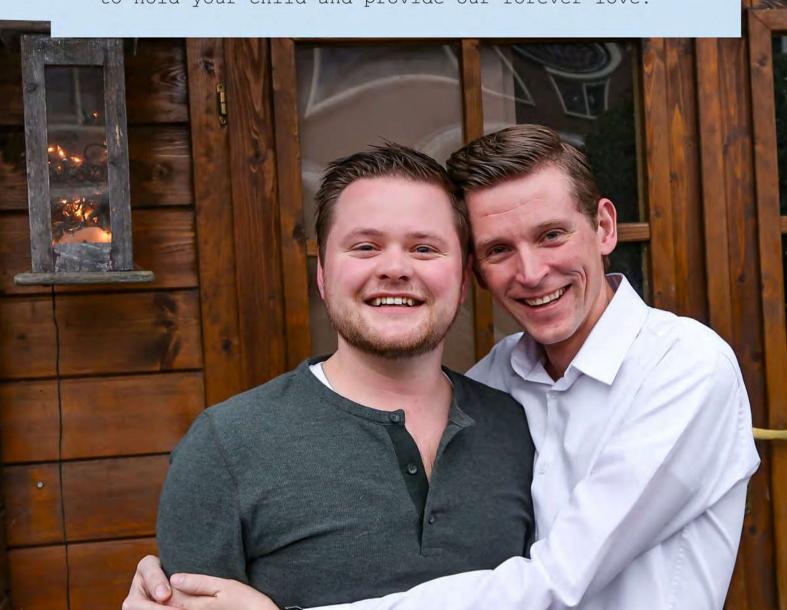


Dear Birth parent,

We are Djordi & Thomas from the Netherlands, and we are gratefull for considering us as loving parents for your child.

We hope that these few pages will show you how much love we have to offer your child and the passion and excitement we have to embrace a new family member. We can only try to imagine what it's like to be on the other end of this process and we thank you so much for your love and courage in considering an adoption plan.

Whatever will happen in life, we will always be there for your child. We will hold your child in our arms and comfort him or her. We will carry your child on our chest, and wrap your child up to make him or her feel safe. We will tell them how beautiful and loved they are and that we want your child to be who they are meant to be. We can't wait to hold your child and provide our forever love!



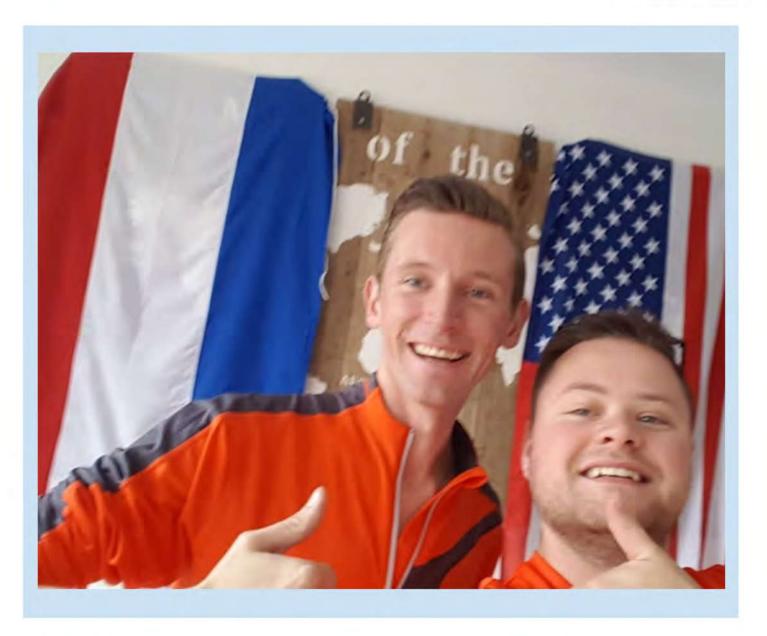
Our Story

Our love story began in the summer of 2014 after we met online. From the very start, we felt that we had a special connection. This connection was so great that we decided to meet each others parents within a few days. After a few months we decided to move in together and on the first of December we sealed our love by getting married.

Since we met, one thing has been for certain; we want to be parents. It is our hope that our greatest dream will come true by adopting. We are aware that our dream goes hand in hand with many struggles and sadness, and we will always be respectful of your difficult decision.









During Christmas dinner at Djordi's father, we found out that we both were on the same campsite at the same time when we where kids!

We told Thomas'
parents about this
and they ran
upstairs to their
picture books and
then they saw
Djordi in the
pictures! This was
when we were 8 and
9 years old!



Thomas at the beach in Greece



Djordi playing minigolf

about Thomas

I was born in 1990 in The Netherlands. When I was 4 I moved with my loving parents and brother to the beautiful island of Curacao. I had a great time there. During my stay in Curacao I even became a big brother, my sister was born there. We lived there for 4 wonderful years before moving back to The Netherlands.

With my parents I have been traveling a lot. This is still something I love to do. During our time in Curacao we also traveled to Disney world Florida. Here I fell in love with your wonderful country. Since then I always wanted to go back to the USA.

After High school I realised that I like to make people feel safe and comfortable and to care for them. This combined with a passion for cars I started my studies to become a car salesman. For the past 12 years I have been at my dream job at my current employer as a car salesman.



The class picture in Curacao



With my mom and sister in Greece



I love to take care of my little niece



Hugging Mickey in Florida



Christmas at work





I love to be on the water



I sold a car to Djordi's parents





At the beach with Bob our dog



Building a "baby gym" for my sister

About Djordi

I was born in 1991 in the middle of the Netherlands where I grew up in a loving family. I have a lot of great memory's from my primary school with a lot of friends and great teachers. Every morning we would pray and have religion lessons.

Sadly after 13 years of marriage, my parents decided to separate. My mother ultimately remarried and my father found a new girlfriend and together they had a new baby brother, so our family is pretty big now! Everybody lives in the same town and we see each other quite a lot so family is very important to me.

After my school I began working as a theater technician, I traveled through the Netherlands and Belgium with a children's play; this was a great experience. I'm still in love with this great profession. When we started the adoption I wanted to be more at home for our future child so I decided to change my profession. Now I sell theatrical equipment, I go around all the theaters in the Netherlands and sell our products, but every evening I'm home with my family.



I love to care for my nephews



The theaterplay
I've worked with



In the playground with my sister and little brother



I love my cappuchino



Pizza time!!



Thomas by Djordi

When I met Thomas I knew he was a caring and loving man with a big heart. He loves to be with his family and will always be there for them.

Every time I see him playing with his nephews or niece I know he will be a great father for your child and that he will snuggle them and read them story's when they go to bed.

Fun facts about Thomas

Guilty pleasure: Singing loud in the car

Favorite Holiday: Summer holiday

Favorite way to relax: Walking with our dog Bob

Thomas enjoying the summer holiday

Djordi by Thomas

When I met Djordi it was love at first sight. I knew he was the right man for me, he is loving, fun, strong and I feel safe when he is around me.

He knows how to cheer me with love and respect. When Djordi enters a room you know there will be a good laugh.

He is supportive in good and in bad times to me and to his family. Family is everything to him, like spending time at his sister's place to help feed and play with his nephews.

One of the first things he told me was that he wanted to have children. I know he will be a loving and supportive dad for your child.



Fun facts about Djordi

Favorite food: All kinds of pancakes

Guilty pleasure: Watching Disney movies

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite way to relax: Biking

We have already thought of the safest strollers and car seats to purchase when we are lucky enough to adopt.







The Netherlands is a very tolerant country in Western Europe with a multicultural society. Our healthcare system is accessible to everyone who needs it, and our education system is one of the best in the world.

Our country has some great traditions and we love to share them with the people that we love the most. We celebrate Christmas every year with our families, but also Easter, Kingsday and some local traditions, like the 4th of May. We feel it's important to involve children in these special celebrations, so that they can grow up with these traditions and continue them.









year with Thomas' family

A tradition in our family is the 4th of May. First we eat poffertjes (mini pancakes) in Laren near our home town. After that we have a silent march to pay respect to those who have fought in the war.

We would also like to pass on American traditions such as thanksgiving and the 4th of July because we think it is important that your child knows where they come from and also has positive feelings about it. The American and Dutch traditions will be an important part of your child's life and identity.









with Djordi's father







Our Neighborhood

We live in the diverse town of Huizen in the center of the Netherlands. In our hometown, we have lots of nature like beaches, lakes, and forests. Our street is in a very child-friendly neighborhood with lots of kids with different backgrounds, great schools and fun playgrounds.

At the end of our street is Lake Gooimeer. In the summer we can swim right in front of our house and they offer fun events for children like sailing courses or canoeing. Every day we love to walk near the lake with our dog Bob. We cannot wait to go for a walk with Bob and your child.

Walking with our nephew near the lake



The bridge in front of our house



Our niece in the forest nearby



Djordi's mother and nephew at the fun playground around the corner



We love to walk with Bob near the lake



We hope your child can attend the same primary school as Djordi did as a child.

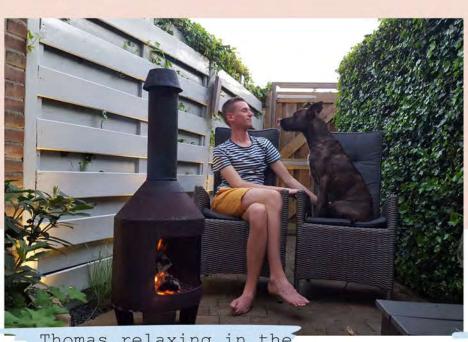
Thomas is the cook

Our Home

Our house is cozy and spacious, and more than ready to accommodate your child. We love entertaining, and it's not uncommon to have friends and family stop by throughout the week.

Multiple times a year Djordi's younger brother loves to spend the weekend with us and we really love that.

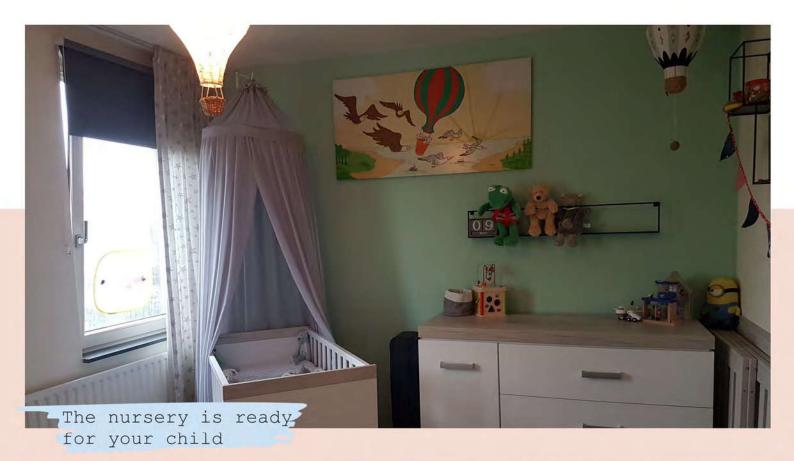




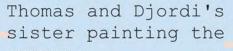
Thomas relaxing in the back garden with Bob



Djordi playing with our nephew Naud in the living room









Nursery

We also love the nursery that we've put together in anticipation for the adoption. All-in-all, our home is a cozy place that we can't wait to share with your child!



Djordi folding the laundry

The painting you see is made by an artist friend of Djordi. She made us this beautiful painting for the nursery it tells the story of a child traveling from America to the Netherlands in a hot air balloon.





Djordi's mother, stepfather and grandfather



Thomas' brother, sister in law and our niece Milou



parents



and little brother Finn



Family weekend with

Our family means the world to us. Thankfully, they all live nearby, so we are able to spend time together weekly. For example, every Friday we have dinner at Djordi's parents.

We are truly blessed to have all these loving people by our side, who support us and are very excited about our decision to adopt.

In addition to our family, we have lots of friends who play a big role in our lives. Most of them we have known for many years, and they are very supportive, caring and loyal. We feel lucky to have such a strong support system!







Children in our life

Your child will not be the only child in our family.

Meet our nephews and niece. They are very important to us and we love to babysit them.

Naud is oldest son of Djordi's sister Annika. He is 2 years old and a very happy and active boy. He loves to play outside and to cuddle.

Stan is the second son of Annika (Djordi's sister). He is almost a year old. He is also a very happy boy and he can give great smiles.

Milou is the first daughter of Thomas' brother Bastiaan. She is a wonderful girl and is almost 2 years old. She loves to play and is very caring for her dolls. Bastiaan and Thomas' sister in law Chantal are expecting their second child soon.





with Naud



Thomas at the fair with Milou



Feeding time for Stan











We are in contact with other families that have adopted and are adopting from the U.S. as well. Every year there is the picnic where families that have adopted from the U.S. gather to celebrate being part of the family with other adopted children from the U.S.

We also have close friends who are waiting as well to adopt from the U.S. And we hope that the contact with other adopted American children will give your child more confidence and strength.



Our Pets

Meet Bob the Dog

Hi, I'm Bob, Thomas & Djordi rescued me 4 years ago from Spain where I was living on the streets. They gave me a home and lots of love. Now I can give my love back to them. Every Friday I stay at Djordi's mother together with our nephews. I love them so much. They cuddle me and want to play with me. I love kids!





Our Cat Lunk

Hello, I'm Luuk the red cat of the house. I'm a very active cat and I am also 4 years old. I love to play and especially love attention. I want to cuddle with everyone and I enjoy kids. Every time my nephews or my niece are at home I want to cuddle them.



Lady of the House Luna

I'm the oldest in the house and they call me: The Lady. I'm Luna and I am 5 years old. Curious but with a little distance I observe everything in the house. When I think it's safe you can pet me. The thing I love the most is to sleep in the sun.



Holiday & Hobby's

We love to spend our summer holidays traveling through Europe with our caravan and we often go to France. During our trips we like to be in nature, explore cities and discover local attractions like visit caves nearby or go canoeing. We also enjoy relaxing during our holiday by reading a book or go swimming in the pool. We can't wait to enjoy the summer holiday at the campsite with your child.

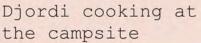


Hiking in France





















We love to take pictures. This was the newborn shoot for our nephew

Our promise to you

From the beginning of our relationship, we have dreamt of becoming parents. Raising children feels like a natural next step for us and we have a home full of love to offer!

We deeply respect the great sacrifice you've had to make in the interest of your baby.

Please know that we will always respect you and speak of you in a positive way. We value the benefits of open adoption and look forward to meeting you and remaining in contact. However, we'd also understand if you prefer to keep more distance.

We can't wait to teach your child the best of both of our backgrounds whether that relates to culture, values, language or religion. Your child will be taught how to respect, how to love and how to get the most out of life. We also look forward to showing them the most beautiful places on earth and will encourage them to take up a musical instrument or try a sport. Your child will be raised in a safe, supportive environment so that they will grow up to be the most positive and happy person possible!

Thank you for reading our story and learning more about us.

If you have any questions about us or want to learn more about the adoption process please let our adoption agency know.

Love,

Thomas

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