

Marvin & Rick

OUR STORY



Dear birth parent,

Through this book, we hope that you are able to get a sense of who we are, what we believe in, and the life that we have created together.

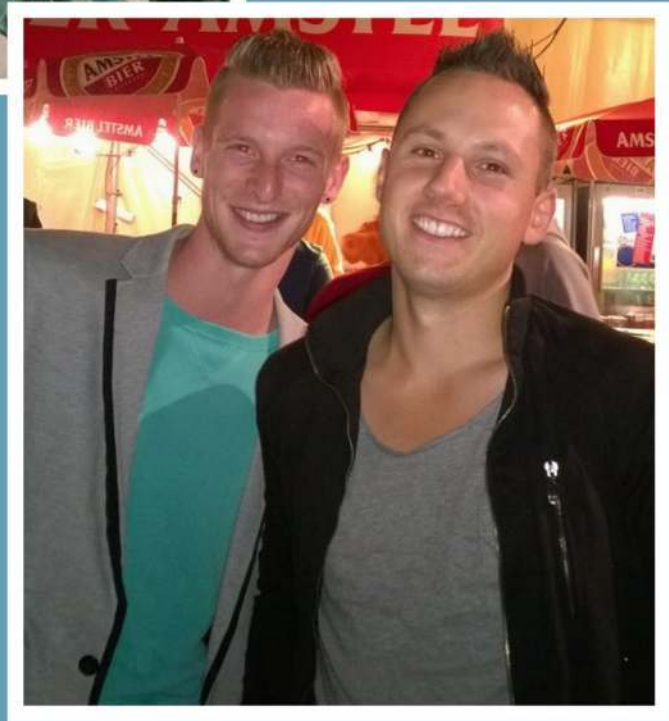
We cannot imagine the strength that is required to consider the adoption decision. We recognize that adoption is an incredible exchange of trust, and we will always hold this recognition in our hearts.

We are committed to making sure that your child understands that every choice that led them to be raised by us was made with love, and they should feel pride in you and where they came from.

Should you choose us to adopt your child, we look forward to learning more about you and developing our relationship through open adoption, sharing photos and updates.

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish you all the strength and courage to make the choice for your child that feels best for all of you.

With love, Marvin and Rick



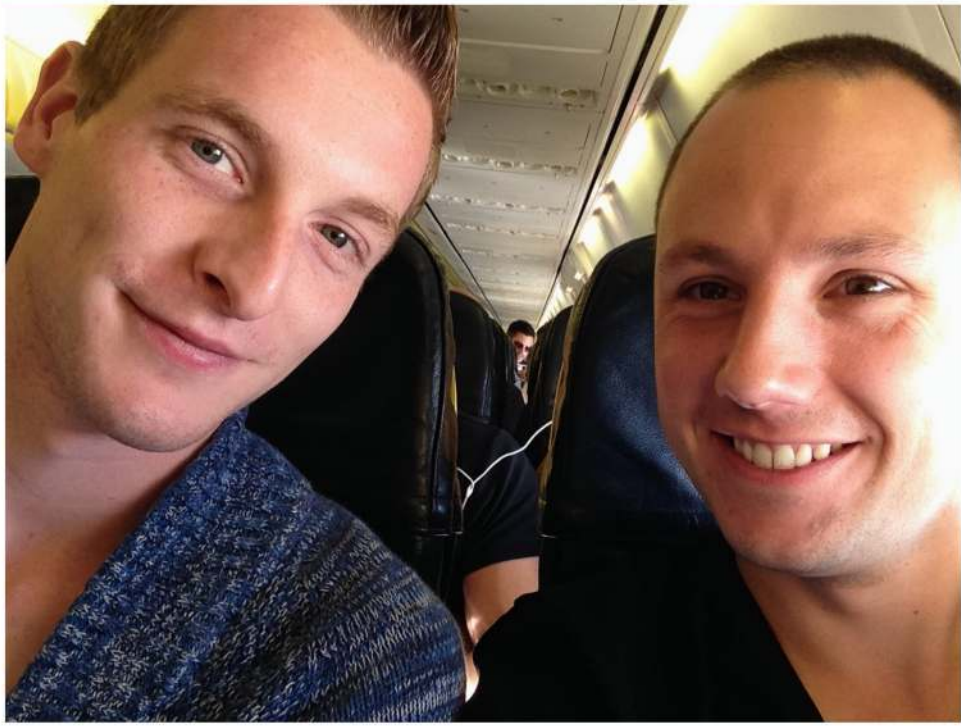
Our Story

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile.

We are Rick and Marvin, and we are very excited to begin the adoption process and welcome your child into our home and lives. We met in 2012 and felt an immediate connection with one another. A few months later, we started dating, moved in together in October 2013 and got married in May 2017.

Together, we love to travel to many destinations, especially the sunny ones. We also like to travel to Disneyland Paris and Walt Disney World. In our free time, we enjoy eating out at restaurants in our neighborhood and visiting our family and friends.

Both of us always wanted to have a family, and adoption would be our route to becoming parents. All of our family and friends are looking forward to the day when we can bring a child home with us.



Our first holiday traveling by plane to Barcelona, Spain

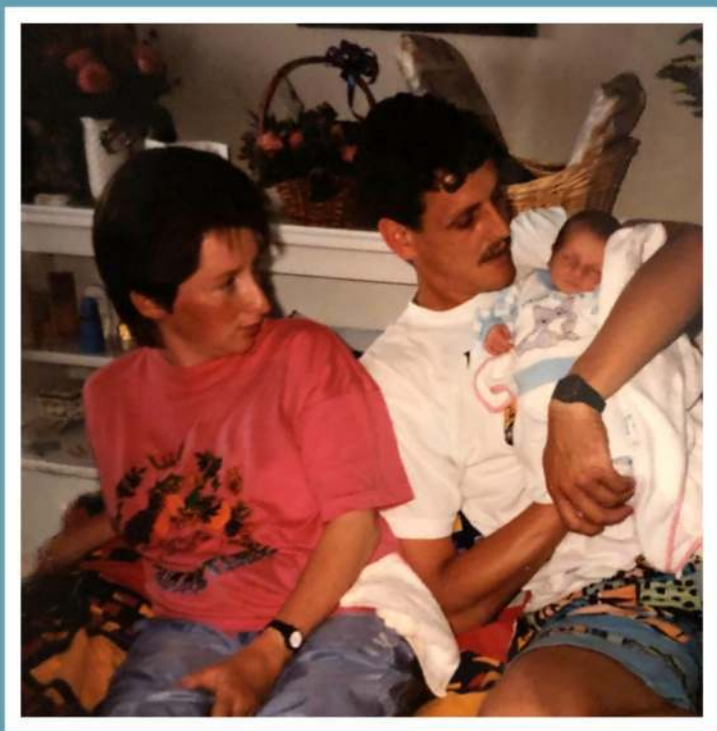


Visiting Gran Canaria, Spain



Our wedding day, May 23, 2017

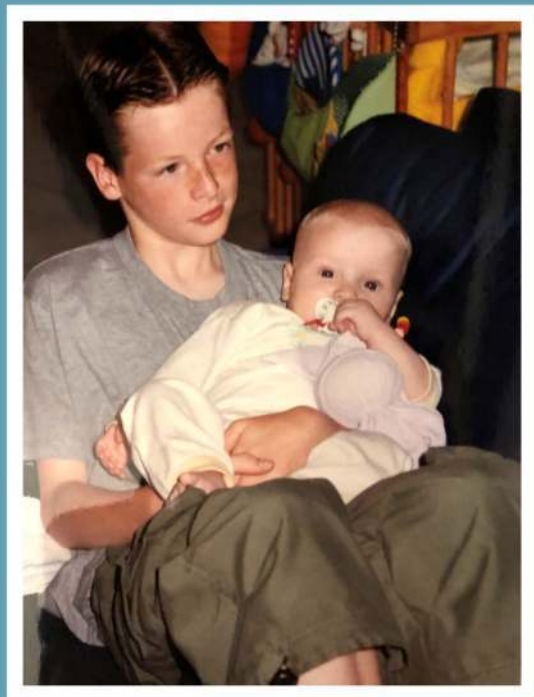




Marvin with his parents,
Jolanda & Wim



Marvin and his sister Nadine



Marvin's Story

I am 29 years old and grew up with my parents and younger sister. They live about a 45-minute drive away. We often go to see my family for a day trip.

My father works in a factory as a forklift driver and controller, and my mother was always the one who was home and looked after me and my sister.

I've been working for a clothes and accessories shop for almost 9 years now. My latest function in this company is as a manager of operations. I've always known that I wanted to be a Dad. It was one of the first things I discussed with Rick when we met. When the adoption is completed, I will take time off work and stay home to take care of your child. In our time together as a family, I will be the dad that takes your child to do fun and educative things.

In my free time, I love to walk our dogs, dine out with friends and family, stay home and watch TV or relax in our big garden. I also like to go running or to the gym to work out.

Marvin at Hard Rock Cafe
Venice, Italy



Rick's nephew, Siebe,
is with us on holiday
at Cadzand, The Netherlands.



Marvin with Puck, our
friend Aafke's child

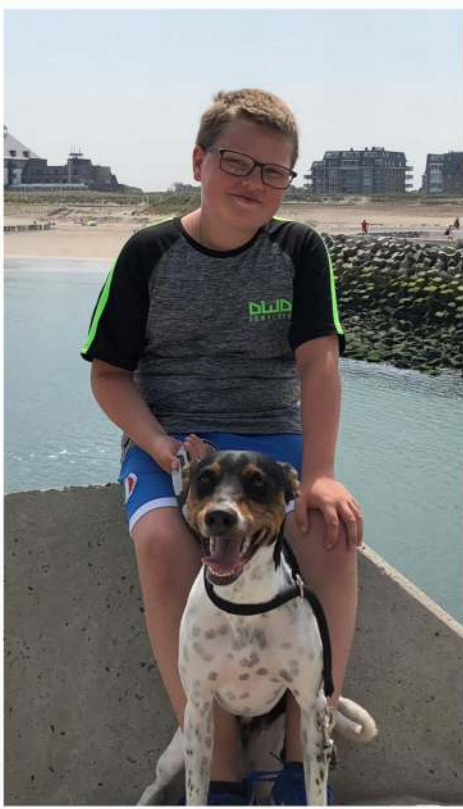


Marvin, according to Rick

Marvin is my best friend and the love of my life. I remember our first date like it was yesterday; his smile, the twinkle in his eyes, just beautiful!

He is successful at his job. He is positive, optimistic, and very warm and sensitive. He is also very attentive towards me and to our family and friends. Marvin is very caring toward everyone, and that is what will make him a great dad.

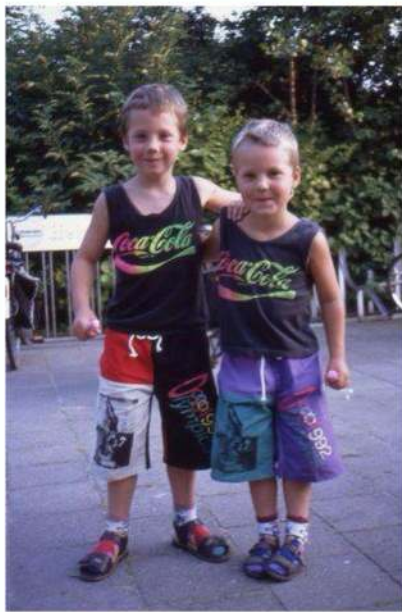
Rick's nephew Siebe and our dog Simon



Rick's parents, Marisca and John



Rick with his brother Bob



Rick with Puck, our friend Aafke's child



Rick's Story

I am 36 years old and was raised in a small town near Belgium with my father, John, who works in a local pub, my mother, Marisca, who is a maternity nurse in a hospital, and my younger brother, Bob. Unfortunately, Bob passed away when he was just 25 years old. We see his son, Siebe, who is 14 years old, very often.

Every summer, our family would go on a holiday to either France or Italy. We loved camping in our tent near a beach or a lake. We hope to share these same experiences with your child when we are lucky enough to adopt.

I studied hospitality and tourism in college and worked in resorts and restaurants for a few years. For the last 8 years, I've been working full-time in restaurant management. In order to be home more with your child, I left the long hours of restaurant management and began to work as a sales employee in a hotel.



Our dog Simon

The aquarium Sea Life
Orlando, Florida

Rick's brother Bob, with his son Siebe.





Rick with his dad, celebrating Rick's birthday in a restaurant

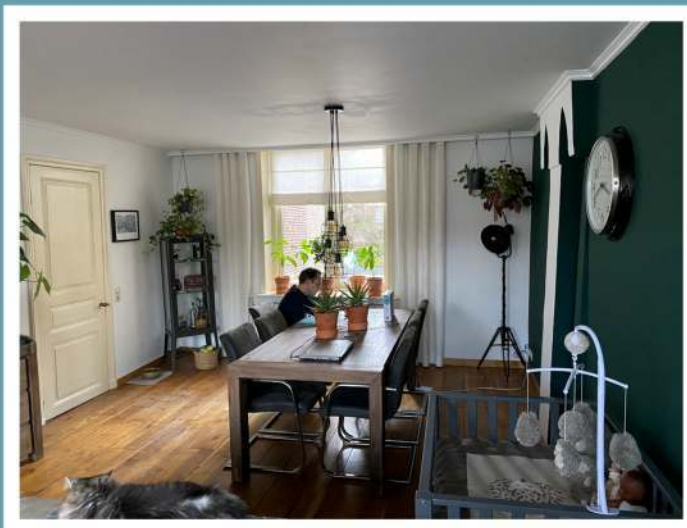
Rick, according to Marvin

Rick is a warm and loving person who is very organized and connects easily with other people. He is also a great cook and loves to bake and try new recipes.

At birthday parties, you can always find him entertaining the kids. He will be a very fun, loving and caring dad!



Our livingroom



Nursery



Our home & neighborhood

We live in the Netherlands. Our hometown is in the south-east of the country, very close to Belgium.

Our house is located in the center of the town. The neighborhood is child-friendly and has a children's playground around the corner. It is close to the schools, shops, daycare, sports facilities, and Rick's family. The house has a big garden, ideal for children to play in, four bedrooms, and plenty of space to raise a family.

We love to invite our friends + family over for a meal, game of cards or just to hang out and enjoy each other's company.



Our house



Rick and his parents,
Marisca and John



Marvin and his parents,
Jolanda and Wim



Marvin, his sister Nadine and Rick

Family and friends

Our family and friends are looking forward to becoming grandparents, aunts, and uncles to your baby. Everybody is happy and excited and is completely supportive of us. They will help us so that your baby gets the best possible start to everything.

We have two cats, Monster and Pluck, and two dogs, Simon and Vito. We rescued our dogs from Spain and love taking them for walks together to the forest or beach.

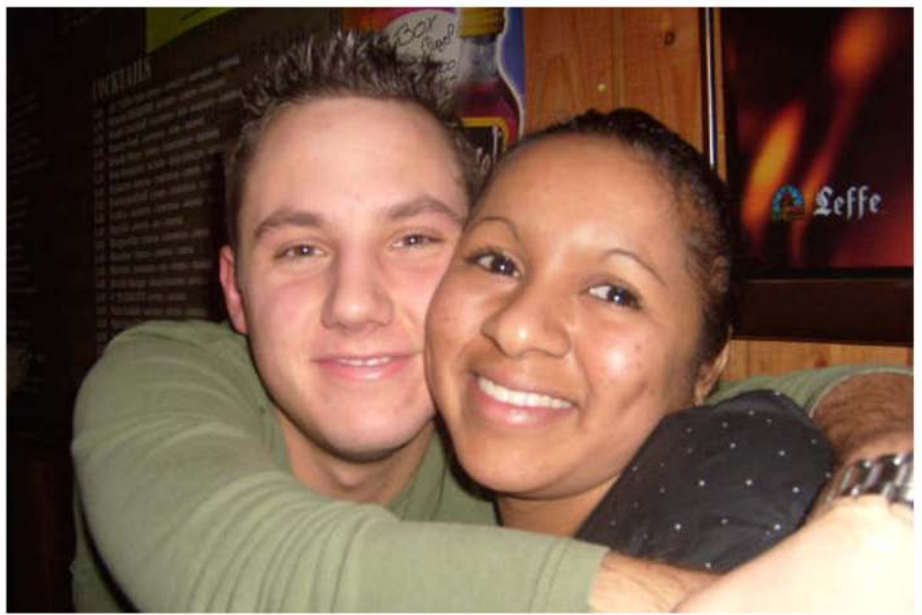
Marvin's parents, sister, and family live in his birth-town, and Rick's family lives in the same town as we do. Rick's parents, Marisca and John, have been happily married for 40 years. We often go with them to the theatre to see performances or musicals.

Marvin's parents, Jolanda and Wim, have been married for 32 years and have, just like us, rescued a dog from Spain. So when we visit them, we all walk together to the beach with the dogs. They love to go on vacation in the summer with their motorhome to a campsite.

We like to spend time with family and friends and visit them as often as possible. Your child will be surrounded by all this love.



Our dogs Simon & Vito



Our friend Tanja

Our cat Pluck



Our cat Monster



Our friend Aafke

Our friend Stephanie



Nephew Siebe with Puck,
Aafke's daughter



Our friends Finlay & Richeline



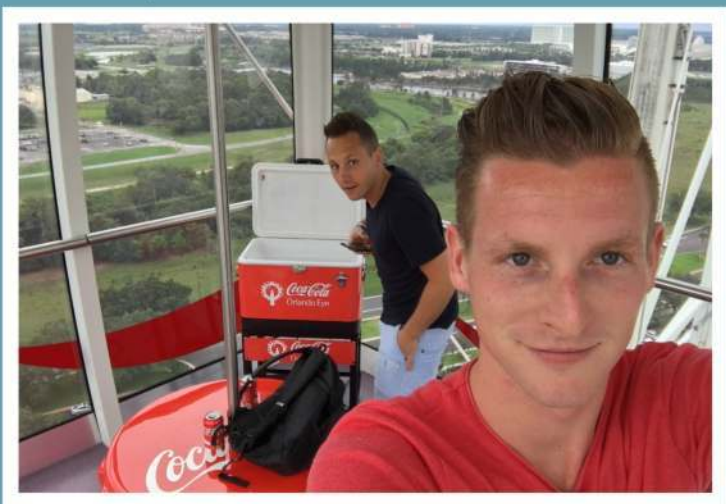
Disney's Hollywood Studios,
Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida



Magic Kingdom, Walt Disney World
Orlando, Florida



The Wheel at ICON Park
Orlando, Florida

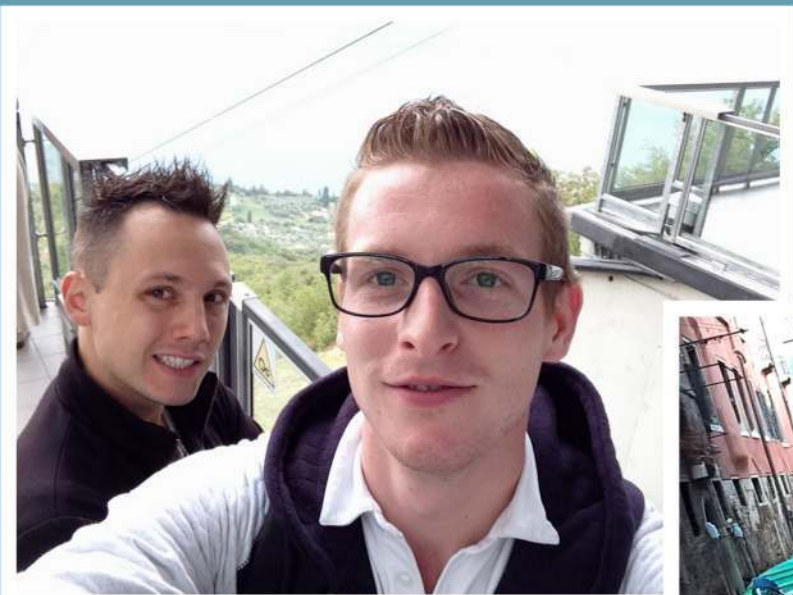


Traveling

We love traveling and discovering the world together.

Over recent years, we have traveled to America and around Europe. On our honeymoon, we went to Orlando, Florida. We fell in love with your country, spirit, and people. This confirmed to us that we want to adopt from the U.S. When we are lucky enough to adopt, we hope to keep a close connection with you, at your comfort level.

We would love to show the world to your child as well, since we believe that it is important for the development of children to get a good understanding of the world we live in, in all its diversity and beauty.



Monte Baldo mountain,
Garda Lake, Italy



The famous canals in,
Venice, Italy



The Amphitheater in
Verona, Italy



Garda Lake, Italy



Gran Canaria, Spain



Barcelona, Spain





Canals of Amsterdam

Tulipfields



Our Country The Netherlands

As a country, we score very high in citizen happiness, have a high quality of living and a very good educational system. The Netherlands, also known as Holland, is famous for its tulips, windmills, clogs, canals, riding a bike, cheese, and for being very tolerant, having a multicultural society, and having freedom of speech.

We plan to introduce your child to different cultures and beliefs to enable him or her to choose their own path in life with unconditional love from us. We also would like to highlight that we are open to adopting a child of color; we have family and friends of color; and we live in a very open and tolerant environment.

Christmas dinner with friends



Richeline and Finlay, when they were younger, on Christmas Eve



Carnaval



Christmas

Our Traditions

Our country has some great traditions. We think these are very important and we love to share them with the people that we love the most. We celebrate Christmas every year with our families, but also birthdays, Easter, Kingsday, and some local traditions, like Carnaval. We feel it's important to involve children in these special celebrations so that they can grow up with these traditions and continue them.

We would also like to pass on the American traditions like Thanksgiving, July 4th and Halloween because we think it is important that the child knows where they come from and also has good and positive feelings about them. American traditions will always be an important part of your child's life and identity.



Our king and queen with primary school children on King's Day

July 4th



Fireworks on new years eve



Thanksgiving



Halloween



Group photo of the Dutch family!
Many of the children adopted from the U.S. gather at an annual picnic.



Thank you

Thank you very much for reading our story, and for considering us to be the parents of your child.

We will give your child a loving and safe home with us. We will make sure your child will grow and become the independent and happy person you dream of for your child.

We can only imagine that it's a very difficult decision for you. We promise that your child will always know who you are and how brave you are.

We wish you the best of luck with your decision and hope you have an easy pregnancy.

Lots of love, Marvin and Rick

Please contact our adoption agency in New York, Forever Families Though Adoption, toll free at 1-866-922-3678 or directly at 914-939-1180 if you would like to know more about us.