



Marissa & Robert





**Let's
start
with
hello!**





We love Halloween! We dress up every year



**WE WANT
TO START BY SAYING
THANK YOU**

Thank you for considering adoption, for considering us, and for the love you carry in your heart. We'd love nothing more than to get to know you better, to hear your hopes and dreams for your child, and to walk this journey together, hand in hand. We are Marissa and Robert, a loving couple living in Brooklyn, New York. We have always envisioned our life together being completed with the pitter patter of little feet.



Thoughts on Adoption

We promise to nurture your child's dreams, whether they're chasing butterflies in the garden or dreaming of reaching the stars.



We can only imagine the depth of emotions you're feeling right now, but please know that we're here, holding space for you. We've thought a lot about the kind of life we want to offer a child. A life wrapped in love, laughter, and a lot of adventure. Family means everything to us. We're lucky to be surrounded by a tribe of loved ones who can't wait to welcome a new member into the fold. They're ready to shower our child with hugs, kisses, and a whole lot of love! We are both distinguished professionals in our respective fields - Marissa is as a social worker in healthcare and Robert is a principal IT analyst. Education, to us, is not just about books and classrooms. It's about curiosity, exploration, and finding joy in learning something new every day, which is why we love our work so much. We'll be there, cheering your child on as they discover the wonders of the world. We want them to know their story, to feel the warmth of your love, and to understand the courage it took to make such a selfless decision.

As we embark on this path, we are committed to providing your child with a life filled with love, security, and endless opportunities to thrive.

Paint night for date night





OUR LOVE STORY

We loved our trip to Mexico where we toured ancient mayan ruins.



Our journey as a couple has been one of unwavering commitment to each other.

For 13 years, we have built a strong and unbreakable bond, weathering life's challenges together. Our first date started off strong. We felt an instant connection, like we have known each other all our lives. During our first date Robert planned for us to go to a screening of Muppet Christmas specials. Little did he know, the Muppets were a childhood favorite of Marissa's, so it was extra special. We had great conversations about our upbringing, hobbies, sharing a love of music and film. Our love has grown deeper with each passing year, and we are now ready to embark on the most fulfilling adventure of all- parenthood.

Meet Marissa

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Written by Robert

When I first laid eyes on Marissa, I knew that she was the most beautiful woman in the world.

I was so incredibly nervous on our first date because she was gorgeous and I was just a doofy guy with a beard and an old flannel shirt. But Marissa quickly calmed my nerves and it was like I knew her my entire life. I love that my wife is strong. She is firm and tough when she needs to be, but no less compassionate when the situation calls for it. I love when she laughs at my silly jokes and when she tells some of her own. On many occasions, we finish each other's sentences or have the same thought at the same time. Marissa is an excellent caregiver. One year, before our marriage, I had become very ill with food poisoning. Marissa dropped everything to dote on me and nurse me to health which just solidified why I wanted to marry her.



Every morning starts with a cup of coffee.





Marissa has a very strong bond with our two year old niece Madison!

Marissa has a green thumb and is so proud of her Rubber Tree Plant that has grown so tall



Marissa at St Simon and Jude Church winter market. She loves to make floral arrangements.

I just smile when I watch Marissa with our nieces because I know it's just a small glimpse into how she will be as a mother.

When Marissa isn't playing with the girls, you will likely find her shopping. She loves shopping! Her other hobbies include reading, watching movies, listening to music, photography and making flower arrangements. And when it comes to mealtime at our house, Marissa cooks with love! Her favorite is Italian, which comes from her roots.

Marissa is also very smart. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work, having worked in a nursing home and a dialysis clinic. Marissa loves to serve others and make positive impacts in others' lives. A few years ago, she became a facility administrator of two dialysis clinics. Marissa's drive is inspiring and I know she will pass this down to our child.



Robert at his favorite barbershop.

Meet Robert

Written by Marissa

I feel fortunate and blessed that Robert and I are navigating life together.

When we first met 13 years ago, I knew Robert would be my husband. He is an active listener and a true provider. It's not just about financial stability, Robert fills my life with love, empathy, compassion, safety and fun. He has a great sense of humor and a quick wit too. Robert always seeks knowledge, he likes to read, watch documentaries, is a trivia buff and has a passion for history. Watching Jeopardy with Robert is impressive! He knows almost every answer. Robert also loves music and is a wonderful singer. Robert has supported me through graduate school, moving, change of careers, surgeries, and loss. These are examples of how we built a strong foundation. We always come out of a situation with understanding and move forward.



Robert was ecstatic when our nieces were born. He is dotting, loves to play, not afraid to get silly, reads to them and they just love him.

Robert is proud to be our niece Mia's Godfather and has vowed to always be there for the girls. He is a true protector and I have no doubt he will be a wonderful dad! Robert loves building with Legos reading comics, and is a fantastic baker which he learned from his Mother. Robert also loves sports and his favorite teams are the New York Islanders and Giants. He is definitely a man of many talents and his voice is just one more to add to the list. Robert is a wonderful singer. His voice will come in handy at bedtime with our child. Most importantly, Robert has supported me through graduate school, moving, change of careers, surgeries, and loss with patience, understanding and momentum forward. He's truly one of a kind.



Robert being silly in the snow.

Robert is a very proud God Father to our niece Mia!



Robert and his buddy Madison our niece.



We love our cozy home!
This is our living room where
we love to entertain, watch
movies or play scrabble.



Our cozy backyard oasis

Our Home & Community

We live in Mill Basin, a quiet neighborhood in Brooklyn.

Marissa worked hard to decorate our home to make it our warm and cozy oasis. Our home is a haven of love, warmth and a place where laughter is always echoing through the rooms. We have a spare bedroom that serves one purpose: to be a bedroom for our child. One of our favorite places in our home is our big backyard. Our goal has been to create a space where family gathers and connects. Robert loves to barbecue. Marissa loves to relax by the firepit. We also have an above-ground pool (with a locked door so little ones cannot get hurt). We enjoy hosting backyard movie nights. Inside, our home is very open with plenty of room for toys and a play area. We are within driving distance of apple orchards and farmers markets that we love to visit during those seasons. We also make it a habit to visit Robert's family in upstate New York during the perfect Fall weather. Mill Basin is home to many parks and borders another large natural preserve. We have a huge field where children can play sports or go camping very close to our house. And the festivals in our neighborhood are the best!



Robert in his happy place, UBS arena where we watch the NY Islanders play hockey.



ROBERT'S FUN FACTS



Favorite Seasonal Activity
Apple picking



Favorite Animal
Sea turtles



Collection
Sports memorabilia and caps



Favorite Lunchbox Snack
Apple slices and peanut butter



Languages
French, Spanish, and Japanese



Favorite Children's Book
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein



Dream Job
Cast member on SNL



Favorite Ice Cream
Bark in the Dark (chocolate + pretzels)

MARISSA'S FUN FACTS



Favorite Seasonal Activity
Apple and pumpkin picking



Favorite Vacation Spot
Massachusetts



Favorite Children's Book
Where the Wild Things Are



Collection
Vinyl records



Favorite Hobby
Wood floral arrangements and home decor



Favorite Sports Team
The New York Islanders



Favorite Author
J.D. Salinger

Marissa loves to beautify our home inside and out! These are her beautiful flowers.



Our Family



Marissa, her mom Cheri and niece Madison at a family party.

Celebrating Joseph and Ali.
Our brother and sister in law at their wedding.



Celebrating my cousin at her baby shower!

Marissa has a large, close-knit Italian family, all of whom live within an hour of us.

If you've seen "Everybody Loves Raymond," it's not much different than Marissa's family! They are very funny and have a sense of friendly competition. Uncle Joe is a die-hard Yankees fan and is married to Aunt Ali. They are parents to cousins Madison and Mia, who will be excited to have a cousin close to their age. Grandpa Mark is incredibly handy and loves working on home improvement projects, while Bubbe (Grandma) never hesitates to offer help and advice to her children and would give someone the shirt off her back.

Family fun on Halloween.
We took our niece trick or treating.





Our family continues to grow!
We are close to our grandparents.



Robert and his sister Kim visiting the NY Aquarium.

FAMILY MEANS THE WORLD TO US!

Nana is a skilled seamstress and knitter and has probably already made a new baby outfit. Grandpa Bob has a deep-seated love of model trains and airplanes. Aunt Kim will always be up for an adventure.

Besides our immediate family, there will be no shortage of Great Uncles, Great Aunts, and a ton of cousins to play with. We spend Thanksgiving with Robert's family, watching the parade in the morning and enjoying a traditional dinner. On Christmas Eve and Day, we spend time with Marissa's family. We have a big, traditional Italian dinner and exchange gifts, then the next day we're treated to a breakfast buffet cooked by Grandma as we exchange gifts.

We spent time in prospect park picnicking.
Robert loves to make Madison laugh.





Meet Peewee

Our home also includes a furry family member, our beloved cat Peewee. Peewee is gentle, affectionate, and has a playful spirit.

Peewee is very vocal especially when he is ready to eat. A few years ago, Peewee had a serious medical event and we discovered he has Diabetes. It was a stressful time for us as his health status was so uncertain. We rallied together to get him the care he needed. We have put in effort to keep him healthy all these years later.

We learned from the experience that pets bring so much joy and teach us valuable lessons about love, responsibility, and empathy.



Marissa loves Peewee!



Our sweet handsome boy.

Final Thoughts

We are both so grateful for your time to get to know us.

We know the decision you are making is not to be taken lightly. We are ready to open our hearts, home and family to our future child and feel immense love for our future child. We promise to provide love, care, inclusion, education, support and opportunities that cultivate growth. We would be excited to share the growth of our child with you throughout the years if that's what you would like too - milestones, celebrations and consistent communication. We would love to meet you should we get the opportunity and want to thank you again, from the deepest place of our hearts. We send you our love, support and health.



Visiting Salem, Massachusetts during this past Fall.
This is our favorite place in the world.

THANK YOU!

Robert & Marissa



THANK YOU AGAIN!

