

JOSH &
LISETTE





dear friend,

Just knowing that you're considering us in your brave journey of adoption fills our hearts. **Although we have not met, we are connected by a shared dream: wanting the very best for your child.** We recognize that choosing adoption is a journey of love and hope, but not an easy decision by any means.

We believe in the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. **Thankfully, we have a large village of friends and family ready to nurture and support your little one, should you choose us as the family for your child.** Through this book of photos and stories, we hope to offer you a glimpse into the joy, laughter, and adventure that we plan to share with a child. If you choose us, every smile from your child will be a cherished reminder of your incredible trust and spirit.

With love,

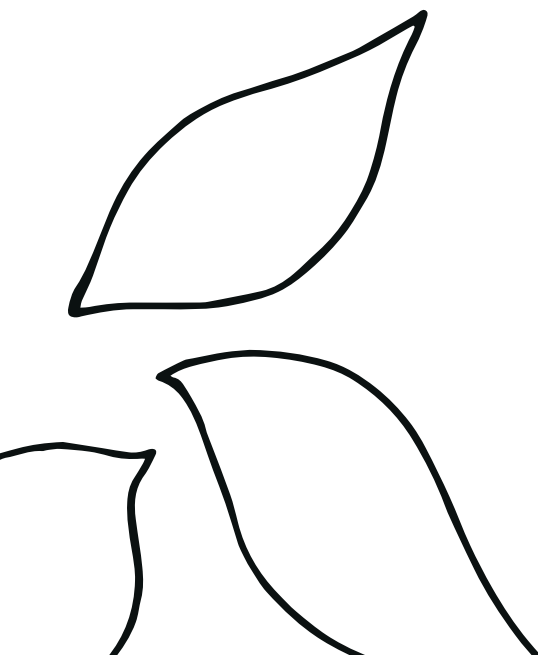
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OUR STORY



We have been married for 15 years of the 25 years that we have been friends. So truly, we married our best friends. **Almost immediately after meeting, we established a friendship built on laughs, deep conversations, and an undeniable connection.** While married we have tried to live life to its fullest. In 2016, we moved to London, England. While there, Lisette worked for the world-renowned Great Ormond Street Hospital and Josh grew his real estate business. One summer, we took three months off from work and traveled throughout Southeast Asia (Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam). In total, we have traveled to over 25 countries and loved them all for different reasons. In 2020, we settled in one of Phoenix's charming historic neighborhoods, and adopted an Italian Greyhound who steals the heart of everyone he meets. **Lately, we've been enjoying renovating our historic home and exploring Downtown Phoenix on our bicycles.** Some of our core values include kindness, learning, humor, and community.



Meet *by Josh* **Lisette**

There are so many wonderful things to love about Lisette. **She has an outgoing personality, keen intellect, selfless spirit, and kind heart. Lisette will be an incredible mother to a very lucky child one day.** Lisette is in pediatric medicine, so she has a wealth of knowledge about child development and parenting. When she's not caring for her patients, Lisette enjoys cooking, reading, looking for adventure, and spending time with friends and family. **She likes staying active walking our dog, running and rollerskating.**



Favorite Book A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Favorite Disney Movie The Little Mermaid

Favorite Food Tacos

Can't Live Without Josh, Burts Bees lip balm, sunshine and matcha tea!

My Perfect Day Getting a beach house with our closest friends and having a day full of fun activities, good food, quiet time for reading and relaxing and lots of laughter.



"Find purpose, have empathy, and live life like the adventure it is."

With our friend's daughter

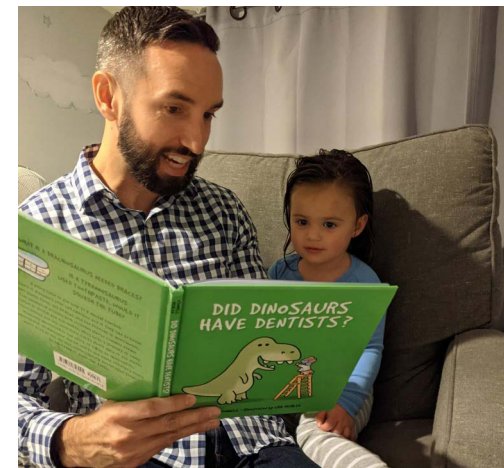


Meet **Josh** *by Lisette*

"Living a good life, to me, means savoring every moment and staying curious, while seeking new experiences and goals with eagerness and courage."

Josh is intelligent, goofy, energetic and outgoing. He has an appetite for life, so it is no wonder children are drawn to him. **Josh will be the fun dad who takes the whole team to ice cream, but will also be the responsible dad who makes sure our child eats their vegetables.** Josh is an all around great person and is excited at the chance of being a father. **I am looking forward to seeing him shine in that role.**

Joshua is a small business owner, and I am so proud of Josh's determination to build his career. He has been recognized and awarded by his peers as a key leader, mentor, educator and philanthropist. He truly loves his job and helping people.



Learning how to read

Favorite Book The Obstacle is the Way

Favorite Disney Movie Aladdin

Favorite Food Blue Crabs & Oysters

Can't Live Without Lisette, music and coffee!

My Perfect Day Any day in Spain that starts in a coffee shop, followed by a bicycle ride to a beach, ending at a lively restaurant that serves seafood.



Day with our niece

OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES



I love my siblings

Lisette's family, in her words: I am the oldest of three, born and raised in Arizona and my folks have been married for over 45 years. I am a third generation Arizonan and come from a large, close-knit, Hispanic family. Nearly all of my immediate and extended family live in the Valley, which is to say, we spend most holidays with 50+ family members spanning three generations who we genuinely enjoy seeing and celebrating life with. Their love and laughter will make the perfect environment for our future child to grow up in. **I identify strongly with my Hispanic heritage and keep cultural traditions alive through food and cultural celebrations.** Your child will have so many little cousins to play with and there will be many arms to help hold.

Josh's family, in his words: I grew up in Maryland in the most idyllic way: fishing in rivers and lakes, chasing tadpoles and riding his bike through the forest. **Lisette and I cherish our regular visits back to Maryland to visit family, and we hope to give our child the same carefree and adventurous opportunity while spending summers there.** I come from a close knit blended family. I have a brother, two step sisters and lots of cousins, aunts and uncles.

My dad and step-mom live in Long Beach, California, 3 blocks from the ocean. We visit them several times a year and the weather there provides the perfect break from Arizona's summers.



My brother's wedding



Josh boating with his dad



Hiking trip with cousins



Family Thailand trip

Josh and his mom

Family Halloween party



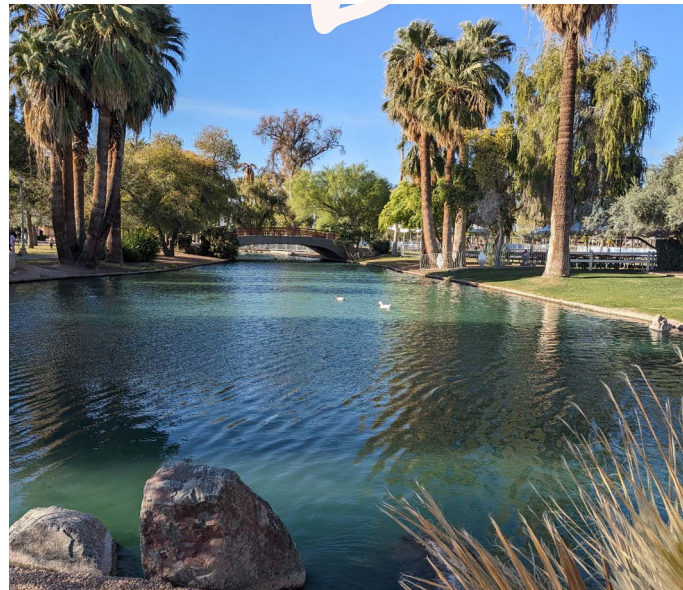
Annual pumpkin carving party



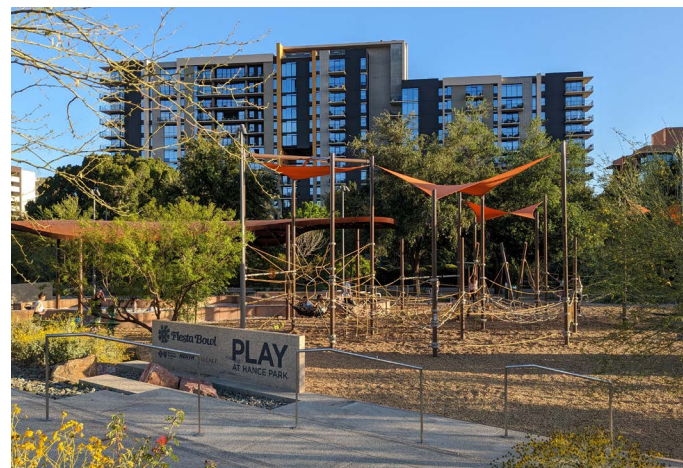
Our Home & Community

One of the reasons we chose to move to our neighborhood is because of its reputation for diversity and inclusivity. We live just a short bike ride away from a thriving city center, farmers markets, independently owned shops and restaurants, and several public playgrounds and swimming pools. **Our neighborhood is a great place for kids as it has a dedicated bike and walking path, two small parks as well as a kids club!** Most of our neighbors and friends have kids, so there is always someone to play with.

Our home is a cute, historic home with lots of charm! **We have a beautiful room with gorgeous, natural light that is ready to be a nursery.** We have a lawn with grass and a great patio for entertaining.



Our local park



Our local playground

Our favorite Arizona Mural



Our happy, little home



Our Friends

Josh and I both have friends whom we have known for most of our lives, as well as newer friends who we consider family. **We love getting outdoors and going on camping trips twice a year with our friends.** Other activities we enjoy with our friends are impromptu swimming parties, progressive dinner parties, annual chili cook offs and monthly doggie play dates, to name a few. **Whatever we're doing, our amazing friends and neighbors support and inspire us to be the best versions of ourselves.**

Portugal trip with friends



Playdates with friends



Our Dog, Lefty

Lefty is our 18 month old Italian Greyhound. **He steals everyone's hearts, and wants to be best friends with everyone.** Lefty gets along with all dogs, humans and especially kids. He is a gentle soul who would love to sit in your lap all day, or go for long walks and play fetch. He is a well-trained and well-behaved dog. We love him!



Our Promise

To raise your child with an appreciation and respect for individual uniqueness in other fellow humans

To raise your child speaking a second language

To travel and have life experiences that will nurture your child's understanding of the diverse world we live in

To encourage participation and appreciation for art, music and theater

To teach your child to be a steward of the planet and to treat all living things with care

To parent your child with love, encouragement and help them to become their best authentic self



“Embrace uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won't have a title until much later.”
-Bob Goff



Why Adoption?

Our decision to grow our family was initially met with an inability to have children naturally. This reality brought us to pursue adoption, not as a last resort, but as a new opportunity to fulfill the same dream. **We've always seen adoption as a special way to welcome a child into our lives and the chance to grow together as a family.**

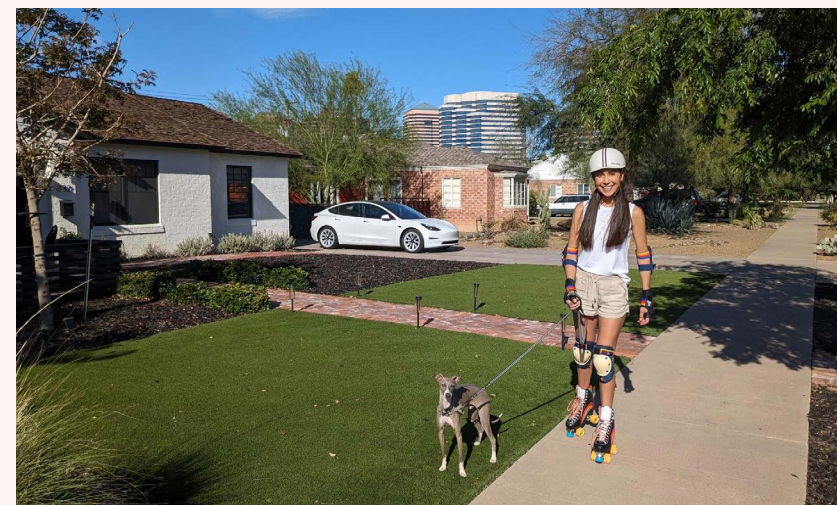
Bringing a child into our home promises to give our daily lives a greater purpose and even more joy. We eagerly anticipate the privilege of sharing our life experiences, celebrating each discovery, and supporting our child's dreams and milestones. **We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share in this act of love, promising a future filled with warmth, growth, and endless possibilities for the child we hope to call our own.**





FUN FACTS

About Us



Our neighborhood is perfect for the outdoor activities we love.

Lisette grew up playing the piano, saxophone and drums.

Josh is a big Ravens and Orioles fan. Go O's!

Lisette is an excellent baker and cook. She is especially known for her cakes!



We participate in a weekly game of family friendly pub trivia with our neighbors.



Josh is quite talented at playing darts and ping pong.

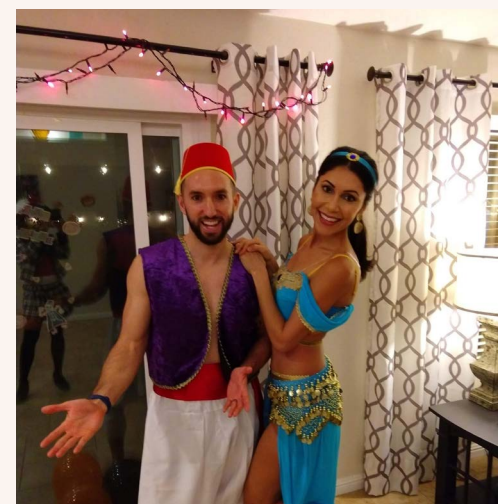


Josh and Lisette both speak Spanish.

Josh and Lisette lived in London for two years.



Josh and Lisette love celebrating Halloween!



Josh's grandmother wrote a family birthday song, which we now sing at every birthday!



thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this book and learn more about us. Your consideration is a gift we hold with the deepest respect and gratitude. We look forward to the possibility of sharing this beautiful path with you and your child.

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