neighborhoods. Our neighborhood is full of other families that we enjoy seeing on our walk to school in the mornings or having over for playdates.



Beautiful nature around the corner

The nearby playground



Our local church



Belgium is known for being rich in cultural arts and its excellent health care and educational system (education in Belgium ranks third-best among the 35 OECD countries, well above the EU and world averages). Belgium is also known for the city of Brussels. It is the capital of the European Union, NATO, and numerous other organizations. The only city with a bigger international presence is New York City.



Belgium: a small county in the heart of Europe



Tourists from all over the world visit Belgium



We own the complete building, consisting of an office space on the ground floor and 4 apartments that we rent out plus a 2-story penthouse we decided to keep to ourselves.



Our Second Home

We also own a beautiful two-story penthouse in one of the most sought-after cities in Belgium. It consists of a large livingroom, a beautiful island kitchen, 3 bedrooms with wardrobes, 2 fully equipped bathrooms, a sauna and a terrace overlooking the marina.



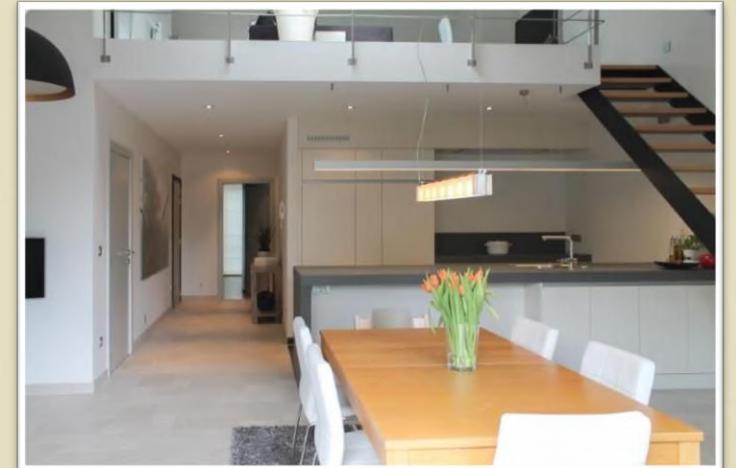
One of the bathrooms



The sauna



Kitchen & diningroom



Family & Friends

Spending time with our family members is very important to us. Especially because both of our fathers have sadly passed away and Raymond, Geoffrey's brother, went to live in Melbourne, Australia, several years ago. We are lucky to have our mums and Chantal's sister and her family living nearby. Chantal's family lives within walking distance. Noah is very close to them and loves having them around. He also enjoys sleepovers at his Aunt and Grandma's house.

We also have a close circle of friends that might as well be family. Two of our dearest friends, Ingrid and Johan, have adopted their two beautiful daughters from the USA. Their wonderful experiences and heartwarming stories are part of the reason we decided to adopt from the United states too.

Our family, friends and neighbors are overjoyed at the idea of us becoming parents again, they couldn't be more excited about our second journey to adopt. We know that a child of any race or ethnicity would be whole-heartedly welcomed by each and every one!

The 3 of us with Noah's grandmothers



Ingrid & Johan with their daughters



Chantal & her mom



Noah & Chantal's family having fun during the European Championship soccer



Geoffrey & his mom



Noah with his cousins Timo and Rosalie



Noah & his cousin Rosalie



Noah & his cousin Timo



Chantal & Rosalie



Noah with his Godmother and Godfather



best BUDDIES



Family Fun!



Noah & Chantal's mom
With Geoffrey's mom



BBQ with family & friends



Noah & some
of his friends

friends & family

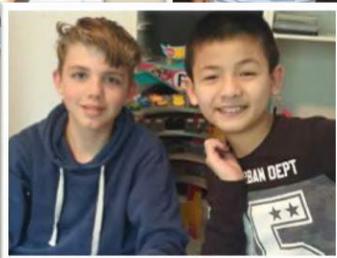
BEST of TIMES



Chantal's mom & sister



On a boat trip with dear friends



Noah & his
uncle Raymond

Chantal & Timo



Geoffrey & Rosalie



great memories

Priceless MOMENTS



Chantal & her sister Manuela



friends FOREVER



We are very close to our friends Ingrid and Johan. Ingrid is a former colleague of Chantal and the four of us became dear friends. Ingrid and Johan have adopted 2 beautiful daughters from the United States.

At the moment they are living in the USA (near Chicago) for at least 2 years because of Johan's job. We miss them, but thanks to Ingrid's blog and Facetime, we still feel close to them. She describes everything they experience so well, that it looks like we are a little bit in the USA too.



Teamwork

When Chantal was in her twenties she became interested in real-estate, thanks to her father. He invested in real estate for a hobby and owned several rental properties. When her father passed away, Chantal inherited some of his properties. Four years ago we started our own business. We have worked hard to get where we are now, and are proud to say that we are successful property developers. We own several rental properties in Belgium and the Netherlands. While Geoffrey checks the projects on site, Chantal stays at home to look for new properties, to order building materials and to schedule appointments with contractors. Being able to arrange our own schedule, we make sure to have plenty of time to spend with our family because to us family time is priceless!

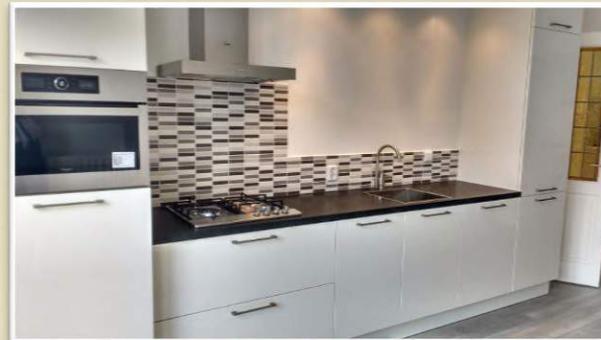


One of our projects

Before...



... and after

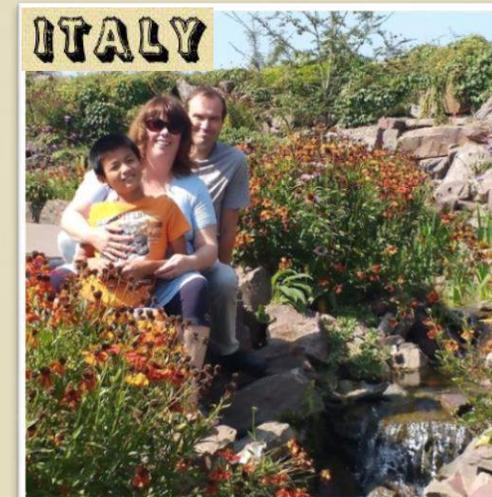
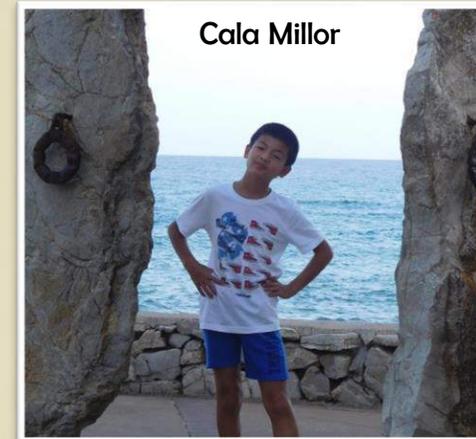


What We Enjoy As a Family

As a family we love to travel. Our favorite destination so far is Mallorca, one of the Balearic Islands in the western Mediterranean. Travelling to England, Italy, France and China was also fantastic! Whenever Noah wishes to go back to China we will return to visit his native country. We have not travelled to the USA yet, but it is on our wish list. We plan to continue exploring the world in order to expose our family to other cultures, and we look forward to adding another “little explorer” to our clan.

One of our favorite accommodations

Never Stop
EXPLORING



One of our favorite things to do as a family is sailing. We go to the Dutch Venice at least twice a year, where a boat is essential, because there are no roads; people have to travel by water or on foot over the lovely wooden bridges.



THE DUTCH VENICE



Besides travelling abroad, we like to take advantage of the fun things our home country Belgium has to offer. On Wednesday afternoons and on the weekends we usually go to a theme park, the zoo, the playground, the movies or do more active things like biking, swimming, or hiking through the woods. We also love our “Friday Family Fun Night” at the end of every week, which can be anything from a bowling match on the Wii (or at the actual bowling alley), a game of Monopoly, or a movie night. We are so excited to be able to share this with a new baby one day. Not to mention Noah will be thrilled to have a brother/sister to share our adventures with!





Decorating our Christmas tree!



Poppy & Yumi ready for Christmas

Next Christmas we hope to be a family of 4...



Holidays are a very important part of our family. Our favorite holiday is Christmas. We love to decorate our house and Christmas tree!

We also celebrate Chinese New Year, Easter and Halloween. Usually we have brunch or dinner together with family members with Christmas and Easter.

We look forward to celebrating July 4th and Thanksgiving to honor your child's American culture!



Halloween!



Chinese New Year



Christmas presents



Growing our family

We love being parents more than anything in the world. When Noah was 4 years old, we expressed our wish to grow our family.

We had just moved from the Netherlands to Belgium and we learned that the second adoption procedure would take at least 3 years more than we expected. Then Chantal's father became ill and she took care of him for almost 2 years before he passed away. Recovering from our loss, we decided to start the second adoption procedure, despite the long way ahead of us. All together it took us quite some time to get where we are now, but we are glad that we decided to follow through!

We are very excited to welcome a new joy in our lives and so are our family and friends! Your child would be joining a family with two very loving parents, a sibling who cannot wait to be a big brother, very enthusiastic grandmothers and loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

WELCOME
Little One

born
inside our
hearts

BLESSED

the
perfect
match



We hope that by reading our letter, you will get a glimpse of what your child's life would be like should we be fortunate enough to welcome you both into our lives. Though we have never met, we want you to know that you are just as important to us as your child. We would like an open adoption and we are happy to meet you when we come to the USA to adopt and whenever we visit again. We will gladly share pictures and updates on how your child is growing and experiencing life so that you know how well loved and cared for your child is. At the same time we will be respectful of your wishes and comfort levels. You will always be welcome in our lives in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

If you feel a connection to us and our family please contact us. We would love to talk to you about your dreams for your child's future and how we can help make them come true!



With love, Chantal, Noah and Geoffrey

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can help you to continue the path of your process and to learn more about us.
Please contact them in New York, toll free 1-866-922-3678 or direct at 914-939-1180.
You can also contact our New York attorney, Michael Goldstein at 1-800-582-3678
or direct at (914)939-2134. He will be happy to speak to you.