



## Hello!

We are very grateful that you're taking the time to get to know us and consider gifting us the opportunity to care for your child. We have been married for 10 years and have a strong relationship full of love. We hope to show you our authentic selves throughout our profile, and we hope that you can see the caring, loving people we are. We have been dreaming of becoming parents, and we would love to grow our family through adoption.



I was born and raised in a suburb of St. Louis. Growing up I enjoyed playing sports and hanging out with friends. After high school, I joined the military and served four years in the Navy where I worked on helicopters and traveled on an aircraft carrier.

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After I was honorably discharged from the military, I wanted to start a career in healthcare. My mom is a three-time cancer survivor, and I spent a lot of time in the hospital as a child with her. I always looked up to the people that cared for my mom. I utilized my GI bill and went to school to become an x-ray tech.

After graduation, I started working at a prestigious academic medical center in St. Louis and continued my education at night. I ultimately received an MBA from Mizzou, and I got the appetite to be a leader in healthcare. I currently have a leadership position at the hospital that gave me my start, and I am grateful that I get to participate in the work we do to improve the health of our community.

For fun I really enjoy spending time with Grace and our dog Coco. I also love to play tennis and recently took up golf as well!



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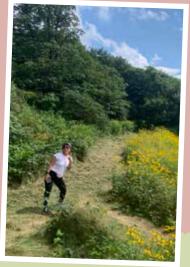
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I was born and raised in the Philippines where I grew up in the capital city of Manilla. As a child I loved playing with dolls and dresses growing up. Not much has changed as I have always been drawn to fashion.

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When I was 18, I started to travel to Hong Kong to buy luxury goods and resell them in Manila. Eventually, I moved to Hong Kong where I worked as an art exporter. I spent my time discovering local artists and helping them sell their work globally.

During my time in Hong Kong, I met Dan and my life changed. We decided to pursue our life together, and I moved to St. Louis. I currently work in luxury retail.

I love my job. I get to spend my days helping people look and feel their best. I always look forward to spending quality time with Dan and our dog Coco on days that I'm not working.

> "So much of what is best in us is bound up in our love of family, that it remains the measure of our stability because it measures our sense of loyalty."

> > - Haniel Long

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That was the start of me meeting my partner and we carried on a relationship where I would see him when I was in the states. Our love continued to grow, and I eventually moved to Missouri. Dan was just finishing x-ray school, and I started my career in the fashion industry. Dan and I took a trip to Chicago, and he proposed to me on the ferries wheel located on the Navy pier. I took some coaxing to get on as I thought riding the Ferries wheel was a bit childish. At our wedding ceremony, the pastor poked fun of Dan and asked him what was harder getting me on the Ferries wheel or getting me to say yes to his proposal. It was of course getting me to go on the Ferries wheel.





\*The mustache that started it all!





In our 10 years of marriage, we have stuck by each other's side, and the love we have for each other has only grown. We are excited to take on the responsibility of being parents. We know the decision you're making is selfless, and we want you to know that we will give the same love we give to each other to your child. We currently live in a Missouri suburb. We really love the area we live in; it has a small quaint downtown area with neat shops, restaurants, and a farmers' market that we enjoy walking to. It has a great school system and is centrally located to both our jobs. We believe that a home is more than just the walls and furniture and should be your personal sanctuary. We will strive to create a home that is a sanctuary for your child and a place where they can always be their authentic selves and will always have a place to feel safe and be loved.

"Family should be the place where you can be your most complete self. Where you're accepted and appreciated, seen and valued, even in moments of disagreement. It should be your soft place to fall, the place where you're reminded that no matter what happens to you, in the face of your deepest

- Oprah Winkrey

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We currently live in Missouri where Dan was born and raised. We are surrounded by his family which includes his parents and multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins. Dan's parents combined have 10 siblings! Dan has fond memories of growing up surrounded by family at large gatherings. Dan has a sister that lives in a nearby city that is married and has a 1-year-old daughter with another one on the way.





I (Grace) am an only child. My Mom is currently living in Manila, Philippines, but plans on immigrating to the states soon. My Dad unfortunately passed away several years ago. I do have family here in the states both in LA and Seattle. We also have lifelong friends in the area that we consider family and enjoy spending time with. All of our family and friends are excited to support us in our adoption journey.







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Dan enjoys playing tennis, and he plays in a recreational tennis league year-round. I have recently taken to golf, and I started to take lessons last year. Dan has followed suit and is picking up golf as well, we are hoping to play in a coed league next year when we are hitting the ball a little straighter. Dan even put in a makeshift driving range in our backyard.





Dan and I love to take Coco to the park and on hikes. We also enjoy spending time with our family and friends. We consider ourselves foodies and like to try restaurants around our city.









Dan is an avid sports fan and loves to drag me to games. Although the Cardinals have grown on me, it has been neat to see the legacy and longstanding traditions of the players and team especially this year. I enjoy shopping, rehabbing vintage furniture and watching Disney and Marvel movies.

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DAN SAYS Bout Grace

There is no way that I would be who I am today without Grace. Grace is the kindest, bubbliest person I have ever met. Grace has never met a stranger and is fearless in everything she does. She is principled and always does what she believes is right. She is a woman of faith and principles and is selfless and caring to everyone. She has a strong work ethic, and I believe would be successful in whatever she puts her mind towards. I thank God for her every day.









If there's one thing that best describes my husband it is that he's got the biggest heart. That is one of the qualities that I fell in love with. He's my best friend, my person, my favorite human. He is the most understanding, forgiving and generous person I know. He is my greatest blessing in life. Dan is driven, persistent and committed in everything he does. He's charming in his own way and always makes me laugh. Dan is very supportive in everything I do, everything I have accomplished in life is all because of him.









Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We hope that you can feel the sincerity in our hearts that we will provide a loving and nurturing home for your child given the opportunity that you choose us. We admire your courage, unconditional love, and the sacrifice you're making in order to give a life of opportunities to your child, and we promise to provide a safe and loving home to your child and honor your selfless decision. We pray that you will consider our family to care and unconditionally love your child.

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- Dan & Grace





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