

INTRODUCING

*jeff + jen*



## HELLO FRIEND

There are some things that can't be described by words, instead they are shown by opening up one's heart and seeing the brilliance that follows. Thank you so much for finding out more about us. Guess what?! We both already have something in common, we both want the best things in the world for your child. We cannot imagine how difficult this experience is for you, but we admire you already for your strength. We have built a loving home together full of laughter, creativity, compassion and support and we are excited to share that life with your child. We know that becoming parents is in our future and we hope that by fulfilling our dream to adopt that we will have a positive impact on your life as well. These next few pages will give you a glimpse into our lives and we hope that you are able to feel the love and happiness that would surround your child if you were to select us as the adoptive parents for your child. We would love to learn more about you and the hopes and dreams you have for your child. Thank you again for taking the time to consider us.

Love,

*jeff + jen*





## ABOUT US

Jeff and I have been married for over four years. We met six years ago the old fashioned way...online! We had both been waiting to find that special person and new almost instantly that there was a connection. We started our adventure together a few weeks after texting and chatting online and we have been making awesome memories together ever since.

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*"Jeff and I have a passion for life and we look forward to sharing this with our child"*

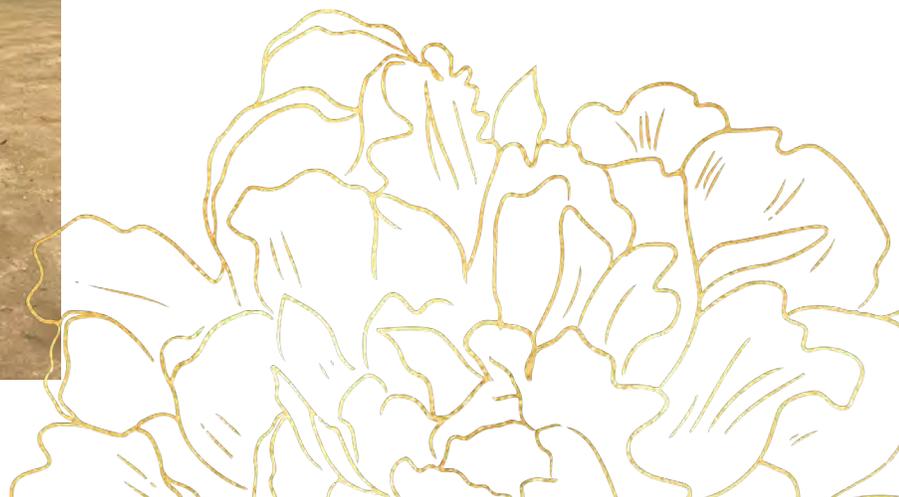
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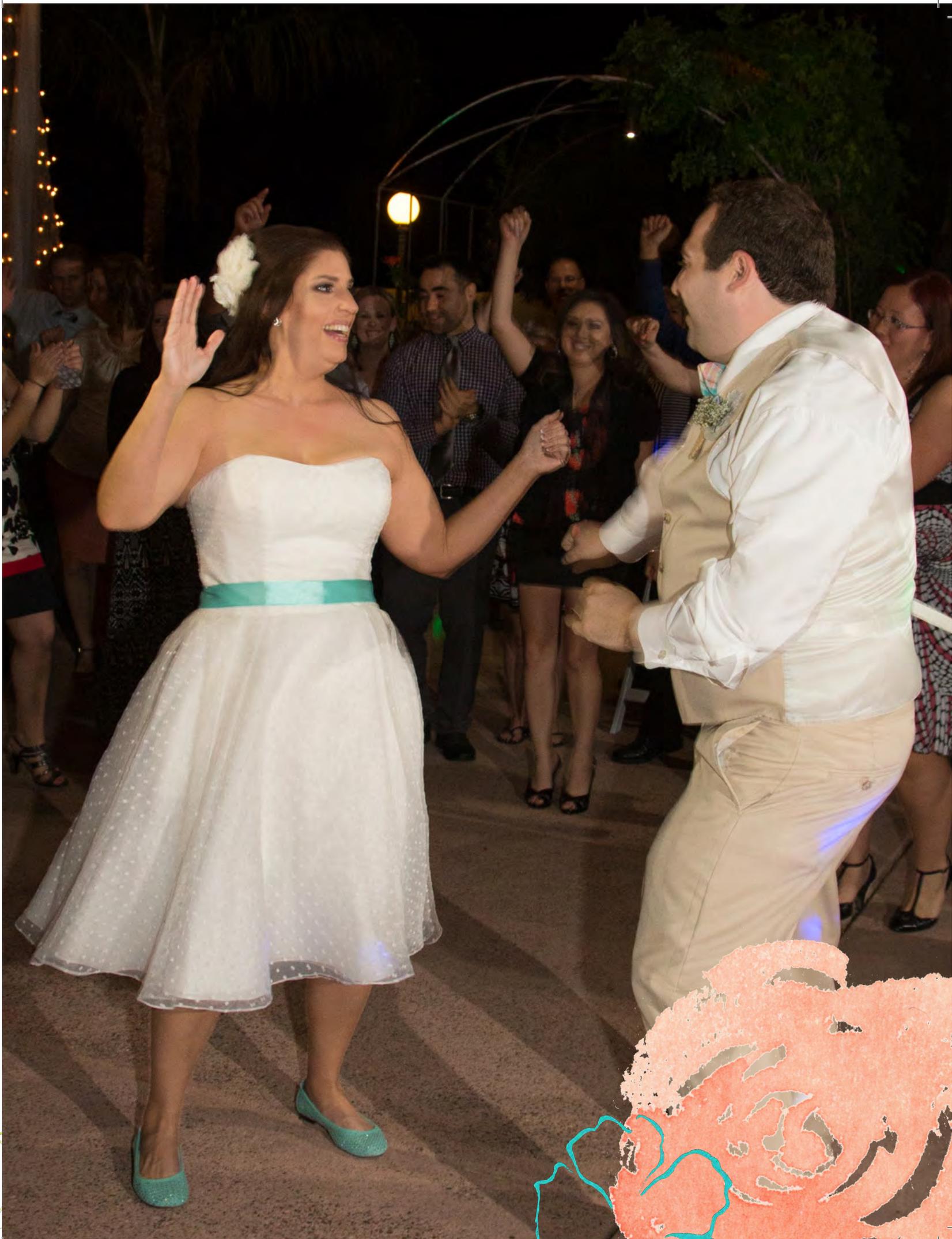


## in jen's words

We purchased our home a few months after we were married and currently live with our two adorable fur babies. Our home is filled with laughter, music, friends, family, the smell of good food and the occasional barking dog. Jeff and I are both very creative people and love to build things, come up with random inventions (which are sometimes useful) and finding ways to help others. We are currently working on creating a board game for children, coding an app for mobile devices, a coffee table book and an oversized chess set that can hang on a wall.

We work well together as a team and support each other's happiness and dreams. Building relationships with family, friends, neighbors and community members has always been important to both of us. We enjoy a very active social life where we participate in a weekly trivia group, book club, a few movie clubs, and various outdoor activities. We are adventurous and our only rule is to enjoy the moment and to have fun!





## MEET JEN

Jen isn't just my wife, she is my best friend. She is an outgoing, loving and organized individual. She is always thinking up fun and exciting new adventures for us to go on. The moment I met her I knew she was someone special and by our second date I was sure I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her.

Some of Jen's favorite hobbies are crafting, cooking and helping make the world a better place. Jen volunteers at numerous non-profit organizations, particularly those that help children. Jen likes to keep our calendar full of fun things to do, but we still make sure to take time to kick back, order a pizza and watch some Netflix.

## in jeff's words



### MORE ABOUT JEN

**AGE:** 38

**CAREER:** Business Analyst

**FAVORITE BOOK:** Red Rising  
by Pierce Brown

**FAVORITE HOUSE:** Gryffindor

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Anywhere  
surrounded by friends and family

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Laughter

**HER PERFECT DAY:** A hot cup of  
great coffee, visiting with friends/  
family, playing a board game with  
Jeff, cooking a beautiful and delicious  
dinner and then relaxing outside  
watching the sunset





*"The moment I met her I knew she was someone special..."*



Bonding with a friend's baby

## MEET JEFF

Jeff has a fun and quirky personality which I absolutely adore! He loves to laugh (almost as much as I do) and is always game to try something new! He enjoys creating new things such as phone apps, board games and animation videos. He is ambitious in the projects he takes on and is not afraid to ask for help when needed.

Jeff has shown me that the dreams we have can come true if we remain positive and focused. I know that I have his support in everything that I do and during those times where I feel discouraged, I only need look to Jeff for the support I need to succeed.

I am truly in awe of the love, dedication, creativity and support Jeff provides in our marriage, his career as a Librarian and to our friends and family on a daily basis. He has a natural drive to do good in the world and make a difference. He has worked with children and teens for over a decade and currently specializes in children's programming focused on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. His desire to help children learn and feel good about who they are will be an asset to building our family.

## in jen's words



### MORE ABOUT JEFF

**AGE:** 40

**OCCUPATION:** Children's Librarian

**FAVORITE BOOK:** Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

**HOGWARTS HOUSE:** Raven Claw

**FAVORITE PLACE:** The Library

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Hot sauce

**HIS PERFECT DAY:** Getting breakfast at our favorite burrito joint then going for a long hike. Having dinner with friends on an outdoor patio and ending the day snuggled on the couch with the love of my life





Snuggling a friend's baby

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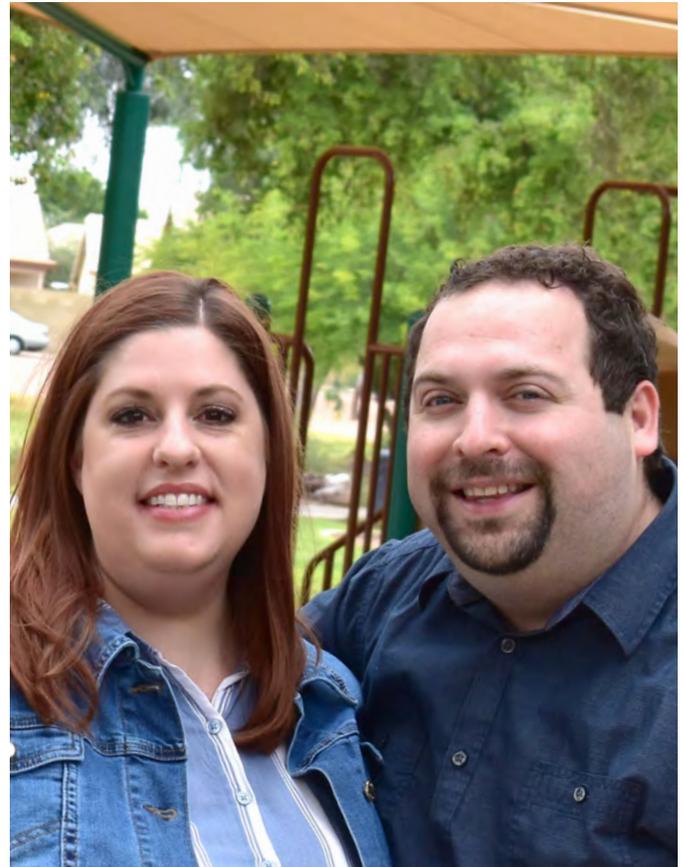


# OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in sunny Arizona. We own a colonial style three-bedroom home with a big grassy backyard that is great for playing with our two dogs or playing lawn games.

When it's not too hot out we love to BBQ and hang out on the porch and occasionally set up the outdoor movie theater. We're fortunate to have a diverse neighborhood with friendly neighbors. There is a big park at the end of our street with a well-maintained playground and basketball court.

We are located near the city downtown area which has all kinds of great cultural events, festivals and farmer's markets. We are within biking distance from the main city Library where we visit often to check out Culture Passes which are free tickets to local museums, outdoor events and other special events.



Park at the end of our street



Our happy home





Our local library



Big grassy backyard



Out for a cruise



Community playground



We love our neighborhood



Backyard family fun!

## JEN'S EXTENDED FAMILY

I come from a very tight knit family with one older sister. Growing up my parents placed a focus on spending time with family with activities such as eating dinner together, games nights, camping, gardening and neighborhood BBQs. Jeff and I continue to take part in these activities regularly with my family.

My mom is such a gentle, caring individual who pays close attention to the little details that make all the difference. My dad is a hardworking, fun-loving prankster that loves to be around friends and family to laugh and tell stories. My parents are excited to have the opportunity to be grandparents. My mom taught first grade for over 20 years and has saved so many fun activities and books to share with her grandchild.

My sister and brother-in-law live relatively close to us and we spend time with them often. They are very supportive of our relationship and are looking forward to becoming an active Auntie and Uncle someday. They are an adventurous couple and love to think about the fun experiences that they will provide to their future niece or nephew.

I am lucky to have all of my extended family live in Arizona as well. We have the opportunity to get together for holidays and special events. I have so many fond memories of all the family together telling stories and laughing while preparing delicious food to share with one another. I truly have an amazing family that models the type of family I hope to have the opportunity to create.



Parents 50th Anniversary



My amazing sister and husband



Family reunion



# JEFF'S EXTENDED FAMILY



I have a close family in both Arizona and Michigan. My mom is a very excited and loving individual. She sometimes gets very big ideas and my dad keeps her centered.

My mom was a college professor and my dad was an engineer before they retired. They are now snowbirds living in Michigan in the spring/summer and in Arizona in the fall/winter. They are very excited to have a new grandchild to spoil with love and trips to the park with their dog Ginger.

My brother Jon, his wife Anita and their infant son Dylan live in Michigan. We normally get to see them once or twice a year and wished they lived closer so we could see them more often.

My favorite family tradition is spending Christmas Eve together, singing songs, making Christmas cookies and taking turns reading *The Night Before Christmas*.



My parents



My brother's wedding



New nephew



Christmas fun!



Family vacation

# OUR FRIENDS

We have built a large diverse group of friends. We are part of a weekly trivia team, a monthly movie group and have been in a few different book clubs over the years. We host and attend multiple social functions on a monthly basis. Our friends are culturally diverse and provide an amazing support group in many different ways. Many of our friends have children (biological and adopted) and range in age from newborn to teenagers.



Annual sugar cookie party



Friendly competition



Epic Halloween parties!



Crafternoon with friends



Library 80's game night

## OUR PETS

We have two awesome furry friends. They are the same age, and we adopted both of them before we met each other.

Buddy is a tri-color Welsh Corgi and was adopted to be a therapy dog to help children who experience difficulty in learning to read. Buddy served as a reader-dog for over five years where he helped build children's self esteem by providing unconditional love and support while the children read and petted him. Now retired, Buddy hangs out at home with his brother Sammy, excited to go on walks and play fetch (or his version of fetch at least).



"Who wants to pet me?"



Brotherly love



Sammy is an apricot colored Pekingese who loves to be petted, talked to and hang out on your lap. We are certain that he thinks he is a cat and loves to chase his mouse (a cat toy) and climbing on the back of the couch. Both of our dogs are good natured and friendly around other people.



"Is it snuggle time?"



"Did someone say treat!?"

## WHY ADOPTION?



We know we are meant to have a family and are fortunate to have the ability to provide a loving home for a child. We are both very loving and caring individuals and we know with all of our souls that we will love, respect and support your child with the same intensity as if we were the biological parents.

Based on family history, we knew from the beginning of our relationship that having biological children may be difficult for us, however our dream has always been to build a family and there are many different ways to accomplish this dream.

Adoption felt like the right path for us and the overwhelming sense of love and fulfillment we have since beginning the adoption process assured us that this is the right path for our family.





## WE PROMISE:

- We promise to provide your child with unconditional love and support
- We promise to provide a stable home and to always put family first
- We promise to provide the support your child needs to find their inner voice and reach their potential
- We promise to create an environment where learning is fun and mistakes are alright
- We promise your child will laugh everyday
- We promise to be open with your child about adoption and share with them any details that are important to you



# FUN FACTS ABOUT US



Jen is great at making up puns and jokes on the fly (and that is no lie).



Jeff gives our pets each their own "voice" and makes funny remarks about life from their point of view.



Playing board games together is one of our favorite things to do on Sunday afternoons.



We love to dress up in costumes whenever possible.

As a Librarian, Jeff is always ready to grab a puppet and "jump into character" to get a laugh.



Jen loves to plan themed parties for friends and family...(mini food party anyone?)

We love to sing along to musicals...even if neither of us can carry a tune.

Cooking colorful and delicious food together was one of the first activities we had in common. Spicy food? Yes, please!

A holiday tradition of ours is to create handmade gifts for friends and family.





THANK YOU

As you think about the future for your child, we know there are many things for you to consider. We sincerely thank you for taking the time to get to know us better. We can only imagine how difficult it was to make the decision to create an adoption plan and hope that you have found comfort in the love and support offered in these pages. We hope that you will reach out to us if you feel we are a good fit to provide the loving, fun and supportive life you want for your child.

Thank you,

jeff + jen





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ADOPTION ADVISORY

WE  
ARE ON AN  
ADVENTURE  
TO FIND  
OUR BABY