



RHODRI
&
YVONNE



hello

... to a very special someone

We are Rhodri and Yvonne, a committed, loving, together-forever couple, and we are looking to add to the love and joy we have in our life by growing our forever family.

First of all, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to look at our profile. We truly appreciate you for taking the time to get to know us. Although we have not met, we feel a great compassion for you and your journey. We recognize that making an adoption plan for your child is an act of pure love, and we admire your strength and courage.

We want you to know that we are looking forward to becoming first time parents, and that we are very committed to giving your child the best life possible. We would be honored to give your child all of our stability, energy, support and good fortune. Most importantly, we have a tremendous amount of love to give and extended family and amazing friends to do the same.

We can only imagine the overwhelming task of selecting a potential adoptive family, and we feel honored and blessed to be considered in your search for the right family to love and cherish your child.

With love,

Rhodri & Yvonne

Meet our dog, Tess.
She loves coming with us on walks in the woods

our STORY

About us

Our story started many years ago. We met each other at work; we were colleagues at a design company. We fell in love and became inseparable. In 2009 we bought our first house. There we welcomed our beautiful dog Tess (a Beagle) into our family.

We got married on June 30th, 2012. Our wedding day was magical; a beautiful church wedding ceremony, followed by an amazing beach party. We were blessed to have all our family and friends there to celebrate with us.

We have become soulmates and best friends who bring out the best in each other. We have a tremendous amount of love and appreciation for each other, and feel that we have built a strong and stable relationship with plenty of love, trust, honesty and FUN!

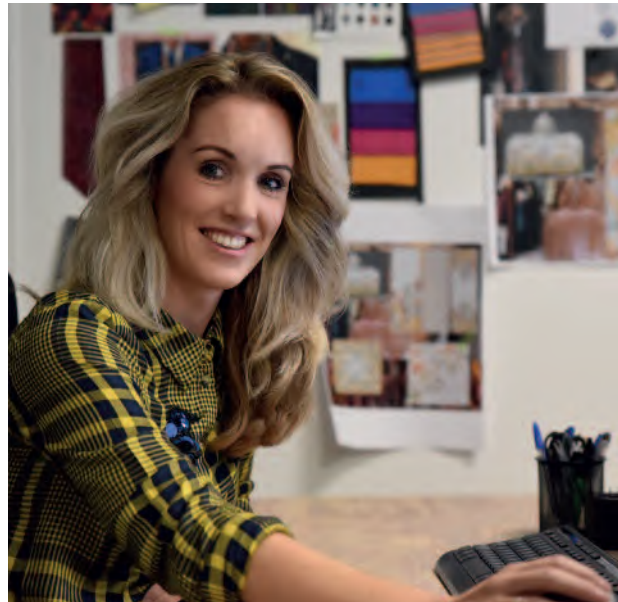
Adoption

We have always known that we wanted to be parents. After getting married, we started trying to expand our family. But after our share of infertility issues and heartbreak, we knew we were destined to walk a different path. We learned that we wanted to be parents more than we wanted to be pregnant, which is why we chose to grow our family through adoption.

We have chosen to adopt from the United States because of the possibility of having an open adoption. While we hope you will also want that, we want you to know that we will be respectful of your wishes and comfort levels, and that you will always be welcome in our lives in whatever way you feel most comfortable.



about YVONNE



Yvonne with her sisters

EDUCATION: SCHOOL FOR ART&DESIGN

CAREER: GRAPHIC DESIGNER

RELIGION: CHRISTIAN

FAVOURITE THINGS: FOOD vegetarian risotto - MOVIE crime - SEASON summer

HOLIDAY Christmas - VACATIONSPOT Italy - MUSICAL ARTIST Beyoncé

I grew up in a warm and supportive family. I was the first child; and then came my sisters Nicole and Myrna. As a family we were very active. My sisters and I were members of a gymnastic class for many years.

I had a wonderful childhood, I played a lot with my friends and sisters. We liked to dance, dress up and party. As a child I was very creative and for as long as I can remember I liked to draw and paint. It was obvious to me that I wanted to turn my hobby into a career. After completing high school, I chose to study Art & Design in the city of Maastricht. After graduation I started a career as a graphic designer. While I really love my job, I will happily start working part-time once we adopt.

When I'm not working, I like to dance and to relax by practicing yoga. I also enjoy getting outside and enjoy nature; going out for a walk in the woods or on the beach. I love being around family, friends, discovering new countries and cities, and shopping.

Rhodri about Yvonne

“ Yvonne truly is my soulmate. She is an amazing and incredible woman with a big and generous heart!

Yvonne is very sensitive, sweet, patient, organized, creative and loving. She supports me in everything I do, which I am very grateful for. She also creates a warm and hospitable atmosphere in our home, where family and friends are always welcome. She is selfless in her devotion to the people she loves, and she is very loyal to both family and friends.

Yvonne adores children and I can't wait to grow a family together, because I just know she will be a wonderful mom! ”

about RHODRI



Rhodri with his brother

EDUCATION: DESIGN ACADEMY

CAREER: GRAPHIC DESIGNER

RELIGION: CATHOLIC

FAVOURITE THINGS: FOOD bbq - MOVIE romantic comedy - SEASON summer

HOLIDAY Christmas - VACATIONSPOT Spain - MUSICAL ARTIST Queen

I was born and raised in a small town, where I grew up with a loving mom, dad, and a younger brother. I enjoyed my childhood; having lots of friends and living near a beautiful forest. While friends were always welcome to play at our place, me and my friends played outdoors most of the time. We enjoyed climbing and building sheds in trees, and wandering through the woods.

After I finished high school I went to the Design Academy to become a graphic designer. After graduating from the Design Academy I started working as graphic designer for a publicity agency. In the past seven years I managed to become a business partner, and I love my job more than ever.

Sports is what I love to do in my free time, especially soccer, tennis and golf. Other things I'm interested in are hiking, traveling, sailing, and renovating our house. Most of all I like to spend quality time with family and friends, especially outdoors, and to enjoy life and spending time together with Yvonne.

Yvonne about Rhodri

“ Rhodri is my rock. He is a very stable and loyal person, who I can always count on. Rhodri is best described as outgoing, social, thoughtful and giving. He is also very comforting and loving, and he will do anything in his power to make his loved ones happy. Whenever friends or family need support, he is there, no matter what.

Rhodri is very athletic, he has endless energy and he is always in for an adventure. He has a positive mindset which makes him a very happy and vibrant person; he's always fun to be with. He is a natural with children, and children of friends and relatives always want to be around him. There is no doubt in my mind that Rhodri will make a very loving and supportive dad, and I can't wait to start a family together. ”

meet YVONNE'S FAMILY

I was blessed to grow up in a very warm, happy and stable family with two loving parents that have been married for over 40 years, and two sisters who I am very close with. Thankfully, they all live nearby, so we are able to spend time together weekly. Both of my sisters are in a long-term relationships and have small children. My awesome nephew and nieces, whom we love dearly, range in age from 1 to 6 years. Rhodri and I have a special bond with them. They often stay over at our place, and we take many trips with them. As a family we always celebrate birthdays, vacations and holidays together.



Family portrait, 3 generations, in my parents garden



Twinning with my niece Loren



Celebrating fathersday



Nephew Fern and niece Flo



Mum and dad with grandchild



Family day



Fancy dress party



Baptism godchild Loren



Vacation in Berlin



Photo shoot sisters and brothers-in-law



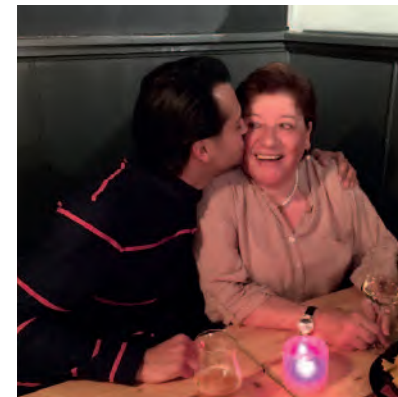
Canoeing with the family

meet RHODRI'S FAMILY

My brother and I grew up in a loving and supportive family, in a beautiful village near the countryside. My whole family still lives there, and recently Yvonne and I moved back to the village I grew up in. We enjoy spending time with my family. Since they live nearby, we meet with my mother, brother and his children (Livia and Diaz) every week. Yvonne and I adore my niece and nephew. We often take them to the playground, go for a swim or have a nice time at the animal farm. My mother loves to cook, and when we visit she makes dinner for the whole family. We also have nice traditions with my family, such as Sinterklaas, Easter and Carnival. My dad sadly past away in 2007, we miss him every day. The children believe he is a star in heaven and watches over us.



Grandma Diane, Uncle Yoeirik, Silvy and us in the restaurant.



Me and my mum



Soccer supporters



Soccer hug with Tren



My godchildren Livia and Tren



Fun fair



Burning candle



My godchild Royce



Me and my dad



Christmas star



Colleague and friend Leon



High tea



Mum with our dog Tess

our INTERESTS

What we love to do

HIKING

We love to go hiking in the woods with our dog Tess.



DINING OUT

Often we go out for dinner with family or friends.



TRAVEL

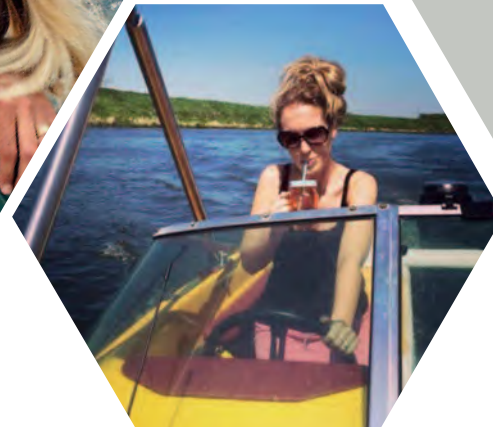
Our favourite thing to do together is traveling. We visited lots of beautiful places together.



Favorite places we have been:
Ibiza (Spain) - London (England)
Rhodos (Greece) - Berlin (Germany)
Puglia (Italy) - Prague (Czech Republic)
Krakau (Poland) - Valencia (Spain)
Alicante (Spain) - Milaan (Italy)

BOATING

In the summer time we like to take trips with our boat.



ART & DESIGN

We are very creative people who love art and make (graphic) designs.



SPORTS

Rhodri has been playing soccer for 25 years already. He also loves playing tennis and golf. Yvonne is athletic as well. She likes to dance and she practices yoga every week.



our dog **TESS**

This is Tess! She is our special, funny and smart Beagle. She brings a lot of love and joy into our lives. She is 9 years old, but she acts as a vibrant puppy! She is very active and she loves to play. She loves walks in the woods, sunbathing and belly rubs. She absolutely adores children (and, as you can see, children love Tess too).



Tess is great with kids



fun **WITH FRIENDS**



Summertime with friends



School reunion



Photobooth at our wedding



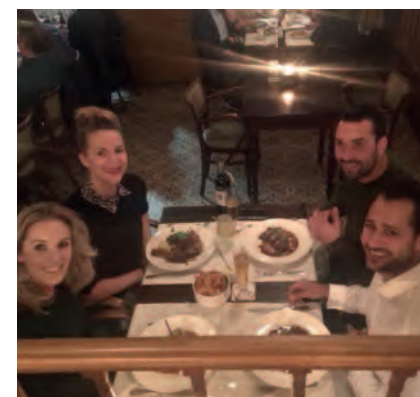
Feel good market



Forest walk



Baby shower friend



Dinner out



Eating ice cream



Bridesmaids

our HOME

We own a charming house which we renovated ourselves into a warm and loving home. On the inside our house is cozy, spacious, modern and comfortable. We have a large open central kitchen, where we love to spend time with family and friends. We also have a great backyard with room for a playhouse. We have just finished decorating the baby room. The nursery, right next to our bedroom, is a charming, bright and spacious room.



Home sweet home



Our charming home



Our backyard in the summer



Growing our own vegetables



Tess playing in our backyard

our COUNTRY

The Netherlands

We are fortunate to live in the Netherlands, a small but prosperous country in Western Europe. The Netherlands is a liberal country with about 17 million inhabitants and a lot of different cultures. Our capital is Amsterdam. People are very open minded, there's a social tolerance and racism in the Netherlands is no issue. With lots of possibilities and freedom, the Netherlands is a great county for each child to grow up. Children in the Netherlands are amongst the happiest children in the world.

Neighborhood

We live in a family friendly neighborhood in the south of the Netherlands. The area is known for its beautiful nature and the many lakes. We enjoy spending time near and on the water in our boat. Our home is situated in a beautiful and safe neighborhood, a 2 minute walk from the center of our village. It is a small family friendly village, close to a lively city. The area is a paradise for children, because of the many playgrounds, beautiful (leisure) parks, petting zoo, numerous sporting clubs, and great schools and daycare within walking distance.



Visiting a windmill with the family



We love bike riding



Petting zoo



Nearby vibrant city



Leisure parc



Church



School



Typical Dutch

- tulips
- bike riding
- windmills
- cheese

The Netherlands, our country...

- ...is very safe and tolerant
- ... is multicultural
- ... is open minded
- ... respects human rights
- ... scores very high in citizen happiness
- ... has a high quality of living
- ... has a highly regarded educational- and insurance system
- ... has one of the best health care systems in the world



Lake & wood



our TRADITIONS



Christmas portrait



Birthday celebration



Camping weekend with family



Dressing up at carnival

Yearly reunion with USA adopted kids



Traditions

Traditions and holidays are very important to us because they give us the opportunity to spend quality time with our friends and family. Every year we look forward celebrating to Christmas, New Year's Eve, Easter and some typical Dutch traditions, like Carnival and Kingsday. We also love celebrating birthdays and annual family days/trips with the whole family.

We also celebrate some American traditions such as the 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Halloween. Celebrations in honor of your child and the USA. Every year we celebrate the 4th of July with our friends Marvin, Wouter and Nikki. Their children Olivier and Joah are also adopted from America.

Every summer is the annual picnic with USA adopted kids. It's nice that we are part of 'A New Way family' as they call it, families that have adopted from the USA. In this way there will always be a connection with other children adopted from the USA.

Faith

We also want to share our faith and beliefs as Christians with our future child but there will always be room for his or her own opinion and choices about religion. We believe in respecting and treating others like you would want to be treated yourself, as well as love for everyone and anyone whatever their race or religion.

Thanksgiving



Halloween



4th of July





June 30th 2012, our special (wedding)day

in **CLOSING**

Thank you so much

Before you go, we want to share our commitment as parents with you. We want you to know that we are very committed to give your child the best life possible. Our home will be a safe, warm and healthy place, to grow up, full of opportunity and encouragement. Snuggling and hugs will be daily occurrence. We would want for your child to have every opportunity to have an excellent education, to travel and experience the world, pursue hobbies they are excited about, and grow up feeling fulfilled and confident in life and whatever path they choose. And most importantly, your child would always know that he or she has our support and is loved unconditionally.

Our promise

We promise to honor an open adoption plan that you feel comfortable with. We are happy to meet you when we come to the USA to adopt and whenever we visit again. We will also share pictures and updates on how your child is growing and experiencing life, so that you know how well loved and cared for your child is. You are and always will be their birthmother, and we will always speak of you with the utmost respect and care. Your child will know that this difficult decision that you have made was done out of the purest and selfless love for your child.

Thank you

We both thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are certain it is tough to get to know someone from just a few pictures and words on a page, so if there's anything else we can answer or share with you just ask.

With love and respect,


Rhodri & Yvon





FOR THIS CHILD WE HAVE PRAYED

1 Samuel 1:27



If you have any questions you can call
our adoption agency Forever Families
Through Adoption at their Toll-Free Number:
1-866-922-3678 or directly at
1-914-939-1180.

If you feel a connection to us,
we would love to talk to you about your
dreams for your child's future and how
we can help make them come true!