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Dear birthparent,



Thank you for giving us this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We hope we can give you an idea about who we are, what we live for, how we think about parenting, and our deeply cherished wish to adopt a child.



Take your time to stroll through the different subjects and learn more about our family life.



Morach & Janneke



"We can't wait to give love, devotion, and care to a growing child."



Dear birthparent,

Let me tell you about who I am.












My name is Morach, and I am 33 years old. My parents both still live and I feel very lucky with them. I have a four years older brother, who I care for very much. My family is close and harmonious. My parents taught me to be open-minded, respectful, and self-confident, and raised me to be gentle and kind to people. They have given me innumerable insights into human behavior and communication, and have stimulated me to analyze and understand why people do or say what they do. In my life I benefit from the things I learned from my parents, and I feel lucky that I have developed this consciousness. For me, to appreciate and understand others, and being valued for who you are, are one of the most important things in life. I want to pass these values and insights on to my children to make them more sensible and less vulnerable to life, and to let them grow into well developed persons.

At the age of 26, I met Janneke. Janneke made me see how much a relationship can add to life, and she has made me feel more complete. It has been so wonderful to love and to feel loved in this very special way. Our relationship has been an enrichment of my life. Living with Janneke has a very positive effect on my wellbeing. I dare to depend on her and share with her my hopes and fears. I think Janneke is sweet and smart, and she makes me feel sweet and smart too. We enjoy each others company very much. Janneke and I are together now for six and a half years. Apart from the initial feelings of disbelief and self protection against disappointment and hurt, I felt from the very first moment till now that I want to spend the rest of my life with her. She is my first love. I can't and don't want to imagine living without her anymore.

I think Janneke will make a perfect parent. She enjoys spending time with children and undertakes all kinds of nice activities with them. She loves to experience the exploration process in children, and how they develop their skills. A big smile appears on her face when she can give children a new experience, such as baking pancakes with them. Janneke will make your child laugh, and give her or him lots of hugs and kisses. Janneke is a sweet and kind person with a strong sense of justice, which she will definitely pass on to your child. I am looking forward to raise a family with Janneke, and to experience her parent over our child.



Janneke baking pancakes with Lucas

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Dear birthparent,

Let me tell you about who I am.



My name is Janneke and I am 28 years old. I was born and raised in a small town (currently 13 thousand inhabitants) in the Netherlands. I was my parents' first child. When I was two years old, my sister (Anja) completed the family. My parents had adopted her from South-Korea. She was three months old when she came into our family. I really enjoyed having a sister. We played together a lot, and we developed a strong tie.

I like sports and being active, but I also like to read a book or watch a good movie. I highly value social contacts with our family and friends. I really enjoy inviting people over for dinner and cooking a special dinner. I have a drive to find new challenges in life, and to gain from new experiences. Last summer I volunteered as a group leader in a children's vacation for children that do not have a stable home and who really need a carefree holiday. Being able to do this was very instructive, and gave me a great feeling of gratification.










I have been raised in a loving family, and grew up in a safe environment. My parents are both very gentle and modest, and they have passed these qualities on to my sister and me. They treat others on the basis of equivalence and this was also central in the way they raised us. Our upbringing was very free and open. There was always room for discussion, and divergent opinions or preferences. My parents have always stimulated my sister and me to make our own choices, and to take responsibility of our actions. They have given us the opportunity to develop ourselves into autonomous human beings, about which I am very grateful. I think my parents have done a great job in raising my sister and me, and I aim to pass on the values and qualities that I grew up with to the child that Morach and I will raise.

Morach and I have been together for six and a half years, and Morach has added much value to my life. She lets me know that she likes me for who I am, which I think is essential for a relationship. Morach is a great human being. She is kind toward and interested in other people, trustworthy, and helpful. What I particularly like is that she is critical and has her own ideas. She is intelligent and able to analyze why people behave the way they do. She also is determined; she doesn't give up easily if she wants something. Morach and I share similar opinions about what we find important in life. I know Morach will always be there for the people that are close to her, loving them, supporting them, and helping them wherever she can.



Morach and Quinten

Morach will be the perfect mother to your child. Her caring nature and her endless love will give your child a great feeling of belonging and self-confidence. I can imagine Morach showing your child her pride and appreciation, and the sparkle that will appear in your child's eyes. Morach will also be supportive and comforting when your child is sad, and give her or him a tight hug and a listening ear. I look forward to seeing Morach interact with your child, reading bedtime stories, playing hide-and-seek, talking, and cuddling.

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Dear birthparent,

We would like to share with you our wishes and hopes for the future. We are very grateful that you take the time to learn more about us, and for considering us as potential parents for your child.



We have thought a lot about starting a family. Your child will be our first child. We believe that raising children and having a family will give a new and special dimension to our life. It is great to see our family and friends with their children. It is nice to play with the children, but also to see them discover and learn. For them, nothing is obvious, and experiencing them develop must be one of the greatest things in life. Seeing the world through the eyes of a child makes one realize how wonderful life is, from the functioning of the human body to the solar system. Finding answers to all questions that might come up, will give us a lot of satisfaction and fulfillment.

We can't wait to give love, devotion, and care to a growing child. Raising your child to become an autonomous person, who is able to make decisions and to take responsibility for his or her actions, will be our highest priority. We attach much value to being respectful towards others, to treat others on the basis of equivalence, and to see the good in people. We will also cherish the natural qualities that children have, such as being unprejudiced and honest.

We will encourage your child to follow its dreams, to develop in the direction from which she or he will derive motivation, happiness, and fulfilment. We will enable and stimulate your child to do the type of education that fits best his or her interests and capabilities, and we will make sure the funds are there when needed. We will provide your child with a loving and safe environment, and will always keep in mind what is best for the child.



our adoption wish continued...



Morach and Luka

We have given much thought to how we would like to start a family. Adoption is a very deliberate choice. Bringing up a child that through circumstance can not be raised by its biological parents, feels to us as a very good thing to do. Janneke has personal experience with adoption, as her sister Anja is adopted from South Korea. Anja's enthusiasm and support regarding our wish to adopt a child have been very important aspects in making the choice for adoption. We think it is good for the child to have a relative who shares a similar experience.

In our homes, when we were children, one of our parents was always around. Now we want to start a family ourselves, we realize how wonderful it was that one of our parents was at home when we came from school. When we become parents, we will both be part time stay at home parents for your child. By working part time, we will combine work with child care. Janneke's work is very flexible, and she can also work from home, which will help in organizing.



Janneke and Quinten



Christmas with Janneke's family, Agnes (to the right) always makes dessert

We want to assure you that we will share with your child how much she or he is loved by you, and how well you thought about this decision. It is very important to us that your child thinks well of you, and that she or he will respect your choice.

We are open to continued contact with you, be it through letters, photo updates, phone calls, or visits, depending on your wishes. We want you to know that we would like to have you in our lives, as well as in your child's life.



Dear birthparent,

We are pleased to introduce you to our closest family, who are very important to us.



Janneke with Julia and Lucas

Our family is very important to us. We have a very close relationship with both of our parents, as well as with Janneke's sister Anja, and Morach's brother Serge. Serge is married and has two young children. We love to spend time together having dinners, celebrations, or just enjoy each others company. We also have aunts and uncles who we see regularly, and we especially appreciate being with Janneke's grandmother.

On the picture you see Janneke with our niece Julia and nephew Lucas. They are both children of Morach's four years older brother Serge. He is married to Elles. We often spend time together on birthdays and other special occasions, and we love playing with Lucas and Julia.

This is my [Janneke] two year younger sister Anja. She is 25 years old. Anja is adopted herself, so your child will have an adopted aunt. Anja was adopted from South Korea in 1981 when she was three months old. Anja is two years younger than I am. When we were kids, we played a lot together, and we have developed a strong tie. We talked about how we were raised by our parents, and also about the adoption wish that Morach and I cherish. Anja is very enthusiastic about us raising a child, and she definitely wants to play an active part in it as an aunt. She really can't wait to become an aunt, and to spend time with your child, which we find very moving.



Anja, Janneke's sister



Grandmother and Anja

This is Janneke's and Anja's grandmother. She is the mother of Janneke's father. I [Janneke] have a very close relationship with my grandmother. She is a very sweet person. Since my birth and until I was about ten years old, she came to babysit one day a week, because on that day both of my parents were working. We always had a very good time, and I have always been fond of her. When Anja and I were children, every year we went on a family holiday together with my three grandparents (I have never known my grandfather from my father's side, as he passed away before I was born). My grandmother is still alive, and she turned 88 this year. She has many grandchildren, and also great-grandchildren.



Our closest family continued...

Martine, Morach's mother, is a very extravert, enthusiastic person. She values to establish a good relationship with her grandchildren, and spending time with all family members gives her great fulfillment. She can't wait to welcome the child we will be lucky to adopt into our family, and she will love it as her own. Martine is a psychologist, who has written several professional books about child development, communication with children, as well as therapeutic books for children. We can benefit from her knowledge about child upbringing and child development.

On the right you see Simon, Morach's father, with his grandson Lucas looking at little ducklings in the water. Simon is maybe Martine's antipode in character. He is introvert, calm and easy going. Just like Martine he is very erudite and values family very much. He is also a psychologist and is very sensible in the way he plays with, and at the same time educates his grandchildren.



Simon, Morach's father, and Lucas



Janneke's parents Jan and Agnes

Jan and Agnes, on the photograph besides, are Janneke's parents. They have been married for over thirty years, and were each others first love. Jan is a retired optician, Agnes is a former high school teacher who is currently employed at the city counsel of their hometown Boxmeer. In their spare time they love traveling with their caravan through France and Spain [Europe]. They are looking forward having a grandchild for the first time!

This is Morach's family. From the upper left corner to the lower right corner you see: Elles, Julia, Serge, Martine, Morach, Janneke, Simon, and Lucas. Morach's parents have been married for over thirty years as well. They met each other at the university where they were studying psychology. Serge and Elles know each other from high school, and married in 1997. They have two children: Lucas (6) and Julia (3). Lucas just went to primary school, and is now learning to read and write. This is a very exciting period for him. Next year, Julia will go to kindergarten. Elles teaches French at a high school, and Serge works for the social service in a big Dutch city.



Lucas, Martine, Elles, Morach, Julia, Janneke, Serge and Simon



Dear birthparent,

We love to introduce you to some of our dearest friends.



Sandra, Morach and Janneke

We have a nice circle of friends, who mean a lot to us. It is a very diverse group of people, but they all have in common that they are warm, kind, and caring people. We enjoy spending time with them. Several of our friends already have small children, and we look forward that the child we will be lucky to adopt will have many play mates.

This is Janneke's best friend Sandra. Janneke and Sandra have a very special friendship, as they know each other for almost 25 years. They grew up in the same neighborhood and have been friends since kindergarten. They were in the same class until they went to different universities at the age of eighteen. We often see Sandra and her boyfriend Tim. They are great friends, and very nice people to spend time with.

We know Lonneke and Jeannette for several years now. We love undertaking fun activities together. They have common values in life and this makes our friendship fonder. Almost two years ago now, Luka was born. It is great to see how they raise their son. We still go out as much as we can, taking little Luka with us. Luka will be a lovely playing buddy for your child!



Lonneke, Jeannette and their son Luka



Quinten, Paul and Charlotte

Janneke became friends with Charlotte at University. They followed classes together and became good friends. Charlotte met her husband Paul some years later. They make a perfect couple. Their son Quinten (2,5 years old) is a wonderful boy. We love to play with him, and it would be nice to have him play with your child.



Anneke



Heleen & Shahar



Karina & Martijn



Amber & Arjen



Sander & Morach



Janneke & Hilde



Dear birthparent,

Let us show you where we live.



our living room

We live in the city center of a small town in The Netherlands [Europe]. The place where we live is very peaceful, and safe for children to grow up. All necessary facilities are available, such as shops, schools, medical doctors, a hospital, and a library. There are also swimming pools, playgrounds, and a zoo close to our home. From our home we can walk straight into one of the biggest national parks of the Netherlands. We often go there for relaxation and picnics.

We have a spacious living room with a dining area, a sitting area (see picture), and a place where we have a desk with our computer. As our living room is very spacious, there is plenty room for a playpen and a playing area for your child.

Our home is located at a courtyard, which is a very nice place to sit when the weather is nice. The white rabbit of one of our neighbors is often skipping around in the courtyard. The children of our friends and family like to caress the rabbit, but they often end up scaring him away with their enthusiasm!

One of the bedrooms has already been transformed into a nursery. On the picture you see Morach and Janneke's sister Anja, putting the last part on the closet.



Anja and Morach building the closet in the nursery



street theatre in the city center of our town

In our town, many activities are organized for children. On the picture you see a very nice event in the shopping center with extraordinary creatures, music, theatre, and special effects.



Dear birthparent,

Nature is an important part of our life.



Morach and Janneke

We both love nature, and in our spare time we spend much time in the outdoors. To us this is a great way to relax. We enjoy the fresh air, and the peacefulness of nature. It feels good to be outside the inhabited world for a while.

This picture was taken at foliage season in the state of Massachusetts [United States of America].

We live nearby one of the largest national parks in The Netherlands. We love to take our friends for a walk in the park around the corner.

We took this picture when we were on a hike with baby Luka and our friends Lonneke and Jeannette.



Jeannette, Lonneke, Janneke, Morach, Luka



Anneke and Morach

On our holidays we love to spend time in nature. On the picture besides you see Morach with our friend Anneke on a hike in the Yorkshire Dales in England [Europe].



Dear birthparent,

Playing board games, hiking, playing tennis, going to art museums, watching a movie, dining, and reading are our most favorite ways to spend time with each other, or with friends and family.



our mountain hiking shoes

What brought us together is our preference for hiking in the mountains. We enjoy spending our holidays trekking. We take as few possessions as possible in a backpack, and follow a hiking trail for weeks. How you enjoy a simple warm dish at the end of the day! When we have a child we will adjust our program, but we would love to show your child the pure beauty and tranquility of nature.

We love to hike. Many of our friends do as well. With our friends Lonneke and Jeannette we walk the famous Dutch 'Pieterpad' trail that starts at the far north of the Netherlands and heads to the far south of the Netherlands, which is about 480 km (300 miles).

Moments of the day that we find very important to share together are breakfast and dinner. You can really talk and laugh with each other, and really give attention to the ones you love. Even in every ordinary working day, we take time to sit at the table together having our meal. We always cook with fresh ingredients, preferably organic products.

We love family dinners and festivities like for example birthdays and Christmas. We think it is important to spend time together as a family.



Julia's first birthday



dinner with our friends Charlotte, Paul, their baby Quinten, Judith and Anke

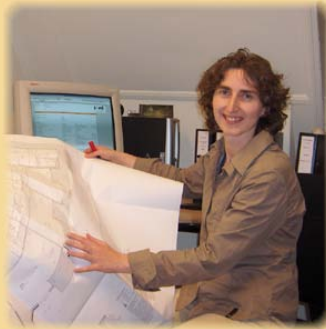
We love to have dinner with friends. If we have friends over for dinner, we love to cook a special meal and really take our time to eat and have conversations.

We also find playing board games a wonderful way to spend quality time with each other and with our family and friends.



Dear birthparent,

We would like to tell you something about our employment.



Morach at her desk

I [Morach] work at a small office for Architecture. We design housing projects, sometimes combined with shops, and multi-functional buildings that combine school, library, and health facilities. I go to work by train most of the time. The train station is little more than five minutes from our home by bike. I take my folding bike into the train, which is free of charge. The train ride is only twelve minutes: I just manage to read the front page of the newspaper! In the city where I work, it takes me another ten minutes by bike to get to the office.

I [Janneke] work at the university. I am mainly involved with research activities, but I also do some teaching every now and then. The focus of my research is on understanding consumers, particularly in relation to how they think about the safety of food. I go to work by bike in little less than half an hour. This way I exercise an hour a day! When the weather is nice, I sometimes take an alternative route through the forest on my way home after work. When I arrive at home it feels as if I have had several hours off!



Janneke at her desk

Ellen and Wendy are good colleagues of Janneke. Ellen is married to Mujibor, who has been adopted from Bangladesh as a child. Wendy is married to Chris, a Canadian. Both couples have young children. Ellen and Mujibor's daughter is called Rima (5 years old), and Wendy and Chris' son is called Kieran (3 years old). Rima has been adopted from Bangladesh, just like her father. We think it is nice to know others who have adopted children (besides Janneke's parents). We can learn from their experiences, and when we have a child, she or he can play with other children that share a similar background in that respect.



Wendy with Kieran, Ellen with Rima



Rima and Kieran