

Amanda
& MICHAEL

Hello

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We are deeply grateful for the **chance to share our hearts with you** and truly honored to be one of the families you are considering. We can only imagine the weight of the decision you are facing. Your **strength and love are evident** in the care you are taking for your child's future.

Even though we have not met you, please know that **you already hold a special place in our hearts**. From the moment we began this adoption journey, we have been praying for you — for peace, clarity, and reassurance as you walk this path.

Adoption has always been part of our family's story. Michael grew up alongside adopted family members - including several cousins, aunt, uncle and a niece - and always knew adoption would be part of his own journey as a parent.

We have also had the privilege of fostering several children, and through that experience we **adopted our youngest child, Charlie**. He came into our home when he was two years old and we adopted him when he was four years old. We have a great relationship with his birth mother. These experiences have given us a deep understanding of the unique needs of adopted children, including those with special needs, and their birth families.

If you choose adoption with our family, your baby will be welcomed into a home filled with **unconditional love, stability, laughter, and encouragement**. We are so excited to watch their personality grow and to nurture the unique gifts they will bring into the world. Our family is **waiting with open hearts and open arms**.

You will always be an important part of your child's story. We will speak of you with respect and thankfulness. No matter what you choose, we hold you in our hearts with **deep admiration and compassion**.

Michael & Amanda

ABOUT *our family*



Hi! We're a **big, fun, & loving family** from Vermont who love exploring the outdoors, spending time together, and making memories. We have five kids – three who live at home (Nyna, Joe & Charlie) and we have two grown sons, Christopher (pictured below) and Gideon (who lives in DC). We cannot wait to grow our family through adoption and welcome a little one into our hearts! ❤️





OUR
Story

HOW WE MET

We met as teenagers and were best friends for eight years before we ever went on a date! That friendship became the foundation of our love story. Now, 21 years of marriage later, we're still each other's favorite person.

THE PROPOSAL STORY

On Amanda's birthday, Michael picked her up and said he had a surprise — but first, she had to wear a blindfold! They drove through town, then onto a bumpy dirt road, and eventually what felt like the middle of a field. At one point, Michael said, "I forgot my hammer," followed by mysterious banging noises outside the truck while Amanda waited (very curiously!) inside. When he finally helped her out and she removed the blindfold, they were standing in a beautiful cotton field. Michael had set up candles on wooden pillars and prepared a homemade dinner of lasagna, cookie dough cheesecake, and Diet Coke. ;) Then he got down on one knee and asked Amanda to marry him. It was thoughtful and a little adventurous — the sweetest beginning to 21 years together.



MEET

Michael

ABOUT ME

- I'm a husband, dad, church staff member, and home builder — and I truly love what I do. Whether I'm serving at church, building a home, or spending time with my family, I try to give my best and put others first.
- The outdoors is my happy place. I love hiking and fishing, especially when the kids come along.
- Some of my favorite moments are the simple ones — being outside together or just spending time at home with my family.

FUN FACTS

- I recently ran a Spartan Race.
- I serve as a volunteer firefighter.
- I lived in a monastery right after high school.
- I lead mission trips to Guatemala each year.

FAVORITES

- Color: Dark blue
- Food: Cheeseburgers
- Treat: Reese's Pieces



MEET

Amanda

ABOUT ME

- I'm a stay-at-home mom, and caring for my family is truly my greatest joy. I love creating a calm, loving home where everyone feels safe, supported, and encouraged.
- I have a special education background and have worked in Early Intervention and special needs teaching and coaching.
- I enjoy baking sweet treats in the kitchen and spending time in the garden — there's something special about helping things grow.
- Most of all, I love spending time with family and friends, enjoying a quiet night at home or laughing around the table together.

FUN FACTS

- I love writing and performing spoken word poetry.
- I've been skydiving (once was enough!).
- I used to be a competitive ice skater.

FAVORITES

- Color: Red
- Food: Italian food
- Treat: Chocolate chip cookies



MEET
Nyna

ABOUT ME

- I'm 16 years old and currently training as a ballerina.
- Dance is a big part of my life — I even dance en pointe! I love the discipline and creativity that ballet brings.
- I also really love school and learning new things.
- I dream big and I try my best in everything I do, but I definitely make time for fun, too.

FUN FACTS

- I've written and self-published two dystopian novels.
- My Favorite Things in Life: Ramen noodles, friends, fashion, and my family!

WHY I LOVE BEING A BIG SISTER

I am especially close with my younger siblings and LOVE being their big sister. I am empathetic and love cheering on the people I love. I can't wait to have another little one to love, teach, and spoil. 😊

ABOUT ME:

- I'm 13 years old, and I'd say I'm adventurous and driven.
- I like trying new things and figuring things out on my own.
- I'm also really creative. Music is a huge part of who I am. There's nothing better than picking up my guitar and just playing.
- I love to laugh and make other people laugh too. Being "extremely hilarious" might be one of my best talents.

FUN FACTS:

- I taught myself how to play guitar and I write my own music.
- I went to Guatemala with my dad this year and it was awesome!
- I'm a huge fan of Noah Kahan.
- My Favorite Things in Life: Pizza, Music, adventure, and my people.

WHY I LOVE BEING A BIG BROTHER:

I care a lot about the people in my life, especially my brothers and sister. I'm a loyal friend and sibling — and I love my people BIG. I want them to always know that I've got their back, no matter what.



MEET
Joe



MEET
Charlie

ABOUT ME

- I'm 10 years old. Right now, I'm the youngest in the family — but not for long!
- I love cars and trucks — especially when they're racing through the mud! Some of my favorite days include getting messy outside with my toy cars and using my imagination to create big adventures.
- I love to sing, talk, and make people laugh.
- I try to bring joy wherever I go. Being kind and making others smile is really important to me.

FUN FACTS

- I love telling stories. I'm definitely one of the biggest talkers in our house!
- Some of My Favorite Things in Life: Mac and cheese, playing outside with my cars and trucks.

WHY I'LL BE A GREAT BIG BROTHER

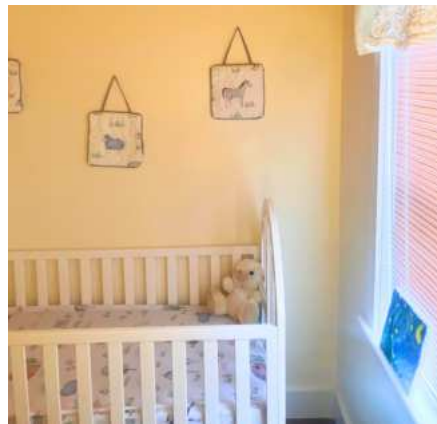
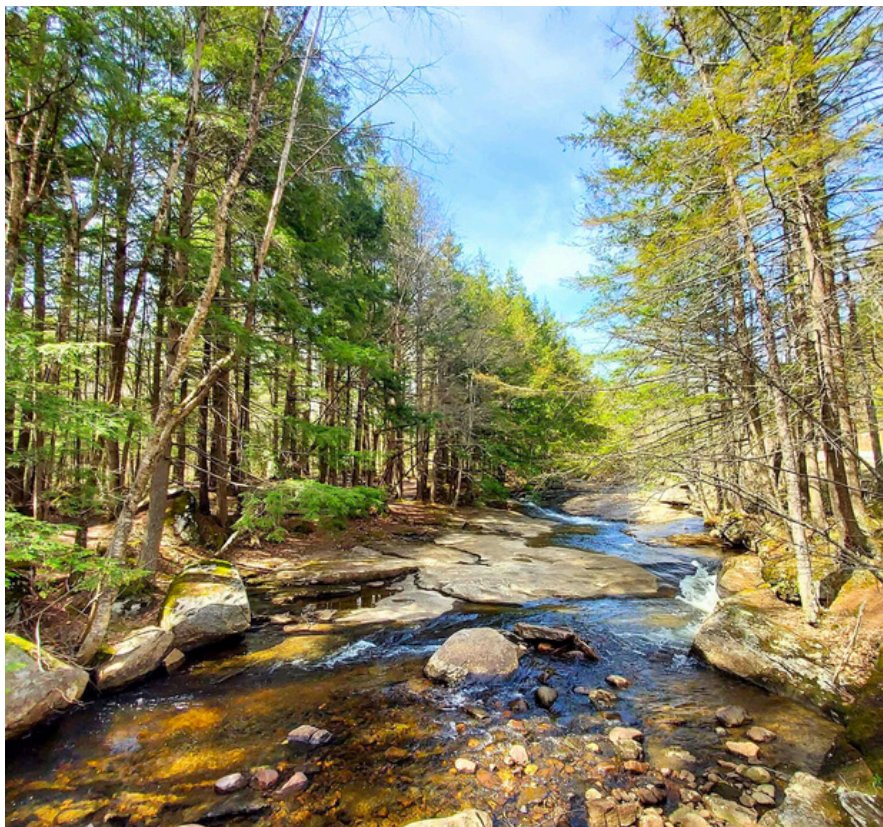
I can't wait to be a big brother because I'm so excited to teach, play, and share all my favorite things — and I'm definitely ready to pass on my title as the “baby” of the family!

HOME

We live in a 5-bedroom house with a huge two-acre backyard — the perfect place for kids to run wild and for us to soak up the outdoors. There's a flower garden, a tire swing, a hammock, and even a creek where adventures are always waiting.

Inside, you'll find bookshelves in almost every room, filled with stories, treasures, and things we love to share together. And there's almost always something delicious in the oven — whether it's cookies or a homemade meal.

It's a place full of laughter, exploration, and cozy moments — we've even started getting the nursery ready for a little one!



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a small, friendly town on a quiet street with several families nearby. It's the kind of place where neighbors wave when you walk by, kids play together safely outside, and everyone looks out for one another.

OUR HOME & *Neighborhood*



FAMILY FUN

- **Adventures Near & Far:** We love traveling together—exploring new places, foods, and cultures. Michael leads mission trips to Guatemala, and we've vacationed in Iceland and Canada.
- **Outdoors & Family Time:** Hiking, parks, and nature are our favorites. We often visit family in Tennessee and California—and our bucket list includes the Grand Canyon and Walt Disney World!



HOLIDAYS

- **Christmas:** We decorate early, bake cookies, make crafts, and attend The Nutcracker at Nyna's studio. Christmas Eve is at church, and Christmas morning means cozy pajamas, cinnamon rolls, and loads of wrapping paper!
- **Thanksgiving:** We host family and friends for a feast (extra-cheesy mac and cheese, corn casserole, caramel cake!). The day starts with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade while the turkey cooks.
- We can't wait to make new traditions with a new child!



FAMILY FUN &

Traditions





We are lucky to have a supportive and loving extended family. Michael's family lives nearby, and Amanda's family visits whenever they can.

We celebrate birthdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas together, and enjoy family dinners throughout the year.

Michael's mom and step-dad (Sabrina & Gary) live close by and spends lots of time with the kids doing things they love. Grandma Dede, the matriarch of the family, is known for her amazing cooking, great stories, and special songs for each child.



We also have two grown sons, Gideon and Christopher. Christopher lives nearby and is studying pre-nursing in college. Gideon (pictured) lives in Virginia and is currently putting his business degree to use, working in DC.

OUR
Family



Michael has several cousins, aunts, an uncle, and a niece who were all adopted. So your child would grow up in a family full of understanding support, and unconditional love - a family built not by blood, but by **LOVE**.



We are incredibly grateful for a circle of friends who truly feel like family.

Our church community is joyful, supportive, and full of life—a place where kids run freely, adults linger over conversations, and no one ever shows up empty-handed to a gathering.

We regularly celebrate holidays together, share weeknight dinners, cheer from the sidelines at games and recitals, and show up for one another in both the everyday moments and the hard ones. There's always a meal train, a helping hand, or a group text buzzing with encouragement.

For years, we've been part of a monthly family dinner group. Our kids have grown up side by side—playing in backyards, putting on skits, and forming sweet friendships—while the adults have built deep, lasting bonds.

They are already counting down the day until they can welcome another little one into the mix. We truly believe it takes a village—and ours is loving, steady, fun, and ready!



FRIENDS &
Community



BEFORE

you go...



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- We promise your child **unconditional, enduring love**. We are all-in forever—creating a home where they feel deeply loved, **safe, and supported to be exactly who they are**.
- We promise to **honor their story**. We will always speak of **you** with **openness, respect, and gratitude**, and we will honor the level of openness you choose. You will always be an important part of their story.
- We promise to **nurture their dreams**—whatever they may be—and to be their **biggest advocates** and **loudest cheerleaders** through every stage of life.
- We see the **courage and selflessness** in the decision you are facing, and we hold deep respect for you. If you choose us, your child will grow up knowing **how deeply they are loved—by you and by us**.
- Our **hearts are open and ready**. We are praying you feel peace and strength in the days ahead.

Amanda & Michael



**We can't wait to meet YOU and welcome
another little one into our FAMILY and HEARTS!**

Amanda, Michael & Family