



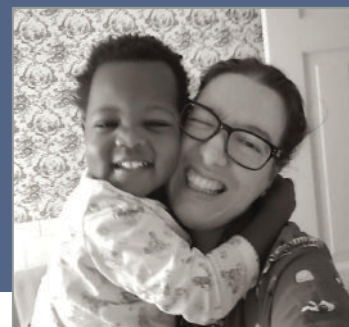
Joe + Maria





>> Our life as a married couple makes us very happy. We are each other's best friend. We make each other laugh and surprise each other in ways that show we care. We enjoy traveling, spending time with our families, serving others, and reading. We are a strong couple because of our commitment to each other in all of life's paths and our firm faith in God. We like to go to the playground, or play in our backyard, or take neighborhood walks. We also like singing and playing guitar and piano while our daughter, Marcella, dances. We enjoy cooking together and doing arts and crafts.

**T**hough we haven't met you, you and your baby hold a special place in our heart. Thank you for giving your child the gift of life. We are so grateful that you would consider us as loving parents to your child. We admire your strength and courage. We hope that by viewing our profile you will understand more about our family and our desire to provide love, peace, safety, and fun for your child. We are eager to welcome a new baby into our home and our hearts.





# OUR STORY

We both have always dreamed of starting a family and having children. We talked about adopting children before we got married. We wanted to have biological children, and we wanted to adopt so that we could have a wonderfully unique family. We feel every child is special and deserves a chance to flourish in life. We were unable to have biological children, but the joy of adopting our daughter has been beyond description. She is so loving, funny, helpful, beautiful, and more than anything we could have imagined or prayed for. We love her beyond words, and we hope to lavish her with love and support throughout her life. We hope that Marcella will have a sibling to play with and that they will be best friends. We hope the three of us can nurture and support this young baby and become a family of four! We will share our adoption story with your child so your child knows about your strength and courage.



## << *Maria* >>

Maria teaches reading and writing for an inner city middle school. She loves her students and watching them grow over the year. Teaching them is what makes her happy to go to work each day. Being a teacher is a dream come true. She tries to celebrate different cultures like Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month through the reading her classes do. She encourages her students to do their best and be their best both academically and personally. She has high expectations for her students and wants them to achieve their goals. Maria likes to learn new things and loves to teach new things to Marcella, especially reading.



## << *Joe* >>

Joe works for a large insurance company. He loves working there because his company is diverse, and he is very engaged helping others as a supervisor. Joe is a huge sports fan. He played sports in high school. He enjoys watching football and baseball on TV. His favorite sport is college wrestling. He volunteers at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He helps at the museum and with special events. He also helps with the Enshrinement of the new members to the museum and the concert for the Hall of Fame Festival.

## *our* HOME

We have a two-story home with three bedrooms, so everyone will have their own room. We have a family room, living room, and our basement is finished with a family room and playroom for children so there is plenty of space for family time and also individual pursuits. Our neighborhood has a park and playground at the end of the street. We have a fairly large backyard and front yard with space to play and explore. Our family has a garden and enjoys planting seeds, weeding, and watching the plants and fruits grow. Our neighbors and their kids have all loved getting to know Marcella.





Marcella is our beautiful and precious daughter. She is a very curious girl who loves to explore nature and go grocery shopping. She enjoys reading and playing the piano. She loves music and loves to dance. She is very helpful with the garden and folding laundry. She has a sticker collection and loves Hello Kitty, Bluey, Minnie Mouse, and Sesame Street. She likes riding her bike, and her favorite part of the playground is the slide. She is a very joyful part of our family that keeps us laughing. It is so much fun to see the world anew in her eyes. Marcella would love a younger brother or sister to play with and help teach him or her shapes, colors, and letters as well as dance and to play music.

# Marcella



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## our *Family*

We are blessed to have our families living close to us. We are also blessed that they support and celebrate us and our family. We enjoy spending time with them, celebrating holidays, birthdays, and special events together. We cannot wait to welcome your child into our family filled with love.

Maria's parents were also teachers. Maria's mom taught first grade, and she also mentored middle school students and a teenage girl group. Her father taught middle school shop and technology education classes. Maria also has a younger brother. Joe has three brothers and one sister. He has two nieces and a nephew. Joe's father is a home remodeler.

We are also blessed that we have the support of many friends who we spend time together.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.

