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Dear Birth Parent

As we begin this journey, we want you to know that we respect and admire the decision you have come to make. We admire the strength it has taken to make an adoption plan and to work with Forever Families Through Adoption. We hope from our story that you can see the loving, stable and happy environment we can provide your child. Our relationship is strong, happy, positive and loving. We both have strong moral values and our intention is to raise our family this way. We are both very family-oriented people and have a very strong wish for a family of our own. We chose adoption to make this wish come true. We will raise your child to grow up in a happy home, knowing not only our love, but that their mother loved them so much that she gifted them to us to take care of.

David & Jelmer



"First wedding anniversary at the beach in The Hague"

David & Jelmer



"Christmas 2019"



"Weekend Paris 2019"



"Hong Kong 2015"

Happy
Positive
Loving



"Disneyland Paris 2019"



"Holiday NYC 2016"



"Holiday Mexico 2018"

Our names are David and Jelmer. We met on Jelmer's Birthday in an Irish Pub in the Netherlands, which isn't a coincidence, since David is Irish. From that moment we have been inseparable and not soon after we met, David moved to The Netherlands. We have been together for 6 years. We have have traveled the world, got married, bought our home together and got our dog, Gizmo. Since we both have a very strong wish for a family of our own, we decided together to adopt. We want to give your child everything they need. We bought our home in a small village in the eastern part of the Netherlands, close to Jelmer's family. The country-life and quietness really suits our personalities and to us it's the perfect combination to raise our family. We are very happy and are intending to stay here forever.



"Wedding 6th of May 2017"

David



"Nice summer evening walk"



"Christmas shopping"



"With Rory, one of our friend's son"



"David's favorite drink, coffee"



"Fun at work"

Loving Caring & Family Oriented



"Summer holiday with the Family, day to a theme park"

"Muckross House Ireland, summer holiday 2019"



Jelmer about David

As soon as we met, I knew he was something special. David is kind, caring and very loyal. He has a great sense of humor and loves doing fun things. Christmas is always a very big thing in our home because David grew up loving Christmas with his family. He loves spending time with friends and will do anything for the ones he loves. Traveling and exploring the world are very important to him, which makes us a perfect match. He is very family oriented and has fit into my family very well. David is honest, open and not afraid to make a fool of himself. He works for a large International Fashion Retailer. Because of his job we have been able to travel to many different countries. He is a people person. David is sweet and kind in everything he does and really values our time together. I could not picture a more loving person to raise a child with. David will make sure your child is brought up in a world where fairytales come true and is loved beyond belief.

Jelmer



"Holiday NYC 2016"



"Summer holiday Ireland 2019"



"Fun at work"



"Wedding 6th of May 2017"

David about Jelmer

Jelmer has a smile that melts my heart. He is loving, kind, open and honest and really wears his heart on his sleeve. Family and friends are important to him. He always makes time for his loved ones and will go above and beyond for them. Jelmer balances me out perfectly. My favorite part of the day is coming home to him. I love that he works in Fashion Retail as well, which gives us a lot to talk about and also gives us a better understanding of each other. Before we met I thought people like Jelmer only existed in movies. I can't imagine anyone sweeter or more caring to raise your baby. Jelmer will make a fantastic father. He makes me a better person every day. He is someone who lights up every room he walks into. Jelmer gives 100% to everything he does, and makes the best out of every situation, his positivity is contagious.



"Plant shopping with niece Norah"



"Day at theme park The Efteling with Best Friend Carlyn"

Happy
Kind &
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"Summer evening walk"



"When Fish and Chips come out a little different then expected, Spain, 2018"

Gizmo



"A daytrip to a National Park"



"Bath time"



"Gizmo with his friend Freddy"



"Relaxing by the fire"



"Gizmo Loves the snow"



"Gizmo and niece Hannah"



"Gizmo Loves to go for a drive"



"Niece Hannah Loves to walk Gizmo"

Gizmo is a very sweet and loyal dog. He follows us around wherever we go. He loves his walks through the fields and by the waters surrounding our home. He loves his family and is very good with kids and other dogs.



"Gizmo's 4th Birthday"



"Nice summer evening walk"

David's Family



"Day at the theme park in Hellendoorn 2016"

David's family lives in Ireland. We are all very close and spend a lot of time on the phone and skyping one another. We make the most of our holidays together and make sure we see each other as often as we can. David lost his mom to cancer a few months after our wedding. One of his proudest moments is her walking him down the aisle. Family comes first for all of them and they all take really good care of one another. David's family can't wait to welcome your child into their 'Clann', as they call 'Family' in Irish. Nichola, David's sister, can't wait to meet her future Godchild and visit and spoil them with love.



"Holiday at the family in Ireland 2019"



"David and his mom Martina walking down the aisle at our wedding"



"Bonfire night in the back garden of David's sister Nichola 2019"



"David and his Dad John walking Gismo, 2018"



Jelmer's Family

"Family portret 2018"



"Daytrip to Amsterdam with Jelmer's Mom, Janet."



"Jelmer and his brother, holding Jelmer's niece, Norah 2012"



"Winter walk at the lake, 2017"



"Hanging up a birdhouse at Jelmer's grandmother Bertha"

Jelmer's family lives in the next village, about 10 minutes by car. Jelmer is very close with his parents and meets up with his mum whenever he can to go for lunch or a walk with the dog. Jelmer has one brother, who has two daughters, ages 7 and 3, who can't wait to come over and play all together at their favorite uncles'. We regularly meet up with his grandmother as well, whether it is just for a coffee and a chat, or for dinner. Jelmer's parents can't wait to welcome your child and to go on day trips and weekends away with the whole family.



"Going to see a musical at the Beach in Katwijk, 2019"

Wedding

6th of May 2017



"Wedding shoot"



"Jelmer with his Grandmother"



"David's family"



"Our wedding location"



"Jelmer with his parents"



"The wedding guests for during the day"



We got married in 'Kasteel Duurstede' which is one of the oldest castles in The Netherlands. All our loved ones traveled to this fairytale town to celebrate our day with us. Half of our guests came from Ireland, so all the hotels were completely booked! Everything was perfect. It was the most beautiful day.

"With our nephew and nieces, Norah, Luke and Hannah"

Things we Love to do

We love to go to concerts, and dine out for dinner. We like to get outside and explore some of the beautiful cities or landscapes the Netherlands has to offer, since David is from Ireland it is nice to show him all the nice places.

"At Guns N' Roses with Jelmer's Mom"



"Pink in concert in The Hague, with Nichola and Hannah"



"Daytrip to Amsterdam"



"Westlife concert with Nichola and her friend Barbara in Dublin"



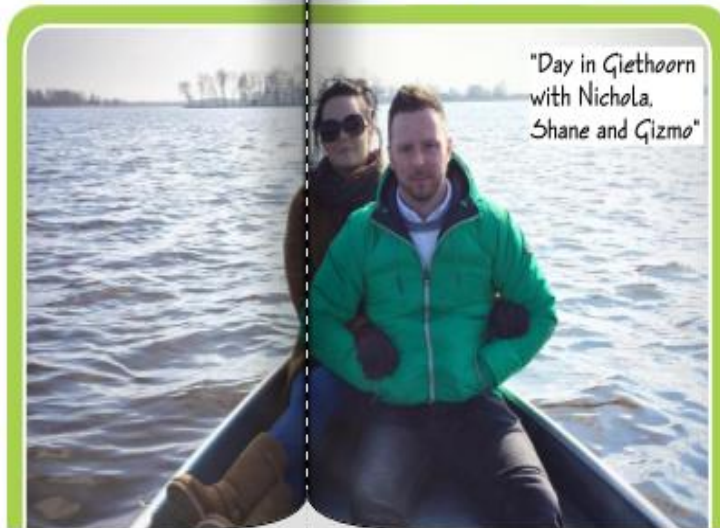
"Eating Korean Food"



"Daytrip to one of the Dutch Islands with Gizmo"



"Concert of Mumford and Sons in Amsterdam with friend Hannah"



"Day in Giethoorn with Nichola, Shane and Gizmo"



"London,
2017"



"Mexico
2018"



"Ireland
2019"



"Ireland
2017"



"Central Park 2016"



"New York City 2016"

Traveling the World



"Ireland
2019"



"Mexico
2018"



"New York City 2016"



"Beijing,
China 2015"

Friends

Our friends are such an important part of our life. Most are now also married and starting their families. We can't wait to spend time together with all of the children playing and making memories. We have many childhood friends that we are still very close with. We enjoy weekends away together and keep in touch all the time. They all can't wait for us to become dads and to play a part in your child's life.



"Ireland 2019
with Melissa"



"Jelmer and Carlyn in 2003
in De Efteling, theme park"



"Jelmer and Carlyn in 2020
in De Efteling, theme park"



"Lunch with friend Lettie, her
son Rory and her mom Corrie"



"Sabrina and Mayke with
their daughter Liz 2018"



"David and Elenore in typical dutch wooden shoes 2016"



"Visiting Deirdre at
Christmas in Cork,
Ireland 2018"



"David and
his friends
at work"



"David and Melissa in
Rotterdam 2018"

Weddings of our friends



"Deirdre and Cillian's wedding, Ireland 2019"



"Stella and Marcel's wedding, Germany 2018"



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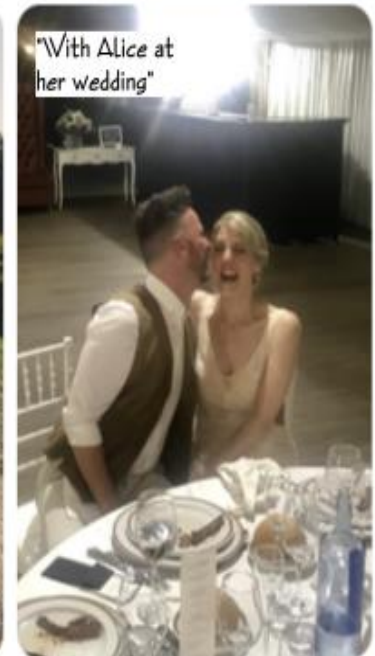
"With Deirdre at her wedding"



"Wedding of Alice and Carlos, Spain 2018"



"Wedding of Berdan and Juan 2019"



"With Alice at her wedding"

Our Home



"Cuddling Gizmo after work"



"After getting the keys to our home"



"Our home in a typical Dutch winter"



"Gizmo waiting for Santa Claus"



"Christmas Dinner, 2019"



"Family Brunch in our back garden, Spring holidays 2019"



"Jelmer baking pancakes for breakfast in our kitchen"

In 2016 we bought and renovated our beautiful home. Our house was built in 1865 and is full of character. We have lots of room for your child to grow and play. In the summer we spend a lot of time in our safe gated garden having barbeques and relaxing, in the winter we love to stay inside by the fire, cozy and warm. Our friends and family love to come over for food or stay with us for weekends.



"Summer evening in the back garden"



"Birthday Party in the back garden"



"The Local Ice Cream Shop.
with Luke and Hannah"

Our Neighbourhood

We live in a small village in the east of The Netherlands, surrounded by farms and countryside. We have plenty of local shops, restaurants and schools within walking distance. Our community is very close and everybody looks out for each other. Your child will grow up with many friends living in our street and we will make sure that they spend a lot of time outdoors enjoying the nature and playing games. Our neighbors are very supportive and can't wait for all the children to grow up together. Our village is very beautiful and during the summer a lot of tourists come to enjoy the nature and relax here, as do we.



"Our Local Church"



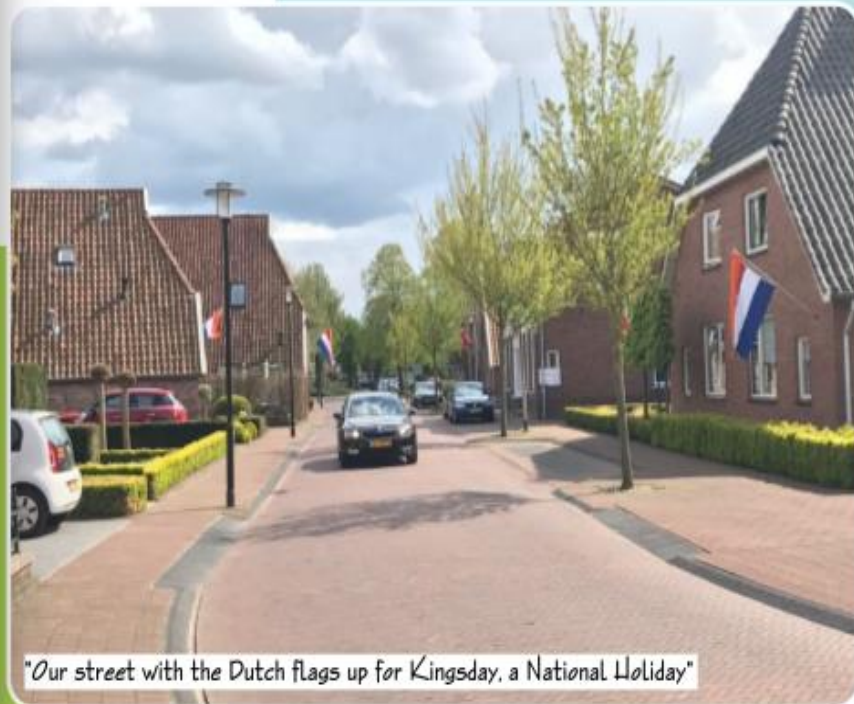
"Decorating our neighbours garden
to celebrate the birth of their son"



"The lake that is a short
walk from our home"



"Our village is famous for it's clog. David
and Melissa had their photo taken"



"Our street with the Dutch flags up for Kingsday, a National Holiday"



"Our Local Windmill"



The Netherlands and some of our traditions

The photo above shows what our neighbours did for our wedding. They put an arch with handmade paper roses in front of our front door. On the arch is a sign with our names on it as well. We hang the Dutch flag on 2 days a year which are Kingsday and Liberation Day. We got married the day after liberation Day, so it was still up. The photo underneath is a 2-minute walk from our house and shows a traditional boat, made in our hometown, used back in the day for transport of goods. In the summers nowadays it is a tourist attraction and also sails daily for the schoolchildren of the many schools to learn about the history of the village.



Every year there is a Christmas Market on the townsquare, where local shops sell their goods and the whole town comes together for hot chocolate and typical Dutch pastries called 'oliebollen'. Every year we get a Christmas ornament made there. The photo on the bottom is from the yearly picnic of many American adopted children here in the Netherlands, which we will hopefully attend annually with your child.



Our promise to you

We hope we have been able to give you a sense of who we are, and give you a picture of the loving, stable and safe environment we can offer your child. Our extended network of family and friends will offer us a lot of support and help in your child's development and upbringing. Living in a small village, we will make sure your child can grow up and enjoy their childhood with many children to play with. Education is important to us both. We are both university educated and will make every effort to ensure your child will have the best opportunities and education that we can provide. Making sure that your child can feel comfortable in being the best version of themselves will be at the top of our agenda. We will make sure they understand the importance of being who they want to be and that everybody is different and special in their own individual way. Our intention is for Jelmer to stop working and stay at home with your child during their first years to ensure we as a family can form strong bonds and have a strong relationship. We promise to take time and be there for your child through every aspect of their life and to respect their feelings and guide them. We promise you that we will do our absolute best to raise your child in the best possible way, giving them every opportunity we can while providing them unconditional love and support.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us during your adoption plan journey.

Please contact our Adoption Agency "Forever Families Through Adoption" if you have any question or if you would like to know more about us, at 1-914-939-1180 direct or Toll free: 1-866-922-3678.