



Philip + Rachelle

# HELLO

Hello,

Thank you for opening our book and taking this time to learn about us as you consider an adoption plan for your sweet baby. We know this must be a difficult time for you and admire your courage and selflessness as you navigate this process.

We are grateful and excited that you are considering us as parents of the child you are carrying. If you choose to make an adoption plan and choose us, we are committed to providing a safe, healthy, and nurturing home for your child. We promise to love them, cherish them, and provide them with every opportunity to thrive. Our home is filled with love, laughter, silliness, and we cannot wait to share our lives with another child.



Over the last 12 years, we have created a committed and full, loving life together. It isn't always perfect, and we have had our share of obstacles like infertility, but we got through it together and it made us stronger. We conceived our son through IVF, and we are so excited for him to be a big brother. If you chose us to be a part of your adoption plan, we want you to find comfort in the love and support we will show your baby.

We believe that adoption is built on trust, honesty, respect, and can provide a beautiful foundation for your child's journey. We are committed to honoring your role in their life and we want you to know that we are here to support you.

Hopefully this book gives you a little insight into our lives. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for considering us as potential parents for your child.

With love,  
Philip and Rachelle



# OUR STORY



We initially met in college where we had a marketing class together, but our love story began a few years later when we reconnected with each other. We have somewhat opposite personalities, which has created a beautiful relationship of balance, fun and understanding. Our time together was spent trying new restaurants (we both love to eat healthy meals), hiking, having fun with friends and traveling together. We took trips to Mexico, Hawaii, Spain (to visit Philip's family) and Italy (where Philip proposed).

In 2016, we got married in a beautiful beach town surrounded by all our loved ones. Shortly after we were married, we started IVF, and were blessed with our son in 2018.

Our son Luca is a smart, loving, and energetic six-year-old. He brings light and joy into every corner of our home, reminding us of the precious gift of family and unconditional love. We can't wait to welcome another child into our lives. We have so much love to give.

We enjoy traveling as a family, spending time with our extended families and friends and exploring new places. We have built a life filled with fun, faith, love, wellness and strong values.

# MEET RACHELLE

I am from California. I am the oldest of four children and have always been very motherly. Becoming a mother is my most important role. Luca is such a blessing, and I am very excited to welcome another child into my life. My childhood was a little dysfunctional, but it taught me to be resilient and independent.

I love homeschooling my son, planning activities, going to the beach, and being outdoors with my son and husband. In my spare time, I love to read, hang out with friends and watch movies. I love learning about health and wellness, and it has become one of my other passions.



## More about **Rachelle**:

**Occupation:** Stay-at-home mom and homeschool teacher

**Favorite Movie:** Fried Green Tomatoes or a thriller or rom com

**Favorite Place:** Maui or any sunny beach

**Can't Live Without:** My family, my wellness products, chocolate

**Favorite Foods:** Tacos (all types)

**My Perfect Day:** I would sleep in, have a beach day with my family, eat a nice dinner and have a relaxing movie night at home.

**Fun Fact:** I love baking gluten-free treats for loved ones, and I was the first person to graduate college in my family.



# MEET PHILIP

I grew up in California and was fortunate to spend my early years of life traveling between California and Spain to visit my family. I spoke Spanish before English and I love watching soccer especially when my beloved Spanish team, Real Madrid are playing.

I am so lucky I get to work remote as I get to spend so much time with my family throughout the week. I enjoy cooking dinner for my family, golfing, watching movies and spending time outdoors on the weekends.



## More about Philip:

**Occupation:** Sales

**Favorite Movie:** True Romance or Last of the Mohicans

**Favorite Place:** Alicante, Spain

**Can't Live Without:** Family and golf

**Favorite Food:** Sushi, paella, tacos

**My Perfect Day:** I play golf first thing in the morning, go to the beach with my family, eat a nice dinner and play a game of monopoly.

**Fun Fact:** I played professional golf after college and spoke Spanish before English.



# MEET LUCA



We want to share with you the joy that our son, Luca, brings to our lives each day. Luca's kind, adventurous presence fills our home with love and laughter and is such a blessing. He enjoys hanging out with his friends, being in nature with his mom, building Legos, riding bikes, honing his golf skills with his dad, and playing board games.

Luca is excited to become a big brother. We are confident that his sweet soul will make him an extraordinary sibling, and we cannot wait to witness the special bond that will undoubtedly form between them.

## More about **Luca:**

**Occupation:** Professional Lego Builder

**Favorite Movie:** Yes, Day and The Sandlot

**Favorite Place:** Legoland

**Can't Live Without:** Family, toys, chocolate

**Favorite Food:** Burgers and fries

**My Perfect Day:** Going to Target to buy a toy and get ice cream with my family and friends.

**Fun Fact:** Loves math and first rode a pedal bike at 3.5-years-old.

# WHY WE ARE ADOPTING

After we had our son, we struggled with secondary infertility. The idea of adoption kept coming into our minds and hearts. After praying and taking some time to reflect, we chose the path of adoption. We have always wanted to grow our family and we are so excited for this journey.



# RACHELLE, IN PHILIP'S WORDS



I'm excited to share with you the caring woman who has forever changed my life. She is truly special and amazes me with her dedication to our son and the well-being of our family. She is a good friend to others and always makes me laugh with her good humor.

As a mother, her nurturing heart creates a warm and loving home for our family. Her outgoing spirit and love for adventure inspires Luca and me. She is my best friend, and I am grateful for her. I know that she will bring the same love, joy, and warmth to the life of another child.

# PHILIP, IN RACHELLE'S WORDS

Philip is the kind of guy that can get along with anyone. He is loved by all that know him. He supports and loves his family with all his heart. He is so excited to be finished with work each day so he can come hang out with us. He loves to cook, play with our son and watch soccer. He is a kind and encouraging father to our son and I am lucky to have him as my husband. He works so hard to support us which allows me to stay at home with our son. Philip has been there for me through some difficult times, and he has been my rock throughout our relationship.



# OUR HOME



We live in a two-story home in California. We have a nice backyard that is perfect for playing, eating and hanging out on a nice, summer day. Our neighborhood is full of children and families. The kids in our neighborhood play outside together on warm, sunny days. We enjoy BBQing and spending time bike riding or walking the trails near our house. We live close to stores, schools, and nature trails.

# OUR FAMILIES

Philip's parents have been married for 40 years and have been supportive throughout this journey. They live five minutes away from us and we see them weekly. Philip's family is from Spain and Italy and are fluent in both languages. Philip's brother and his wife and two kids live five minutes away. Our son loves to play with his cousins.

Rachelle's family lives a few hours away, but we get to see them about every two months. We are close with my grandma, my aunt, my brother and his wife. We love getting together with everyone for the holidays. Even though I have a smaller family that surrounds me, there is an abundance of love and support.

Our friends are an extension of our family, and their presence in our lives is truly invaluable.



Rachelle's Family



Philip's Family



# BEFORE YOU GO

# WE PROMISE



- To love and protect this child every single day.
- To parent with kindness, love, laughter, stability and forgiveness.
- To honor your sacrifice as his/her birth parents and share the love you have for him/her.
- To provide a safe space for him/her and support their physical/emotional needs.
- To provide your child with opportunities to learn, travel, and explore.
- To teach your child the love of Jesus.
- To acknowledge the child's race and culture and support diverse interactions and environments.



Thank you for considering our family as you navigate this journey. We hope that our words have painted a picture of the life and love we eagerly await to share with your child. As you weigh your options, we send you strength and hope and want you to know that we are here to support you. Should you choose to move forward with an adoption plan, please know that our hearts and home are open wide, ready to welcome your child.

We will ensure that your child understands their roots and the respect we hold for you and your choice. Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for considering us.

