

**EMILY &
MARCUS**





Hello!

WE ARE

EMILY & MARCUS

from YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN



THANK YOU SO

Much

FOR
TAKING
THE TIME
TO GET
TO KNOW
US!

We are so excited about **buildin** our family We often imagine sharing the big and little moments of life with our child, like birthday parties and holiday celebrations, backyard barbecues, bedtime stories and outdoor adventures.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE PARENTS
AND HAVE SO MUCH LOVE TO GIVE!



We know that you are about to make an incredibly important decision and we hope that you are finding the support and care you need during this time. We want you to know that we are thankful for you, humbled by your strength, and honored that you are taking the time to get to know a little more about us. Please know that we will always provide a home full of care, safety, opportunity, and unconditional love for your baby.



BREWERY DATE



WE LOVE WEEKENDS AWAY EXPLORING SMALL COASTAL MICHIGAN TOWNS

VALUES

we hope to share

We believe in the importance of teaching compassion, empathy, good manners, and respect for others. We want our children to explore their own interests and talents, experience culture, and learn about the world beyond their own home. We are hopeful that they will learn to appreciate the little things in life, lend a helping hand, and have the courage to speak up!



AT THE PAW PAW ORCHARD



MATCHING CHRISTMAS PJ'S



Emily grew up in Michigan, the youngest in her family. As a child, she loved dancing, riding her bike, and going to school. She especially enjoyed reading and art, two things she looks forward to doing with our future child! Emily went to college for Early Childhood Education and spent almost 14 years as a teacher. Recently, she took some time away from the classroom to focus on her newest hobby/business venture, vintage resale in her online Etsy shop.

EMILY'S FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW HER TO BE A

stay-at-home mom

SOMETHING SHE'S LOOKED FORWARD TO FOR YEARS.

She enjoys spending time in the kitchen, cooking for friends and family, reading, taking long walks while listening to her favorite true crime podcasts, and researching her family history. Emily is playful, spirited, thoughtful, and compassionate, and she loves to laugh!

**Beautiful
LAKE MICHIGAN**



**MEET
EMILY**

TAKING A PAINTING CLASS >



**MAKING
ZOODLES**



**PINK TULIPS IN
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN**



EMILY'S FAVORITES

FLOWER
Hydrangea

CHILDREN'S BOOK
The Rabbit Listened

TV SHOW
Downton Abbey,
Big Little Lies,
anything true crime

COLOR
Green

DESSERT
Pineapple
Upside-Down Cake

BEVERAGE
Vernors (A
Michigan staple)

SEASON
Spring

HOLIDAY
Halloween just
happens to be
Emily's birthday!

DISNEY MOVIE
Inside Out



BAKED FRESH

Marcus is the youngest in his family of three siblings. He spent the first ten years of life in Texas before moving to Michigan. That's when, in fifth grade, he first met Emily! As a child, Marcus enjoyed playing sports and participating in local theater. Marcus studied engineering in college, and after serving in the U.S. Army, found his passion in the field of robotics. He now works as

a robot programmer. When Marcus isn't working, he enjoys woodworking, experimenting in the kitchen, gardening, and kayaking. He loves to have fun and is young at heart, making him the family funicle (fun uncle)!

CELEBRATING MARCUS'S BIRTHDAY



MEET MARCUS

MARCUS'S FAVORITES

MOVIES

Star Wars, X-Men/ Marvel

BREAKFAST CEREAL

Golden Grahams

FOOD

Japanese, Mexican, anything grilled

STARBUCKS ORDER

Flat White or Macchiato

MUSICIANS

Stevie Wonder, The Roots, Eddie Vedder

TRAVEL DESTINATION

Kyoto, Japan

COLOR

Orange

HOLIDAY

Christmas

Marcus is witty, hardworking, loves to learn & HAS AN INTENSE CURIOSITY ABOUT THE WORLD.

THE DOGFATHER



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER EVENT



VIRTUAL STORYTIME WITH OUR NIECES



WE ARE
Dog people!

OUR DOG TEDDY
joined our family in 2017
and we don't remember our
home before he came into our
lives. Teddy is a smart, scruffy,
sweet, and very well-behaved
boy. We know he will be the
best and most protective big
dog brother!



"LOVE MAKES A FAMILY" SHIRT

OUR
HOME
& COMMUNITY

We've lived in our current home for **five years**. Some of our favorite areas are the kitchen, living room with wood burning fireplace, and our backyard. Our home is spacious, with plenty of room for a growing family and we've enjoyed thoughtfully preparing a nursery for our new addition.

Our home is located in a family-friendly and progressive area of southern Michigan that provides many opportunities to learn, grow, and experience culture. We look forward to taking our children on outdoor adventures, to museums and libraries, and to live music and performances.

We love our neighborhood for its diversity, generous neighbors, and proximity to our favorite park and playground.



THE NURSERY



HOME
Sweet
HOME

— OUR — FAMILY

After many years living in different states, Marcus and his older brother, Ryan and sister, Randi are finally back together in Michigan! We now get to spend lots of time with Marcus's mom, Tammy and step-dad, Dennis along with his siblings, their spouses, and our nieces and nephews. We often get together for family activities and outings, like visiting flea and farmer's markets in the summer and apple orchards for cider and donuts in the fall. When we're with Marcus's family there is noise and laughter, lots of silliness, and many hugs.

We are especially close with Emily's older sister, Andrea, her husband, Kevin, and their daughters, Julia and Sydney. Although they live in Colorado, we visit each other as often as we can and catch up a couple times a week via video call or virtual game nights.



TABLET TIME WITH OUR NIECES



SILLY TIME WITH FUNCLE MARCUS

PLAYING WITH OUR NEPHEW



APPLE ORCHARD WITH OUR NEPHEW



FUN DAY OUT WITH MARCUS'S FAMILY

EMILY WITH HER SISTERS AND NIECES

Emily's oldest sister, Angela and her husband, Pete live close by and they entertain us with pool parties and authentic Greek food. Emily's mom, Dolores also lives in

Colorado, in an assisted living facility, and we enjoy visiting and staying in touch with her often. **She cannot wait to be a grandma again!**





It means so much to us that you have taken the time to learn about our lives and we hope that you'll consider joining us in this open adoption journey. It is important to us that your child knows their birth family and we are committed to sharing love and time together with you. We promise to provide your child a home full of love, honesty, security, and acceptance. We wish you all the best in your journey and hope to welcome you into our lives soon.

WE WOULD

Love

TO HEAR
FROM YOU!