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**GENDER SPECIFIC - GIRL**

**Chris**

**Michelle**

**Job Description:**

US Marine Corps

Stay-at-Home Wife

**Education:**

Military Credentials & Some College Credits

Some College Credits & Computer Related Certificates

**Favorites:**

**Author**

Sean Williams

**Author**

Stephen King

**Cartoon**

All of Them

**Cartoon**

Smurfs

**Childhood Toy**

Star Wars Toys

**Childhood Toy**

Cabbage Patch Dolls

**Dream Job**

Basketball Player

**Dream Job**

Veterinarian

**Sports Team**

Any Kansas/Missouri Teams

**Sports Team**

Carolina Panthers & UNC Tarheels

**Children:**

None

**Military Life**

We met while we were both in the military stationed in Japan. After getting married we discovered how difficult a dual service household would be. After much discussion about our options, we found out that Chris is more a Marine than Michelle was a Sailor. After Michelle's contract was up after 8 years of honorable service, she got out of the Navy and pursued her civilian career. Chris has continued his service to the Marine Corps for the past 17 years and only has a few more years to retirement, if that's what we decide to do. Fortunately during deployments, Chris is out of harm's way and gets to sleep in a bed (even though too short for him). During these times we have seen much success in our lives as a military family. We are able to travel, meet new friends and even bump into some old ones. We feel that our military background has shaped our lives and values into being caring and compromising towards each other, to having patience and compassion for others. It has given us a sense of belonging and pride in our family. We have been able to help co-workers and friends in difficult situations because we listen and not judge. At this time, we are at a command that Chris only has to deploy for 4 months then is home for a whole year. During Chris's deployments we get to chat nearly every day and talk on the phone weekly, maybe several times. The military has taught us that everyone needs help sometimes in their lives; be it helping them move, watching their kids, taking out the pets or they just need someone to listen.

**What We Are Looking Forward To With a Child**

We are looking forward to sharing our lives with a child, watching them grow into wonderful adults by sharing our experiences and being there through the ups and downs. Together we can't wait to start our own traditions and carry some forward from our childhood. Some of these would be, opening one gift on Christmas Eve, Monkey bread with hot chocolate Christmas morning and sitting down for dinner as a family. Chris is looking forward to starting his own tradition, "Pancake Sunday's with Dad". We are both excited to begin the nightly rituals of bath time, bedtime stories and goodnight hugs and kisses. We are eager to teach to them how to ride a bike, play board games, dress up for Halloween or have a lazy Saturday morning watching cartoons.

As individuals, Michelle is enthusiastic about teaching them how to read, cook, plant flowers and how to swim. Chris is looking forward to showing them how to play different sports, how to be independent, and the world of SciFi. We hope to raise them to be kind, respectful adults with self-confidence to go after their dreams and as parents to help them to pursue their dreams.



**Disney World for Our 10th Anniversary**

## Leisure Time and Pets

We love to relax and enjoy spending time together, along with our dogs Adama and Zuzu. We love taking them to the dog park to run around and play chase with the other dogs. At home we play Frisbee in the backyard or keep away in the house. Zuzu, the princess, she is the talker and loves to wrap up in a blanket on our laps. Adama, the big baby, loves to play fetch, play hide and seek or just lay on your feet (lap if you let him), also he has received professional obedience training. We love our dogs and would do just about anything for them, there is nothing like the unconditional love they give to us every day (and wet kisses!). We are excited to watch Adama and Zuzu shower a child with as much affection as they shower us with.



Chris Lounging with Our Dogs, Adama and Zuzu



On the Ferris Wheel

As a couple we like to play games like UNO, Farkle (dice game), and video games or just recline on the couch with a movie and Cold Stone. We like to go to the movies and out to eat, just as a couple or with a group of friends. We also have our own hobbies that we take joy in doing as individuals. Chris enjoys riding his motorcycle, talking about SCI-FI stuff with friends but his passion is playing and watching basketball, he would love to coach one day. Michelle is an avid reader of different categories of books, she takes pleasure in gardening and beautifying the house but she loves to make homemade goodies, Chris takes them to work often. We are eager and enthusiastic to share our passions and to explore new ones with your child.

## Our Extended Families

Michelle grew up in a beach resort town and even though it was large; it had a very small town feel to it. She was raised with traditions that are now rooted into our family life together, such as: sitting down at the dinner table together to talk about our days, monkey bread and hot chocolate on Christmas morning, and gathering with family for special occasions, holidays, and a pig-pickin'(roasting a pig) in the Fall. We certainly can't forget the infamous Summer family camping trip, the destination is picked by a different family member each year. We usually have a turn out of about twenty people where nothing but fun is to be had, playing games, bean bag tosses, white water rafting and hiking. It is the strong sense of family togetherness that is rooted with Michelle parents who have been married for forty years now and passed down to Michelle and her siblings. Michelle has one brother who has two boys that lives in Alabama and a sister (of the heart for over thirty years now) with two boys that lives in Michelle's home town; Michelle is in constant contact with both of them and we see them as often as possible.



Michelle's 50's Style Birthday Party



Michelle with Our Godson and Zuzu

Chris was raised in a traditional Military family; his Mom, Dad and both Grandfathers served our great Country. Chris chose to follow in the footsteps of his paternal Grandfather and joined the Marine Corps. Every four years his family would move to a new place; like Hawaii as a kid; they never saw this as a bad thing as it was their way of life and their sacrifice to serve in the armed forces. Chris has gotten to see so many places and experience a side of life that not a lot of kids get to experience; he feels lucky and feels it has made him a more rounded individual. Chris has a brother that is thirteen years his youth who had a son last year; they are extremely close. His parents have been married for thirty-eight years and they too have demonstrated the values that family togetherness can bring to the foundation of a family and marriage; values deeply rooted in Chris.

Our families are very excited and supportive of our decision to start our family through adoption; they are eagerly waiting to embrace a child with open arms and shower her with all of their love and affection.

**Our House & Neighborhood**



**Our Home in Spring**

We have recently moved into our home in North Carolina and have been working hard at making it reflect our personalities. We have upgraded many items in the house and painted nearly every room to make it feel warm and inviting. Our home is a two story, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths that would be great for starting our family in. We have landscaped the front and backyards with lots of stones, lights and flowers. We are converting an old double swing to a bench seat for family time or if you want, just lay back with a glass of lemonade (or sweet tea!) in the hammock. We are also putting in a fire pit for those chilly evenings, so we can sit around the fire, tell stories and make s'mores with family and friends.

Our neighborhood is well established with a diverse culture and people of all ages. There are children of all ages on our street, they are always out playing games or riding bikes. When its nice outside people are out and about, walking the dogs, pushing strollers, or having barbeque's. We especially love to invite friends over on a Saturday afternoon and grill up some steak or chicken, we have even grilled a turkey for Thanksgiving (in the snow!), it was yummy. We have several nearby parks with playgrounds, lakes with picnic areas and nature trails. Not far from where we live are several amusement parks and there are traveling fairs several times a year. (Yum! Funnel Cakes)



**Nearby Park**



**Our First Marine Corps Ball**

**Chris  
&  
Michelle**



**Chris with His Bike**



**Funnel Cake...Yum!**



**Whitewater Rafting**

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Hi! We are Chris and Michelle, we want to first Thank You for reading our profile and considering us to be the parents of your child. We have a loving and caring, fun filled relationship that we are excited to share with a child.

We have been married for ten years (wow!) but it still feels new and exciting. It's an amazing feeling knowing that you are sharing your life with the right person that completes you. We are both blessed with strong, independent personalities, but we challenge each other's points of view which keeps us open and honest with one another and the people in our lives. We have always felt that all the fun we have needs to be shared with a child. We tried for several years to add to our family of two through infertility treatments. We stopped doing the treatments but the longing to be parents didn't stop, so we changed directions and started looking into adoption. We feel that this is exactly where we are suppose to be in our lives.

We want to tell you that we will be the best parents in the world but, honestly, we will probably make mistakes along the way. We do promise to do the best we can in every aspect of your child's life. We can't promise that if she wants a horse we can go out and get one but we will try to get her riding lessons and go from there. We also promise to love and cherish her, to protect and care for her and guide her in her journey of life.

Like so many other couples you have probably read about, we were unable to get pregnant. We did infertility treatments off and on for about five years. After many hours of discussion and soul searching we know that adoption is what we want to do to begin our family. We are excited and nervous about the adoption journey but are looking forward to doing it with you.

Chris is in the Marine Corps and we are currently stationed in North Carolina, Michelle's home state. This is most likely our last duty station till retirement. Michelle is already a stay-at-home wife and plans to be the same, but with the title stay-at-home Mom instead. Both of our families are excited about the addition of a child, this will be the first granddaughter on both sides.

We are going to be honest with your child about being adopted from an early age. To make sure they understand we plan on reading books about adoption with her, telling her the story of how she came to be in our family and the sacrifice you made. We have already started writing everything down in a journal to give to her when the time is right, we would love to add pictures and letters from you in it, if you are comfortable with this. We want to keep you informed of her life by sending you letters and pictures all through her life for as long as you want them.

We couldn't possibly know what you are going through right now but we appreciate you taking the time to consider us and we wish you the best in this tough decision you are making. We know that you will choose from the heart what is best for your child.

**Chris and Michelle**

