

Michelle & Walter



We are honored and excited that you are taking the time to find out more about us. We respect the difficult decision before you and are happy to be an open book about who we are and our relationship.

Our Promise:

We promise to give our child the roots to be grounded and the wings to fly. We understand being a parent means guiding and supporting children through the natural ups and downs of life. We feel privileged to have such an opportunity and pledge to be supportive and loving parents.

We feel fortunate to have close relationships with our nieces and nephews. It has been rewarding to share in their accomplishments and disappointments at each milestone in their young lives. It has fueled our desire to be parents and influenced our parenting philosophy.

Parenting:

Our role as parents is to love unconditionally and empower our children to be loving, capable, self-assured people. We embrace individuality, creativity, and learning. We would encourage any child to follow a genuine path in life. We were both raised in the Christian faith and intend to introduce those values to our child. Our shared discipline philosophy is to provide a clear, consistent structure with respect and calmness. We both grew up with educators in our families and view life-long learning as a way to embrace everything life has to offer.

Our Home:

Our house is located in a Dallas suburb in a child friendly neighborhood. There is a park nearby with extensive playground equipment. Our home is our sanctuary - comfortable and inviting. We've begun setting up the nursery directly off of the master bedroom. We have an in-ground pool in the backyard and enjoy cooling off on hot summer nights and weekends.



Our Relationship:

We feel blessed every day that we found each other. Relationships need constant nurturing and we make that a priority. As a result, our relationship is a secure foundation on which to build our family.

We met in 2000 and were married in 2003 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We were first drawn to each other by common interests. We love playing tennis, practicing yoga, touring museums, traveling and spending time outdoors. The more time we spent together we found we also shared important personal values such as honesty, integrity, and family.

The infertility process was heartbreaking, but those challenges strengthened our relationship and lead us to this next phase of our journey to start a family. We are grateful that adoption gives us hope that our dream of raising children may become a reality.

About Walter:

Walter is patient, responsible, playful dependable, intelligent and loving. He is an avid reader, particularly about history and cars, and in his free time would most love to be traveling or hiking.

Walter earned a masters degree in business administration and has enjoyed a successful career in internal consulting. He appreciates the intellectual challenges and flexible work schedule his job provides.

About Michelle:

Michelle is loving, grounded, trust worthy, loyal and has a dry sense of humor. She enjoys making jewelry, reading novels, attending plays, listening to music and going for walks.

Michelle has her undergraduate in accounting & finance and has focused the majority of her career working for non-profit charities. She enjoys the opportunity to utilize her accounting experience in support of a worthy cause.



Our Family

(by Michelle)

Family is a big part of our life. We are both very close to and supported by our family and have siblings that live within five miles. Walter is the 2nd of four offspring and has two brothers and a sister. I am the youngest of three girls.

Walter's younger brother lives with his wife and two step-daughters (8 and 10) just a few streets away. Sunday is "Pizza Night", carrying on his family's tradition of making homemade pizza (their father's recipe) and watching movies. In the summer we spend hours with the girls swimming in our pool, which is usually followed by snacking on watermelon and Doritos.

Walter's other two siblings live in Arkansas and we visit them at least three times a year. Walter's younger sister has been developmentally disabled since birth and is the heart of the family. She is extremely excited to have a new niece or nephew and in anticipation is knitting baby blankets and giving her big brother diaper changing advice.

One of my sisters lives nearby with her husband and three daughters (17, 15, and 10). I have enjoyed being an involved aunt. I frequently attend the girls' soccer, volleyball and basketball games. On the weekends we like to go shopping, get pedicures, or grab something to eat. My youngest niece is unhappy if I show up without Uncle Walter, her favorite playmate. They can often be found playing dress-up and competing in dance-off competitions.

Michelle with her family



Michelle with cousin and her sons

The girls are thrilled with the idea of having a new cousin and the oldest-who I have dubbed the "baby whisperer" -cannot wait to babysit.

My other sister lives in New York City with her husband, daughter (14), and son (11). We see them at Christmas, in the summer, and visit them every few years. We enjoy attending the kids' sporting events. Both kids are smart and hilarious and we love to experience New York City through their eyes. My sister is a great cook and often makes pancakes and omelets for breakfast at family gatherings.



My cousin is like a third sister. She lives in Colorado with her husband and two sons (10 and 7), the youngest is my godson. They have honored us by entrusting their sons' guardianship to us should anything happen to them. We enjoy traveling to Colorado to visit them as well as my paternal Aunt.



Aunt Ola making baby quilt

My parents have been married 50 years. They are retired and live in a lakefront home in Nebraska. The sandy beach front and access to water toys makes their home an ideal gathering place for the family in the summer. Our family also spends Christmas there where we may go sledding, build snowmen, play games, and have Wii Rock Band competitions. My parents spend the winter in Dallas in order to be more involved with the grandchildren.



Nieces swimming in our pool



Family fun at Grandma & Pappa's



Walter and kids playing



Michelle at godson's christening

