



aboutus

We found each other when we were already pretty established, and we were so happy to have found each other. We knew pretty quickly that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together and felt like we had known each other forever. We went through a lot of change in a short period, which helped us learn to work together as a team and to communicate well. We feel these qualities will help us parent well together.

We are both from the Midwest. We are musical and enjoy seeing Broadway shows together. We also love to laugh, spend quality time together, go sightseeing, and be silly together. One thing that is very important to us is our Christian faith. We value things like honesty, integrity, faithfulness, commitment, and forgiveness. This is the foundation of our marriage and family.

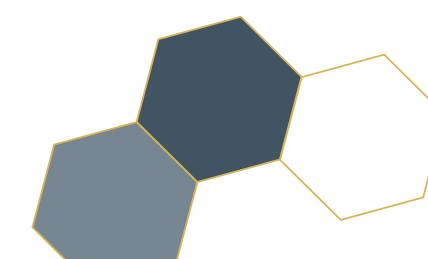


"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other." Audrey Hepburn









meet anna

BY JEFF

Anna makes me smile. I love her energy, kindness, compassion for others, and how loved she makes me feel. Anna is filled with joy, and she loves children. For vacation, her favorite destination is wherever her niece and two nephews are. She loves to do all things "art," and she is often making crafts with them. She is a very committed and fun "auntie" and will be a devoted and incredibly loving mom.





Reading to my niece



emeet anna

OCCUPATION: Marriage and Family Therapist

FAVORITE BOOK: The Count of Monte Cristo **FAVORITE PLACE:** Outside in the garden

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My husband and my family,

PERFECT DAY: Spending a day at the beach with my familu. enjouing the ocean

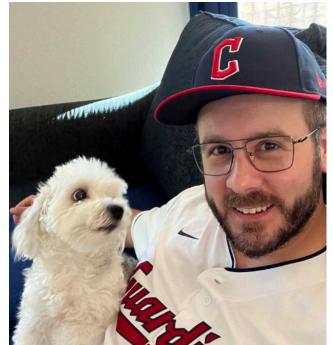
"Anna's smile lights up a room, and she is always helping and caring for others."

- Jet

meetjeff

BY ANNA

Jeff is incredibly wise and witty; he makes ordinary life interesting and fun. He is so patient and kind to our animals and nieces and nephews. Being around him is comforting and calm. I can always count on him for a big hug and emotional comfort. He loves to go on adventures to see new places. I cannot wait to watch him instill into a child his wisdom, integrity, and sense of humor. Jeff will be such a good and patient father to a child.





Holding my nephew



meetjeff

OCCUPATION: IT Systems Administrator FAVORITE MOVIE: Anything Star Wars

FAVORITE PLACE: Guardians or Diamondbacks game **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My wife and my dog, and

offee, of course!

PERFECT DAY: Relaxing at the beach with my wife on a beautiful day.

"Jeff has the kindest heart and eyes, and he makes me laugh like no one else can."

- Anna

our home E community

We live in a large city in Arizona in a nice community. We enjoy our neighbors, and our dog even has a "dog best friend" here. There is a really pretty greenbelt, beautiful trees, and gated pools. There are mountains we can hike and some nice playgrounds near us. What we love about Arizona is all of the outdoor and indoor fun that kids can have. Arizona is known for beautiful sunsets, as well as the Grand Canyon!

We moved into our home about two years ago and did some renovations to make it more open, modern, and beautiful. Our home has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and room to add a third bedroom. We are especially excited about the nursery we are creating! It is a room full of love already.



Working in my garden



Our living room corner



Playground near our home



canna's extended family

I grew up in so many different places. I quickly learned the value of my family – they are the people I can always count on. My parents took my sister, brother, and me to "see the world." My childhood was filled with a love of culture, travel, and adventure.

I visit my niece and nephews often. My family is very close and festive. My dad wears a huge 4th of July hat, and I love to surprise my niece and nephews with matching costumes for Halloween. My family and I have a great time together, regardless of what we are doing.



I love my parents



Celebrating my nephew's play



My family's get together



Family fun at Candytopia

jeff's extended family

I grew up in Cleveland Ohio, the second of four kids. My mom's family moved to America from Italy, and most of my extended family lives in Cleveland now. We are serious Cleveland Browns fans and love to go to the Guardians stadium for games. My childhood was spent at family gatherings eating homemade meatballs, spaghetti, and cavatelli. My dad taught me how to fix things around the house, and I helped take care of my baby sister.



Celebrating my sister's wedding



Spending time with mom

I am close to my oldest niece, and I like to play video games online with my nephew. Getting together with my family is always fun and fulfilling. We love to share holidays and go out for Graeter's ice cream. We are easygoing and comfortable together. My family is very supportive and important to me



My brother's beautiful family



My sister's rehearsal dinner

our friends?

We love going to dinner and spending time with our group of friends. Our friends are like family to us; we are all there for each other and like to laugh and have fun together.



Halloween fun with friends



Helping out a friend



Laughing with close friends



Our friends who adopted

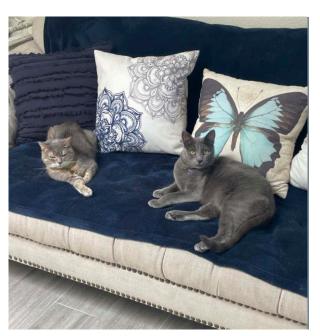


Enjoying the Botanical Gardens

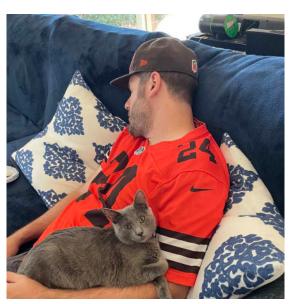
OUR

fur babies

Our fur babies are Einstein, Daphne, and Violet. Einstein is always happy and is Jeff's "best friend." Daphne mostly sleeps all day; we love her green eyes. Violet is really sweet, velvety soft, and loves to cuddle. All of our animals are gentle and safe around children.









why adoptions

We met later in life and have both dreamed of having kids. We have both done the things we wanted to in life and are in a great place to start a family. Our relationship is founded on commitment, faith, love, and teamwork. We both have families we love very much, with lots of support. Quite a few of our friends are fostering, adopting, or have adopted children, so we also feel very connected and supported by them. We have experienced fertility issues and feel adoption is an awesome way to build our family. We feel like we have the key ingredients to be healthy and loving parents.

- to love this child unconditionally, with compassion and intention.
- to provide a home filled with laughter and joy amidst life's ups and downs.
- to provide well and give this child every opportunity possible in life.
- to take an active role in this child's education, to inspire creativity, excellence, and curiosity in becoming a lifelong learner.
- this child will be surrounded by loving family and friends, who know the importance of relationships and great memories.

FUN FACTS ABOUT

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- Jeff is a diehard Cleveland Browns fan to the point where he puts Einstein into sportswear.
- We love to be festive during the holidays - from wearing matching pajamas to decorating the house, making "ugly sweater" cookies, and posing in front of our "living fireplace" on T.V. in our Santa hats.
- We are both musical, were in theater, played instruments, and enjoy seeing Broadway shows and plays together.
- We love to garden together and work on our house. Anna loves planting roses and snapdragons. Jeff gets excited about our citrus trees, and both of us like planting interesting things, like peanut plants, and different kinds of corn, and even attempted (unsuccessfully) to grow an avocado tree.







- Anna used to be an elementary school teacher. She also taught children from other countries to speak English.
- Anna loves to do ballet barre for exercise, and Jeff enjoys lifting weights.
- Jeff takes care of our fish, and he knows an astonishing amount of fish facts.



