



CHARLOTTE + GLEN



dear friend,

Thank you for looking at our adoption profile book as you make the challenging and courageous decision of who will parent your child. We have so much love and respect for you as you are walking this difficult path.

We hope when you read this book that you take away 3 things that are most important to us, both in our life right now and when we adopt a child:

LOVE
FAMILY
MUSIC

God blessed both of us with musical talents, amazing supportive families, and a TON of love to go around. We have been married 12 years and had some curveballs thrown our way—but we move through the good and the bad TOGETHER, as partners.

If chosen by you, we commit to giving your child a home where they ALWAYS are loved and supported, and we commit that they will feel that love and support every day of their lives. We hope that you want to meet us after you read our book. But please know that no matter what you decide, it's the right decision—because you're a strong and capable woman.

Hugs,

Charlotte & Glen





why adoption?

We have been married for 12 years. We met, fell in love, got married, and tried to start a family. When it didn't work we did the logical thing and saw a doctor. After years of fertility treatments, we were definitely frustrated. We wanted to start a family, but failed.

We talked with our family and friends about the journey until someone reminded us that Glen's aunt was adopted. We asked her a lot of questions and did a lot of listening. That's what first brought us to the possibility of adoption.

Since then we've learned everything possible about adoption from many families we've connected with, and read every book we could find. We thought about it a lot and finally made the decision to move forward down this new path. We are so excited about growing our family through adoption and we can't wait to welcome a child into our hearts and our home.



our story

by Charlotte

HOW WE MET

We first crossed paths when Glen was hired to teach a few semesters at the school where I was finishing my degree. I didn't really get to know Glen until a year later, playing together in a community band. The director hired Glen to write a piece for our group, and even though I'm usually pretty shy, I walked up to him after a rehearsal and we got to talking. We were there so long the janitor almost locked us in! Afterwards we went to get bad Chinese at the mall food court. The food was pretty terrible, but we still call that our first date!

ENGAGEMENT

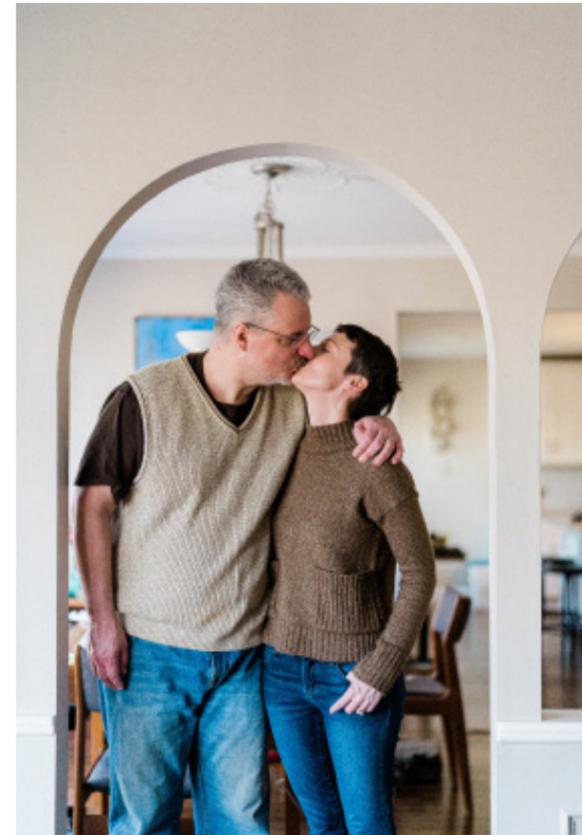
Glen proposed on our 4-year dating anniversary. We were at our favorite park, sitting by the river on a quiet summer night. At first all I could do was nod... but when I could finally speak I said YES!

WEDDING

Nine months after we got engaged, we were married at a historic venue with a beautiful riverfront view. Glen's family's pastor performed the ceremony, and all our closest friends and family were there. It was a fun day with so much music and laughter—though we joke that our favorite part was ordering room service and watching South Park at our hotel!

OUR LIFE NOW

It's hard to believe, but Glen and I have been married 12 years. We have gone through some hard times, like struggling with infertility—but I wouldn't trade a single year for anything. We have lived in 3 different homes and 2 different states, and we've found a lot of activities we love—like going to concerts, and watching football. (Glen likes college, I prefer NFL.) We also like making up silly songs that we riff on together, especially on long car rides—we can't wait to share that fun with our future "team member"!



meet my wife
Charlotte

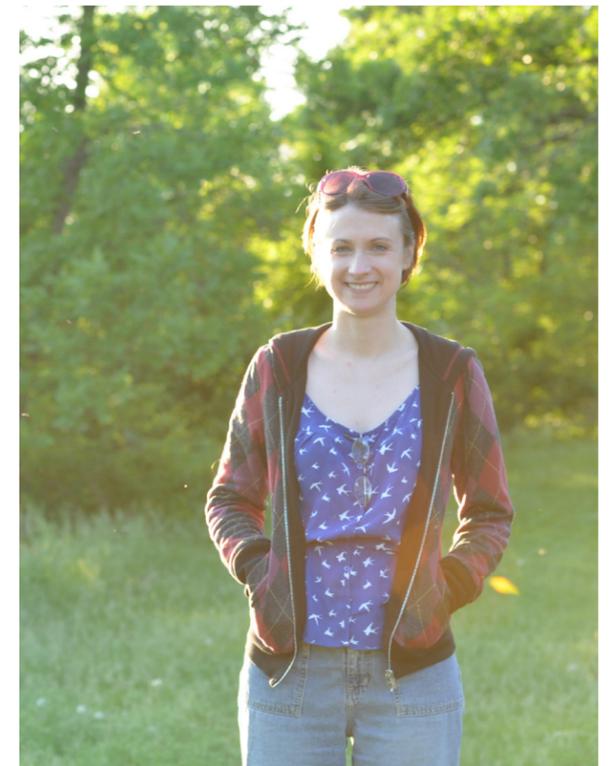


I waited my whole life to find Charlotte. Seriously, the first time she gave me a hug it was amazing. It sounds stupid, but I joke with her about it because I remember the location and day it happened. Sure, she's beautiful and kind, but she's also intelligent. Charlotte is book-smart and street-smart and it makes being with her so easy.

The bottom line is that we're honest with each other. She tells me how she feels and I tell her how I feel. I know that if she says, "yes" then that's what she means. Not having to guess what the other person needs or wants makes life so much easier to live.

I'll never forget one of our first dates, when we went to get ice cream after a concert. We walked back to the car and she smiled at me. It felt like someone had hit me in the face with a brick. It was at that moment I realized I had to marry her and spend my life with her. Simple.

Finding Charlotte and getting married to her was the best decision I'll ever make. She is so full of love and generosity for others, and I've seen the way she connects with our niece and nephew—that's how I know she'll be a fantastic mom. I love her.



when she was young



in charlotte's words

- Favorite food: macaroni & cheese
- I've lived in 8 different states, and grew up in Virginia and North Carolina. I love where I grew up because you could visit the mountains or go to the beach.
- Favorite toy: When I was growing up I had a stuffed animal we named "The Gross Pig." My dad and I made up so many songs and stories about him!
- I love to cook and so does my sister—my mom taught us both how to cook. When our family gets together we love trying new recipes... and we usually end up making a big mess in the kitchen.
- Favorite Halloween costume: Raphael (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)
- I love driving and singing along to the car radio. I try to keep the peace in our marriage & only sing when I'm alone... but sometimes I make Glen listen if one of my favorites is on!

hopes for the future

- I work as a project manager for a large retail company. It's a fun job because every day brings different challenges. Someday my hope is to be a director and mentor other women coming up in the retail world.
- Glen and I are both strong believers in a solid education for a child that's tailored to their unique needs and interests. There are Montessori and Waldorf schools in our area that are very strong, and also excellent public schools that we would consider.
- When I think about becoming a mom, it's really about the small things. I'm looking forward to the little moments you share with a child every day that tells them they are loved--like making their lunch for school, telling goofy jokes, and of course lots of hugs!





meet my husband

Glen



Glen is the most unique, creative, and caring person I have ever met. I knew when I married him that my life would be filled with laughter. I always know when a corny joke is coming because he gets this twinkle in his eye—he says he gets the twinkle from his grandpa. Pretty soon he is already laughing—sometimes he can't even get the joke out because he's laughing too hard!

Glen knows so much about so many subjects—music, history, politics, even woodworking and tools. Even when we were dating I was struck by his personal passion—he has a zest for living and is always curious to learn more about the world.

Glen also has the most amazing perspective on living every day. Since his MS diagnosis over 15 years ago, he never sweats the small stuff. I guess you could say he has his priorities in order and knows what he wants out of life. I know he'll be a great dad because he is so caring and patient. He can teach a child what's really important—family, friends, working hard, and enjoying the small things.

I'm so grateful to have Glen in my life. He is such a loving person and always puts our family first.

when he was young

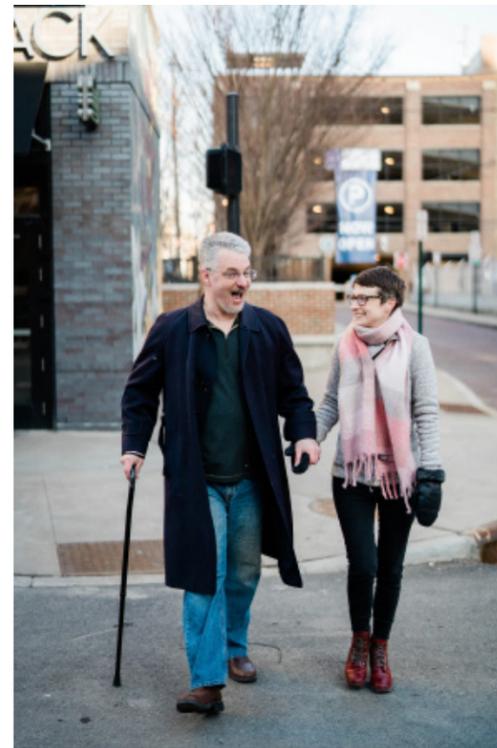
in glen's words

- Every December my dad would take me to an abandoned Christmas tree farm to get our family tree. It took 3 hours one way but I have so many great memories--and Dad always reminds me how much money he saved every year.
- I had a hamster and fish when I was little. Charlotte and I upgraded to a guinea pig when we got married.
- I was a member of the YMCA Indian Guides and later the Boy Scouts.
- I loved trick-or-treating on Halloween, but my mom made my sister and I donate half our candy to the local children's hospital. We didn't like it then, but now I understand what a valuable lesson she was teaching her kids.
- Favorite job: movie theater usher
- Favorite food: Zamazetti. It's like Hamburger Helper--but so much better. We never had leftovers when my mom made it for dinner.

hopes for the future

- Because I have a flexible part-time job teaching music lessons, Charlotte and I decided that I will be a stay-at-home dad full time until our child starts school.
- One of my personal goals is to publish a piece of music. I have been composing some practice pieces for French horn and hope to accomplish this goal next year.
- My dad has told me that being a father is one of the most rewarding things in life. I'm looking forward to helping a young person discover who they are--their strengths, interests, and passions.







his family

Glen's family lives just a few hours away. We are lucky to have an amazing niece and nephew who are twins! They are looking forward to having a new cousin.



her family

Charlotte's family lives out of state, but we try to see them all at least twice a year. Her sister Emily is married and they have a one year old son named Theodore.





our home & community

We love our neighborhood and our city! We live in a super diverse community with lots of great activities for children.

- Community parks & playgrounds
- Zoo & aquarium
- Botanical gardens
- Libraries
- YMCA

We moved here about 5 years ago, and we chose this community for its incredible diversity. It's very important to us to raise a child in a place where they can meet people from all different backgrounds and learn about different cultures. We want to teach our child to respect and value other human beings, regardless of their background, language, or the color of their skin.

We also love our community because people are so welcoming, no matter who you are or where you're from. Glen always says that he can strike up a conversation with anyone in our city—because people here are kind and help each other out.





what's important to us

LOVE

We both grew up in families full of love and support. We know how lucky we are to have parents who are there for us. We've also been blessed with so many good friends over the years—people we can trust and count on. We love each other so much and want to share that love with someone else.

FAMILY

We both hit the lottery when it come to parents and family.

We learn by example. Our parents set the example for both of us (and still do to this day). They still love each other, still work hard, and have fantastic senses of humor. Our parents are our best teachers and we want to pass that along to a new child.

MUSIC

Music speaks to human beings in a way that words can't describe. Both of us love to play musical instruments. We enjoy going to concerts. We even write music and teach lessons. We want to help your child find their passion, and nurture it the way our parents did for us.

our promise to you

If chosen by you, we will dedicate our lives to providing your child with all the love, support, and security we can offer. More than anything, know that your child will grow up surrounded by unconditional love.

We cannot imagine what a difficult decision adoption must be for you. We respect and honor you as you walk down this path. If you wish, we are both committed to ensuring a child has a relationship with his or her birth mother and father. We want to meet you wherever you are, and provide you with as much communication as you need while honoring your wishes at all times.

No matter what you choose, we are praying for you!

With love,

Charlotte & Glen



