Becoming first time parents will be a dream come true! We promise to shower your child in hugs, kisses, and tons of "I love yous"
We are Joanie and Joey and we are so excited to become parents for the first time. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and consider us as parents to your child. We are ready to dedicate our lives to raising and loving a son or daughter through adoption. Surrounded by love and laughter, we will provide your child a safe, loving and nurturing family. We realize this may be the most important decision you’ve ever made. We know you want what is best for your child and we hope you will find peace in this decision. It is our hope that you can see the love we have for each other and how excited we are to share that love with a child. Know we will love your child unconditionally.

**fun facts about us**

1. Joey and Joanie are college sweethearts
2. Joey and Joanie were born just four days apart
3. Joanie loves to read and has already started a library for the baby
4. Joey loves hockey and can’t wait to show our child how to ice skate
5. Joey and Joanie’s first date was watching the series finale of “Friends”
6. Joanie can touch her tongue to her nose and Joey can turn his tongue into a clover
7. Joey has a huge…and I mean huge baseball card collection that we can’t wait to share with our future child!
8. Joanie danced for 12 years and can’t wait to dance around the house with a little one
9. Joey and Joanie have a tank full of fish named Pumpkin, Charlie, Blueberry, & many more
10. Joey and Joanie collect Christmas ornaments from all the places they visit
why we want to adopt

We always knew we wanted to have children and after many years of dealing with infertility we realized we would not be able to conceive a child on our own. Obviously we were heartbroken at first. We knew that more than anything we wanted to have a family and one day be called mommy and daddy. So we immediately decided to adopt. As soon as we told our family they were thrilled for us. We would be happy to keep you involved in this child’s life by sending you pictures and updates regularly, or if you would like to be more private we will respect that too. Whatever you feel more comfortable with, we will honor your wishes. We would be grateful to raise this precious baby and start the family we have always dreamed of thanks to you.

our story

We met eleven years ago while attending college. A friend introduced us and as soon as we met we were inseparable and have been ever since! For our first date Joey wanted to take Joanie out to eat somewhere fancy, but Joanie just couldn't miss the series finale of Friends! So ... Our very first date was watching the series finale of Friends and ordering food in our dorm room and it couldn't have gone any better! We ended up staying up all night just talking and talking. When it came with such ease we knew this relationship was something special. About three years later Joey proposed and our wedding day was just as Joanie imagined it... straight out of a fairytale. We have an incredible marriage based on love and friendship. We know we can always be ourselves around each other and tell each other anything. We both come from large loving families and have always had a desire to have children. Family is important to us and we can’t wait to add a little bundle of joy to ours.
Joanie will be an extraordinary mom! She always thinks of others and puts their feelings before her own. She is loving, creative, and kindhearted. When Joanie's aunt passed away Joanie moved in just a few weeks later to help her uncle raise her three little cousins, including her godson Danny who was just five years old at the time. She was supposed to stay for just the summer as a nanny to help out. She wound up staying for almost three years acting as a caregiver and "mother" figure to her cousins. This really showed me her kind heart and true selflessness.

Joanie loves children and has a strong devotion to making sure they are always cared for. As a teacher she will also foster a love of learning in our child. She provides a warm and loving home on a daily basis by making dinner and baking all kinds of treats that make our home smell and feel wonderful to be in. Joanie's nurturing and dedicated personality is how I know she will make a marvelous mother.
**Baking** - I love to bake all kinds of yummy desserts and decorating them is even more fun! I enjoy making cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes, and especially my famous cake pops!

**Crafts** - I especially enjoy decorating for the holidays. I love all kinds of crafts, but scrapbooking is my favorite. I can't wait to create scrapbooks for our baby!

**Reading** - I love reading! I already started a library for our child and can't wait to share my joy of books with them!

**Spending time with family and friends** - hanging out at home, going to the beach, or out to dinner.

**Walking** - I love walking around in our quiet neighborhood, especially with my mom or best friend Holly. We’re all excited to bring a little one along with us!

**Joanie’s Career**

I have a master's degree in education, and love my job as a third grade teacher! My career allows me to put my creativity, patience, and flexibility into action every day. It also gives me the opportunity to be surrounded by and care for young children, something I take great pride in. When we are blessed with a baby I will take a very generous maternity leave so I can concentrate on my number one priority... being a mom! With summers, holiday and weekends off, my job provides me a lot of time at home. As a teacher I understand the significance in a good education and will do everything to provide our child with not only a solid education, but also a love of learning. We will encourage our children to follow their dreams. Whatever path they choose, we want them to be happy and love what they do.

I cannot wait to read to our child and help them enjoy a love for learning!
Joey through Joanie’s eyes

Joey will be the perfect Dad! Children are naturally drawn to his easygoing personality. When our friends’ children come over they just start talking and playing with him instantly. I can’t wait to see him playing with our son or daughter! Whether its teaching them to play catch or playing with Barbie dolls, I know Joey will shine. He is also so incredibly thoughtful, he actually makes me lunch every evening before bed without me even asking. Joey is an amazing person inside and out, and he will support our child in all of their interests and endeavors.

Joey is my absolute best friend! I know I can always be myself around him. He loves to joke around and always makes me laugh! I also know I can always count on him no matter what! I admire his strength and devotion to provide us with a loving and safe home. He is a selfless person always trying to make others happy and he's an extremely caring and compassionate person. Joey’s gentle yet fun-loving personality is how I know he will be a fantastic father.

joey's career

I have a master's degree in Business and currently work in corporate banking. My career provides well for my family, which is something I will always work hard at and be dedicated to. Family comes first, so I am home every night for dinner so we can eat as a family, which is a time we treasure together. I plan on taking some time off when the time comes to bond with our child and enjoy being a new dad.
**Sports** - Whether it’s playing them, watching them, or fantasy I love it all. I’m a huge hockey fan and love going to Ranger games (I was a goalie in high school)! I am also a big Yankee and Giants fan and can’t wait to take our child to games and teach them how to play.

**Music** - I love listening to music and am a big classic rock fan! My favorite band is Aerosmith! I’m excited to share my joy of music with our child.

**Grilling** - All summer long you can catch me hanging out by our brand new grill (a birthday present from my family). Everyone’s always raving about my barbecue ribs!

**Movies** – I enjoy watching all different types of movies new and old. My favorites are The Sandlot, The Departed and anything with Adam Sandler!

**Eating** - I am sort of a foodie, and love eating all types of food. Mexican and Italian are my favorite. I especially loves Taco Tuesday at our house, which will be a tradition!
home
We have a beautiful four-bedroom home with a large backyard, located on a quiet street in a cute neighborhood close to family, friends, schools, and parks. We especially love our open kitchen, which leads into our huge rustic and comfortable family room with a fireplace where we love to spend most of our time together. Our backyard has tons of room for children to play and has the perfect spot for a big swing set! We have a wonderful community of friends and family who are thrilled to welcome a child into their lives. Joanie’s best friend lives at the end of our block! Our safe suburban community offers tons of recreational activities for families and children. The annual Christmas parade and big fireworks display are two we never miss. We are so excited to start our family here and we can't wait to set up our son or daughters' nursery, as we already have the themes picked out.
Life is...

We enjoy spending time together, whether it's cooking dinner or watching TV by our fireplace. We also love attending sporting events; especially baseball, football, and hockey. Joey's favorite is Ranger games and Joanie's favorite is Yankees games. We enjoy going on vacations, from weekend trips upstate visiting our grandparents or weeklong trips to the Caribbean. Since Joanie is a teacher we make sure to go away every summer. Whether we’re out and about with friends or relaxing at home we’re always having fun and laughing together. We also enjoy spending quality time with Joanie's godson Danny. We like taking him to all different places like Medieval Times, trips to the aquarium, pumpkin picking, and to see the Harlem Globetrotters just to name a few. Another favorite of ours is hosting holidays and parties at our home, where friends and family are always welcome! We can't wait to add going to the park, the zoo, and play-dates to our daily mix of fun things!

Education

Education is something that it very important to both of us. We first met in college and have both gone on to receive our Masters degrees, Joanie in Education and Joey in Business. We plan on sending our child to the local school district that is known for its excellence in education. We will give our children every educational opportunity. We do not expect our children to get straight A's but rather to try their hardest. We also plan to educate our children to be "good people" meaning we want to teach them the morals and values they need to succeed as people in this world. Of course reading, writing, and math are important but so are compassion, love, kindness, and friendship.

Costume fun at Halloween!

Vacation in St. Thomas

"Be Courageous, Be Strong. Do everything in love."
Everyone is anticipating the arrival of the first grandchild. We both have a very strong relationship with our families who surround us with love and support. We are lucky that we live close to them and see them all the time. We both have huge extended families that we see regularly. We've gone on numerous vacations together and always have a great time. We spend every holiday with our parents and siblings, surrounded by our huge families. Family traditions are very special to us. Some memorable moments include going apple and pumpkin picking and searching for eggs at our annual Easter egg hunt. We have lots of family traditions that we can't wait to share with our little one.

We each have a close-knit group of friends we enjoy spending our time with. Both of our best friends are also our cousins. We each have childhood friends we remain close with as well as our college friends we see regularly. With our friends we enjoy going to different sporting events, parties, and dinners together. We also love spending time with all of our friends' children. Our friends are so eager for us to welcome a new baby to the group and raise our children together. We consider our friends a part of our close family!
Joanie's Family

I have a huge and I mean huge extended family, including 30 first cousins! All of which are anticipating the arrival of our baby! I grew up in a small town in New Jersey. My mom was a stay at home mom and my dad owned his own business. I am the oldest and I have one brother Cory and one sister Kellie (who can't wait to be a godmother). I grew up surrounded by love, warmth, and support. My parents always had a strong loving marriage, which I always wanted to have as well. My parents are so excited to become grandparents! I always remember all of our family vacations like Disney World, Myrtle Beach, the Jersey shore, and so many more. We still continue to go away together even as adults to Ocean City Maryland. My parents also spent many hours bringing me to dance classes and recitals!

Joeys Family

I grew up in a larger city in New York. I am the oldest and I have two younger sisters, Nicole and Laura. I grew up with very loving and devoted parents who supported us in everything. I remember while growing up, having dinner every Sunday at my grandparents house. Sunday dinner is a tradition we still maintain... maybe not every Sunday anymore but as often as we can. My parents were always at all of my baseball and hockey games shouting in the stands to show their support. They are excited to do the same for their first grandchild! My mother always jokes about “fighting” over time with her first grandbaby – she is quite exited!
From the bottom of our hearts we appreciate you for considering us as parents. We want you to know your child will be loved and cared for unconditionally. We will be there every step of the way as he or she grows up. We will devote our lives to providing him or her with all the love, safety, and happiness we can offer.