



ROB & DAAN

Dear Birth Mother,

We are very pleased to introduce ourselves to you. We are Rob and Daan from The Netherlands and we want you to know that becoming parents is our biggest dream. We have shared this dream together for many years now and we are more than ready, and in the right place, to make this dream a reality.

We truly admire and respect your choice to consider an adoption plan for your child. We can only imagine how emotional and difficult this must be for you. Considering this choice, shows how courageous you are. Your child is blessed with such a strong and brave parent.

We want you to know that we will do everything to give your child the best life possible. We will love, support and take care of your child. Give a warm and loving home, dedication and laughter as well as providing a carefree childhood is what we will offer and cherish in your child's life. Together with our loving extended family and dear friends, we ensure that your child will grow up in a loving, safe and secure home.

We are honored and grateful that you are taking the time to look through our profile and get to know us. No matter what your choice will be, we truly hope you can find peace and happiness in your decision.

With warm love,

Rob & Daan



OUR STORY



Our story goes back to November 2008. We met each other while both enjoying an evening out in our hometown. After setting up our first date we both already knew: he is the one! Our chemistry, the same norms and values we both share as well as how we both want to live our lives, and most importantly; family first, makes that we are still going strong together. After eight years of courtship we bought our first house and married on June 17th 2016. We celebrated that day with our beloved family and friends. Our wedding day was the icing on the cake of our love and we feel grateful to have the foundation that we have.

We have always known independently of each other that we wanted to have a family. It's a typical precept to not talk about children on your first date, so we spoke about our wishes to have children on our second one for hours. And we still have not stopped talking about our biggest dream: becoming loving parents of a child. We truly are confident, excited and eager to start our family through adoption. We believe in giving and want the best life for every child.

We prefer to have an open adoption, but we want you to know that we welcome whatever level of openness you feel comfortable with and we understand that may change over time. We will always respect that.



Married! Put a ring on it!



Our wedding day



Surprised by friends for our anniversary



Honeymoon in Mexico



Sail away in Dutch National Parc



New Year's Eve '08: begin of our courtship



First holiday together in Indonesia



First time entering our new home



ABOUT DAAN

BY ROB



Daan and his sisters

Daan was raised in a warm and loving family together with his mum & dad and his two younger sisters. He had a joyful and carefree childhood. Together with all the children from the neighborhood they formed a group of friends who were incredibly close to each other. His parents always invited all the neighborhood children to their place to play in the backyard and drink hot chocolate milk together with his sisters. Daan still is very grateful to his parents for providing him this carefree childhood and he just can't wait to offer this to the child we are lucky enough to adopt.

Daan's parents are great and have always supported him in the choices he made to explore the world and for the boy he was and the man he wanted to be. For me, I admire Daan for his great sense of responsibility and his natural urge to want to help others. It wasn't a surprise that, after finishing high school, he graduated 'medical school' and became a social worker in health care for people with disability disorders.



Reading to a patient at work



Bike riding in Spain



Fun fair with nephew Matt



Playing with nephew Hero



Discovering new lunch spots



Hiking in local woods



Daan is truly my soulmate and the love of my life. He is caring, has a big warm heart, a great sense of empathy, intelligent, reliable and honest. He is always willing to help people and he supports me in the choices I make. Separately, we've always had the strong desire for building a warm and loving family and together with Daan I found the perfect daddy-to-be to fulfill this dream.

ABOUT ROB

BY DAAN



Rob and his sister

Rob was born in a big city. He feels blessed that he was raised by two dads (one biological and a stepdad), his wonderful mum and an older sister. Together with his family and friends from his neighborhood, he enjoyed his carefree childhood. The family Rob has grown up in is known for emphasizing the importance of coziness, self-development and helping each other in life. I admire the norms and values of life Rob practices and I feel very blessed that he wants to pass on, those important norms he maintains, as a father to a child. This is exactly why we together will be a perfect team for raising and loving your child.

I met Rob when he studied Human Resource Management at the University. He is always interested in the well-being of others and he encourages people to take good care of themselves. If necessary he will always help them to get further in life and do what's best for them. Rob plans to work part-time when he becomes a father. He wants to spend as much time as possible with our family when we are lucky to have a child.



Walking on the beach



At work



Food truck festival



At the playground with my nephew



Always singing (off-key unfortunately)



Crazy about ice cream in Italy!



Typically Rob: being too enthusiastic... >>



But eventually



Rob is by far my best mate and partner in life who I truly love. He is so energetic, positive and an enthusiastic motivator to other people. He has a generous heart, great sense of humor, is supportive and he truly holds dear to have happy and loving moments together with family and friends. We complement each other completely and I know for sure that he will be a fantastic dad!



MEET

DAAN'S FAMILY



I'm blessed with a very supportive family. They fully support us to make our dream come true of having our own loving family and they can't wait to welcome another grandchild, niece or nephew in their lives.

My parents are happily married and are a perfect example of how to raise a loving and warm family. I'm the oldest child of three. My youngest sister sadly had a stroke. As a family we all really support her and she became a strong and independent woman. My other sister is married and together with her husband they have one son and they are expecting another child in 2020.

We see each other a lot as we all live nearby and we enjoy spending time together.



Us with Daan's parents, his sisters, brother in law & nephew Hero



Celebrating my parents' 35th anniversary



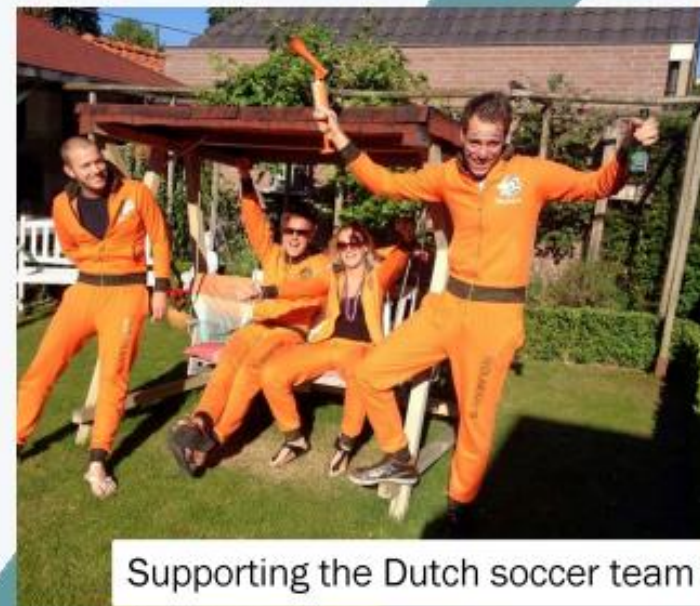
Mini concert by dad



Sister & her assistance dog



Home cooking by mum



Supporting the Dutch soccer team



Playing during family day

MEET ROB'S FAMILY

When I was a little child, my father and mother divorced and my mother remarried my stepdad Luc. I was blessed that I've been raised by two fathers and a mother who I really love. Unfortunately, my (step)dad passed away when I was 18 years old and I still miss him every day. All three of them gave, and still give me, so much love and I will always be grateful to them of how they raised and supported me. My sister is married and they have two children. We are lucky to live in the same street so Daan and I spend lots of time with my niece and nephew with who we have a special bond. As a family, we all spend much time together; not only celebrating birthdays and holidays, but also joining daytrips and family game nights on a regular basis. My family is so excited to welcome a child in our lives as they see the sparkles in our eyes when we talk with them about starting our own loving family. We are blessed and very grateful for their unconditional support.



Us with Rob's mother, sister, brother in law and their kids



Photobooth at our wedding with all my cousins



Dad with niece Sam



My sister and her son



Mum at the zoo



With mum and nephew Matt in theme park



Yearly family day



FUN WITH FRIENDS



Finished the escape room



We need a larger 'pool'...



Working at our friend's farm for a day



Tropical party with friends



City trip in Amsterdam on a tandem bike



Dining out

EXPLORING AMERICA



Yosemite, CA



Los Angeles, CA



Death Valley, CA



San Francisco, CA



New York City, NY



Grand Canyon, AZ

OUR INTERESTS & GUILTY PLEASURES



Eating pizza in Italy



Game night with friends



City trip in Berlin, Germany



Visiting modern art museums



House of Hansel & Gretel in theme park

ROB'S TOP 5

1. CHEESE!
2. HOLIDAYS
3. ALL SONGS OF ARETHA FRANKLIN
4. FOOD.
LOTS OF FOOD
5. PAINTING

DAAN'S TOP 5

1. TRAVELLING
2. BEYONCÉ
3. HOME COOKING
4. NETFLIX SERIES
(AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST)
5. CHOCOLATE!



Concert



Home cooking

OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

In 2016 we moved to our current townhouse. In our backyard we can play soccer with our nephews, and niece when she is a bit older. Our street is a car-free zone, so many kids play on the street together. Our house is spacious and light with an open kitchen where Daan loves to cook for family and friends. We decorated the baby room ourselves in the theme of 'Miffy exploring the world' with an eye for multicultural- and American details.



Preparing the baby room



Nursery



Children's treasure hunt in neighborhood



Elementary & middle high school



Petting zoo



Park



Multiple playgrounds



We live in a friendly village nearby a vibrant city in the south of The Netherlands; a country in the west of Europe. In our neighborhood all important facilities such as great schools and a pediatrician are nearby and it's a real family friendly community. Most of our neighbors just became parents or are expecting their first child. Each year all neighbors organize multiple activities for the kids, like a children's treasure hunt or a magic show. Lots of children play in the multiple playgrounds within walking distance, at the petting zoos or together with parents and other children in the parks. There are children and families of many different nationalities and cultures and other adopted children too.



Our house and backyard



OUR TRADITIONS

IN THE NETHERLANDS

We really love to spend our holidays with family and friends and to cherish these beautiful and warm moments together, especially with Easter, Kingsday and Sinterklaas (typical Dutch), Christmas and New Year's Eve. As we want to honor the American culture for your child, we started celebrating Thanksgiving, Halloween and the 4th of July to combine the best of both worlds. Our family and friends are so supportive that they celebrate these special events together with us.

We are really looking forward to the yearly reunion, called 'A New Way family', where adopted kids from the USA in The Netherlands come together. And every year, new friendships establish between the kids and parents. It really feels like a big and loving family.



Halloween



Sinterklaas



Easter



Christmas



THE NETHERLANDS IS KNOWN FOR:

- WORLD'S BEST HEALTHCARE
- HIGHLY REGARDED DAY CARES, SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES
- TOP 3 POSITION 'HAPPIEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD'
- HIGH QUALITY OF LIVING
- PAID PART TIME EMPLOYMENT WHEN PARENTING
- SAFETY & TOLERANCE
- OPEN MINDED & MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY
- ONE OF THE BEST AND MOST STABLE ECONOMIES
- RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS
- GREAT HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM



Yearly reunion of USA adopted kids

In Closing

Our hearts are with you at this time, as you go through this process and we hope you can find peace and comfort as you take this brave journey.

We promise that from day one we will always be honest and put your adoption story in a positive light, full of love, about the sacrifice you made to give your child the best life possible. We certainly want you to know that we will never hold great expectations to increase the wrong pressure to your child, but we will fully support and encourage your child's own decisions to chase their dreams and become a happy, brave and strong individual.

We also want you to know that when your child will become a parent on their own, we hope that he or she can look back to a carefree childhood and a safe and warm home full of laughter, joy, respect, lots of hugs, enough space to express their emotions and unconditional love and support. Together with the support of our beloved families and dear friends, we are certain to give your child the best life possible.

As we mentioned before, we prefer to have an open adoption, but we want you to know that we welcome whatever level of openness you feel comfortable with and we will fully respect that. Know that we will honor your preferences and that we are certainly willing to share stories, pictures and even visit the USA so that you know how your child is growing up and developing in life and how well loved and cared for your child is.

We both want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We can't even imagine how hard it must be to make a decision based on pictures and stories, therefore we want you to know that we are open to answer any questions you have. We hope you have an easy pregnancy and we look forward to hearing from you.

With warm love,

Rob & Daan



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WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOU AND
WANT TO HELP YOU DURING THIS TIME IN YOUR
LIFE AND MAKE THIS DECISION A LITTLE EASIER
FOR YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

