# Tom and Ana Charlene

#### a Letter for You

We would like to start by saying that we honor you and your courageous decision to choose a birth plan for your baby and to look for all options for securing your child's future. We are very grateful for you taking some time to read about our history, our family and friends, our home, and our hopes and

dreams for parenting a child. We have been happily married for 6 years and together for 9 years. During the early years of our relationship we overcame the distance from living far from each other for almost 2 years. We truly believe our love, caring, and respect almost 2 years. We truly believe our love, caring that time for each other made our relationship strong during that time and through the years to come. Know that we hope to build our family with love, faith,

Know that we hope to build our failing with lote, and raise respect, making laughter and harmony fill our home, and raise our children with words of encouragement and kindness. We will be good listeners, empathetic, and always be there for our children for all that life presents. children for all that life presents. Thank you for taking time to see who we are. We wish the best for you as you continue your journey.



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# Why We Are Adopting

Adoption has always been a part of Ana's history within her family and friends. Ana has a cousin that was adopted and one of her closest friends growing up was adopted. Tom was raised within a big family and has a cousin who was adopted. Tom is one of 6 kids and he has 5 nephews and 2 nieces. Ana also has 3 nieces and 3 nephews.

So when we were told we had fertility issues and not being able to bear a child we were heartbroken. But then, after thinking about what is important to us, we realized that loving and nurturing a child was far more important than giving birth to a child ourselves. We are certain that God has a plan for us to grow our family through adoption.

"True family is built on love and nurturing, not just biology. Our journey through adoption is a testament to the belief that every child deserves a home filled with love and compassion."





# Meet Tom

**Hi there! I'm Tom.** I work for a global manufacturing company as a manufacturing engineer and I help to launch new products. I'm outgoing and I love playing around and being silly. I enjoy playing and watching sports, and I am a big fan of all Wisconsin sports teams! I also enjoy watching movies, cooking, gardening, playing with our dog Dusty, spending time with friends & family, and traveling with Ana.







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#### **Tom's Favorites**





Movies









Friends & Family



Traveling

Gardening

### Meet Ana Charlene

Hello! I am Ana! I work as a Safety Specialist at GE Healthcare. I know it may sound boring but I actually have the chance to care for the safety of our employees while also promoting fun engagement events that help the culture at my work. If there is something I have always been passionate about, it is reading. To me, books open many wonderful worlds to us. I also enjoy listening to music, dancing, riding a bike, traveling to visit new places, baking, and going out to enjoy good quality family time together on weekends.









Bike Riding

Baking Friends & Family









# Our Interests & Hobbies

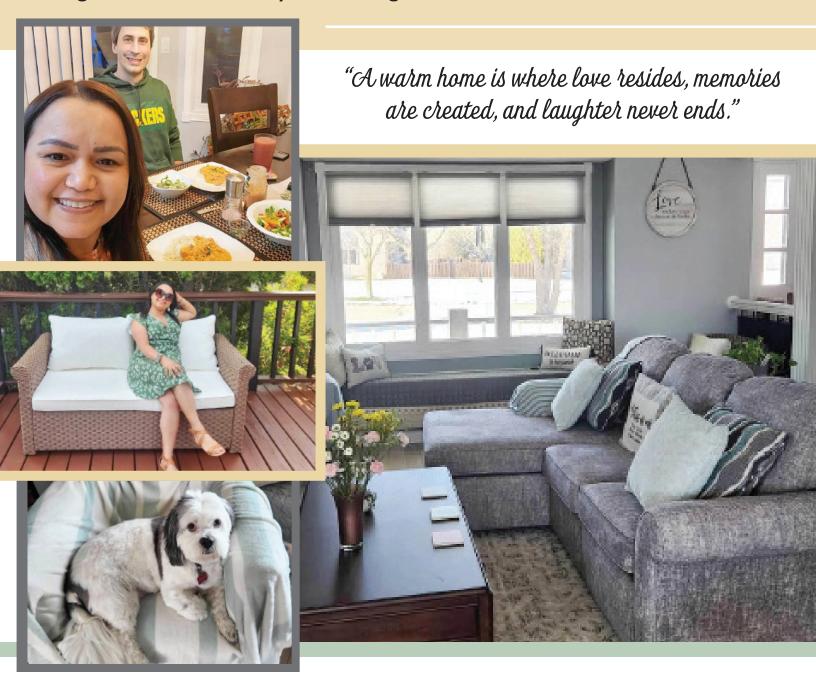
## We spend our free time doing things we enjoy together. $\mathsf{W}_e$

really like traveling and visiting new places, and we usually like going on family trips on the weekends with our dog Dusty joining us. We like spending time outdoors, and when the weather permits we like going on hikes, bike rides, and going out on Sundays to enjoy the day. We like going to sporting events (Tom is a big fan of all of the Wisconsin teams) and we really enjoy spending time with family and friends. Tom enjoys cooking different types of food and trying out new recipes and Ana enjoys baking, reading, listening to music, and dancing. We also enjoy watching movies and going to the movie theater. Our favorite types of movies are comedy and adventure.



# Our Home

**Our home** is a spacious single family home with 4 bedrooms and located in a quiet family friendly suburb outside of Milwaukee. We are only a bike ride from various parks and local restaurants. We have been living in our current home only for a couple years, but we have found the neighborhood to be very welcoming and supportive. In our home we enjoy spending time together, cooking meals, baking, relaxing, watching movies and TV shows, and playing with our fluffy dog Dusty. When the weather allows, we enjoy grilling out and spending time on our deck during late afternoons and having bonfires in the evenings.



# Sporting Events

"Sporting events are more than just games; they're a chance for families to bond, cheer together, and create memories that last a lifetime."

# Meet Dusty!

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**Dusty is our lhasa apso mix dog.** He is 6 years old and he is very sweet and chill. He loves watching windows, sunbathing by the patio door, chilling on his chair, and going out for walks and car rides. Dusty also really loves treats!



#### Our Community

We have been living in our current community for almost 2 years. Besides the short time, we have found our community to be very supportive and welcoming. We started attending the local church and have participated in community events. There is plenty to do around our surrounding neighborhood. We live in a great school district and there are plenty of parks, local festivals, and great restaurants nearby. We are excited to keep growing in our new community and make connections with more people and the environment around us.



"In our community, love and support are the foundation, fostering strong bonds and a sense of belonging."



### ()wr Friends



With Tom's Friends at Brewers Game



Weekend Getaway with Chris & Tasha



Ana with Rosi, Wagner, & Adriana



Visiting with friends in Brazil



Thank you for taking the time to meet us, our family, and our friends!