

Jennifer & Davide

Dear Birthmother,

When we talk about being parents someday, sometimes we imagine the three of us walking through the woods, jumping in the leaves, and watching the chipmunks race across stone walls. At other times, we imagine trimming the Christmas tree together, adorning it with homemade ornaments, garlands of popcorn and cranberries. It's easy to dream about sharing a big pancake breakfast on Sunday mornings. We can't wait to listen to our child's tiny voice explaining the world to us from their point of view.



We have hearts full of love to share, stable jobs and a loving family who live nearby. But doctors have told us that we can't have a baby. We are grateful that, through adoption, we might know the joys and responsibilities of being parents. We long to share those experiences as part of our life together. Thank you for considering us for the honor of being parents for your child. We hope to get to know you and to learn more about your dreams for your child.

If we are chosen to love and care for your child, we will always respect you and raise your child to know of your loving and caring decision. We're comfortable staying in touch over the years. In fact, we think that it can help build self-confidence for a child to know everyone who loves him or her. It will be important to us to know your comfort level with regard to contact over the years of your child's growing up time. Above all, we will respect and honor your wishes.

It is difficult for us to imagine what you might be experiencing and how you are feeling. Our hope is that you have people in your life who are giving you the emotional and practical support that you need while you are making this decision. As you listen to your heart and consider all your choices, we hope you'll find comfort and peace of mind in whatever decisions you make. We would be so happy to be chosen to be the parents for your child. We would raise your child with love, enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and great care. Both of our extended families and our many friends can't wait to celebrate with us and will shower our child with hugs and love.





Celebrating the Italian soccer team victory!



Jennifer at Lake Como in Italy



Easter Dinner in Italy with Glauco, Guido, Nadia and Giancarlo

The child we are lucky to adopt will grow up with parents who deeply love and respect each other. We met many years ago when Jennifer was working as a nanny for a year after graduating from college. We were out with friends when we first met each other, and later that night we all went dancing. By the end of the evening, we knew we wanted to spend more time together.

Daide: Jennifer was cute and friendly and I was intrigued by her. I thought that she must have a strong personality to leave all of her family and friends behind to come to Italy.

Jennifer: I remember thinking Davide was a guy worth getting to know better when, after spending the day together, he called his mom to let her know he wouldn't be home for dinner. I was impressed by a guy who was respectful of his mother.

We started to spend more time together, getting to know each other and enjoying each other's company. We grew closer and closer, and we knew we had something special between us.

When Jennifer returned to the US a year later, we maintained a long distance relationship while we tried to figure out how to be together in the same country. After a couple of trips back and forth, Davide sweetly agreed to come to the US, and we decided to settle permanently in the United States.



In the garden where we were married

We married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at a New England colonial inn. Our friends and family made that beautiful day possible, by driving family members to the wedding, performing the music, arranging the flowers, and taking the photos for us. Davide even made our wedding cake in my parents' kitchen on the morning of the wedding! We were also lucky to have Davide's family from Italy with us at the wedding. It was a glorious day for us and one which we'll remember forever as a wonderful celebration of our love.

As the years passed, we decided that raising children together would be a wonderful way to expand our joy and love. After trying on our own and after several years of infertility treatment, doctors told us there was nothing more they could do for us. While we would have loved to give birth to a child, we have always known that sharing our love for children and our desire to help a child realize their dreams was our ultimate goal.

We learned a lot about adoption by talking with other adoptive parents, going to conferences, reading and talking with our families about their experiences. We are now excited and hopeful that, through adoption, we will know the joys of reading our child their favorite story, making cookies, singing "Happy Birthday" and seeing their eyes light up at the sight of candles on their cake. While we know that the decision to make an adoption plan for your child is not an easy choice, we hope it will be just a little less difficult, knowing that we will give your child all the joy and opportunities we possibly can imagine.

Our values center on what will help our child grow to be healthy and able to enjoy life. For us, the most important thing is listening to our child and helping them feel loved and encouraged in their interests and passions.



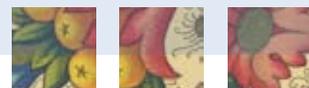
Jennifer and our niece



Jennifer sharing a story with her niece and nephew



Davide with neighborhood children on Halloween





Teaching a pastry class together



She just loved a good party

Jennifer making cupcakes!

Davide making pizza!

Education is very important to us and we have already started a college fund so that our child will be able to attend college and pursue their dreams in whatever direction feels right to them. We can tell, by the way we are kind to each other, that we will be kind and loving with our child.

We also know that children blossom when their parents can spend lots of time with them. We are both fortunate to have stable careers in fields that give us flexibility in our work hours. We will be able to adjust our hours so that each of us will have lots of time to enjoy daily life with our child. Our child will get the opportunity to socialize and play with other children their age by spending one or two days in a child care near our home as well as by participating in swimming classes that are popular in our community. The other times we will be lucky enough to be able to care for him or her at home.

Our motto is “work to live, not live to work”. We love our work, and we also treasure focusing on family when we get home. Davide is a pastry chef, working at a restaurant/inn in New Hampshire. He is passionate about making and eating desserts, and he loves the creativity of his work. Jennifer works at a major university helping smooth the way for international families to have an easy transition to living in the United States. Jennifer is always prepared with toys, crayons and hugs for the children in the families she is working with. Davide does not have a traditional 9-5 Monday-Friday work schedule and Jennifer’s work schedule is very flexible (including the ability to work from home part-time). As a result, we will have more time than most parents to spend at home with our child.

We’d like to share more about our relationship and why we each feel the other would be a great parent.





Jennifer: Davide is an extremely affectionate, loving, kind and loyal man. I was attracted to and still admire his passion for his work. He makes me laugh and he makes me feel beautiful and loved. Even though we've been married for many years, every time we talk on the phone, he always sounds so happy to hear my voice. I love coming home after work knowing I'll see him. He is my rock; his steady presence and calm attitude help keep me sane. He has a wide range of interests and I admire his ability to follow his heart without any concern about other people's opinions. Although we sometimes have different perspectives on what color to paint the bedroom or what car to buy, we always find humor in our process, come to a joint decision and, most important, we agree on the important issues - how we want to live our lives.



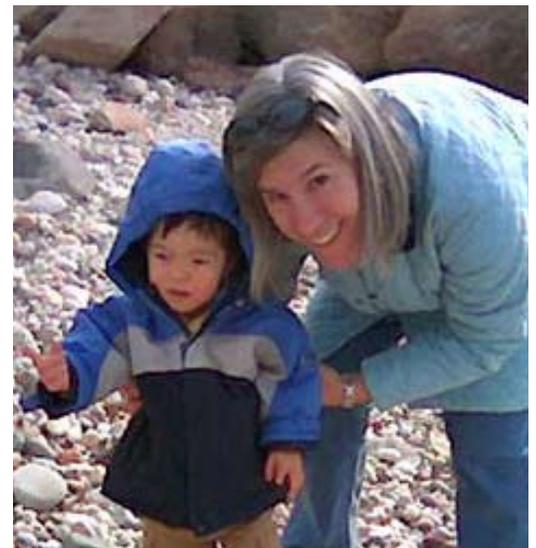
Davide playing soccer



Davide and our nephew

Davide: What do I treasure about Jennifer? She is my best friend, she is a good listener, and she gives me good suggestions. She takes good care of me. I love that she makes me breakfast every morning. She is a strong and an independent woman, well educated, and at the same time she is loving and generous. Every day she calls me to see how the day is going, to be sure that I'm doing fine. When we go to visit her sister, I see how Jennifer is with the kids, how well she connects with them and how loving she is. I can see how good a parent she will be by the way she plays with them. We both like to go for walks in the many state parks in the area and this is something

I look forward to doing with Jennifer and our child.



Jennifer and our nephew



Davide, Jennifer, Elaine and Peter at Fenway Park



Andy, Davide, Laura, Jennifer, and our nephew

We live in a small town north of Boston. We have lived in our family oriented neighborhood for nearly a decade. It's quiet, a nice place to take a walk after dinner, and we enjoy the common swimming pool in the summer. Our neighbors are great! We enjoy sitting out with them in the backyard on warm evenings, grilling and laughing together. There are lots of children in our neighborhood. There is plenty of yard space to play in (hide and seek, 4 square, and kick ball are the big favorites) and build snowmen, and quiet streets for bike and scooter riding. We have some wonderful state parks nearby that we enjoy walking in, and we love the nearby beaches. We have an excellent school system, and Jennifer spends a lot of time at our local public library.

We are very lucky to have Jennifer's family nearby, her parents Elaine and Peter, and her younger sister Laura, her husband Andrew, and their two preschool children. Family time is important to all us, and it almost always means getting together for a meal. Everyone gets a party on their birthday, and we put a lot of effort into making the holidays special, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. There never seems to be enough time to eat all of our favorite foods from our German, Hungarian, American, and Italian traditions like smoked pork chops, onion cheese, chocolate bread pudding, and Italian Christmas bread.

Everyone is excited about welcoming another member in our family. Jennifer's family attended an adoption conference so they could learn more adoption and about how they can support us and welcome an adoptive child into our family. Jennifer and Laura don't have any cousins, so we are thrilled for our children to have cousins with whom they can develop close relationships. Elaine and Peter are excellent grandparents, they love spending time with the grandkids, babysitting for them, taking them to outdoor concerts, parks and the zoo. We are all looking forward to our next family vacation. Peter can't wait to take all of the grand-kids to Disney World!



Jennifer, Laura and our niece





Jennifer and our niece

We see Davide's family every couple of years. It's a special treat to visit family in Italy. They are always in our hearts and thoughts, and the time we can spend with Davide's father Giancarlo, his older sister Nadia, and his younger brother Glauco is so precious and important to us. Jennifer and Davide both speak English and Italian fluently and we will raise our child to speak both languages. Our hope is to travel to Italy regularly, and Nadia and her partner Guido love to visit us in the U.S. We are looking forward to introducing our child to all of our favorite people, places, and restaurants in Italy!

As you may have guessed, food is very important to us, from buying and making it to eating it! We love to cook and bake, and we usually prefer to prepare meals at home, rather than eating out. It is extremely important for us to share meals together, even when it's just the two of us. We love to entertain friends and family in our home. Our vacation trips to Italy are spent eating with friends and family and shopping for food to bring home! When in Italy, Jennifer has to eat ice cream at least once a day, and Davide can never get enough of the fine Italian cold cuts!

In addition to food, we enjoy all kinds of music and movies. Jennifer sings with a women's choral group which she loves. We also enjoy sports: Jennifer is a big Red Sox fan, and Davide follows the New England Patriots. Davide is huge motor sports fan and he also plays soccer regularly. While



Nadia and Davide at the theater



Play-Doh with our nephew and Peter



Happy Birthday, Davide!



we have a variety of interests, we are also very happy to be snuggled in at home in the evenings with our cat, Vanessa, watching a special show or reading after dinner. We love cats, and will most likely always have a cat in our home.

What would we like to share with our future child? Our love and affection (we've got a lot to share), our Italian and American languages, cultures and traditions, and a love of reading, music, food and travel. We look forward to laughing, growing and exploring the world together as a family. We can't wait to watch and support our child's exploration of their world and to help them realize their dreams.

We would be thrilled to be considered by you as you think about making an adoption plan for your child. We are open to communicating with you now and in the future via phone calls, letters, photographs, and visits. We became interested in open adoption is because we think it would be best for our child to know about all the people who love them, and to know that decisions about their life were made with thoughtfulness, love and care. If you are willing to take a leap of faith by making an adoption plan, and if you are interested in an open relationship, we are too.



Please call Full Circle Adoptions at 1-800-452-3678 if you would like to learn more about us or speak with us. We look forward to talking with you and, hopefully, working together to realize your dream for your child.

Warmly,

Jennifer and Davide

