



Barbara & Christian

Dear Birth Parent

We know you have to make a difficult decision and we are very thankful that you will take the time to read our letter, to get to know us better, and to consider us as the parents for your child. We truly believe, it needs strength, encourage and love to consider a adoption plan.

We hope we can show you that we are a loving couple who can provide your child a safe and stable home. We dream of becoming a family and will provide your child all of our love, care and support.

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Who we are

We are a loving, funny couple. We met ten years ago and fell in love immediately. We married in 2014.

We have a truly strong relationship. We love to spend time together and laugh together. We are very thankful for our beautiful home, our good health and for our great family and friends. We truly want to share this with your child and give them all the love, opportunities and joy of living we have.

We tried everything, but it was not possible to have kids on our own. So we are looking forward to become a family through adoption. We truly believe this is the best way for us to fulfill our dream and hopefully you will think we are the right family to raise your child.



How we met

We both can't forget the first time we met, ten years ago in Innsbruck. We studied at the same University, but we never met before, because we did different studies – Psychology (Christian) and History (Barbara). But that one day in March 2008 we went to the same lecture. We both felt a special connection right from the beginning. It didn't take long and we spent our first holiday together in Italy and moved in together. We've been happily together ever since.



Having fun together 😊

About Barbara (by Christian)

Barbara is a very responsible, loving and funny person. Barbara likes reading books, doing sports and most of all spending time with family and friends. One of her favorite hobbies is skiing. She cooks perfectly and so we very often invite family and friends.

Barbara grew up with two older brothers and her loving parents in a big city in the middle of West-Germany. After finishing school Barbara moved to Austria to study history and completed her education in public relations. She's really smart and already published two books about the history of blind people in Austria.

Social responsibility is very important to Barbara. So we have a lot of friends with disabilities and support them in many ways. Barbara likes to go skiing or swimming with blind and visually impaired people for almost 20 years now. She is my best friend and I know she will be a great mother.





Skiing with one of her best friends who is blind



She likes to be outside!



Always with a smile 😊



Barbara with our godchild Lorenz



It tastes great and of course I help her!



Barbara with our godchild Lorenz



Barbara snorkeling

About Christian (by Barbara)

With his quiet and thoughtful style Christian is the perfect balance to me. He comes from a very nice area in West-Austria. Together with his family they lived in a very big, beautiful house in a small town. He has some difficulties with his eyes, so he often has to wear sunglasses as not to be blinded. He is a very caring man with a balancing character.

We visit his parents, sister, his niece, and nephew often. They are a loving family and love to spend time together. They are all very excited about our plans to adopt.

He completed two studies – economics and psychology in Innsbruck. In his free time he likes to play the guitar – he is a good singer & songwriter. Christian already has a loving bond with our godchild Lorenz. He can't wait to be a father and I know he will be the best one you can imagine!





Playing with our godchild Lorenz



Guiding while hiking our blind friend Michael



Christian helps with shopping



I do like his smile 😊



Christian loves the animals in the zoo...



Christian loves to play with kids.
This is Yolanda, the daughter of close friends



Christian writes his own songs

Where we live

We live in one of the most beautiful and safest places in the world, Innsbruck, Austria. It is located in the heart of the mountains, called Alps, and a famous winter sport center. Innsbruck is really a green city, with many playgrounds and a famous old town.



View to Innsbruck from the mountains



Beautiful view from our garden



We live in a rural area – it is a real nice place to grow up!



Tourists from all parts of the world come to Innsbruck to see for example the famous “Golden Roof Top” – especially in the Christmas season – one of our favorite time too. 38.000 students live in Innsbruck, so the education opportunities are excellent.

Living in Austria means living in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Austria's health care system is excellent – Innsbruck has a well-known medical school and university hospital.



And of course we like the American lifestyle. You find good Burger restaurants here and we celebrate Halloween. The partner city of Innsbruck is New Orleans. So every summertime there is a big New Orleans Jazz Festival in the city.





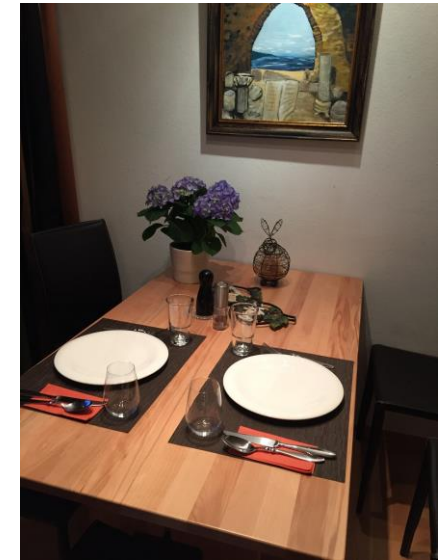
Our favourite armchairs



View from outside

We have a modern two floor home with a big terrace with lawn and a balcony. We have enough rooms for children and can't wait to build a playground in our garden! The area we live in is like a small village near to the city. It's a perfect place to raise a family: Excellent kindergarden and schools are near by.

We have a healthy life style. We often go to a farmer in the neighborhood to buy food from the region – fresh and organically grown.

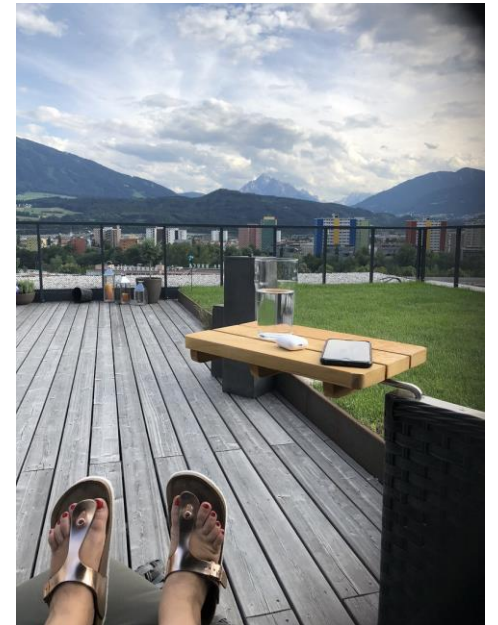




View from the plane



We like to hike and spending time in the green nature – when you go for a walk here you always meet some sheep, cows or if you are lucky some squirrels. In the summer time we like to Barbecue in our garden – and of course we have an american recipe book! It is a good neighborhood. A lot of families live here, so your child will always find someone to play with - outside or inside.



Our beautiful garden

Our wedding

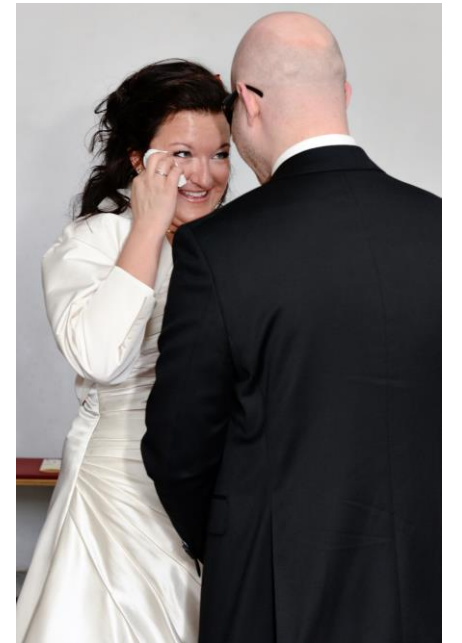
In April 2014 we first celebrated the civil wedding with our closest friends and parents in a small village in Austria, where we always spend our skiing holidays together. Two month later we got married in a beautiful church. We celebrated our love together with our large group of family and friends. It was our way to say “Thank you” for the great gift of meeting each other and having such a beautiful life together with so many of our special family and friends. Exchanging our rings was a very emotional and special moment for us. We have spent beautiful days together ever since...



Our civil wedding: Everybody was happy.



Walk through life together



Tears of joy in the church

We like celebrating happiness with our family and friends, so we can't wait to host a welcome party for your child one day when we are lucky enough to adopt! Our family and friends can't wait to welcome a new family member. They will give a very warm welcome to your child, like they did it to Benedikt, Barbara's Cousin who is adopted from India.



Our friends & family



With Christians parents at our wedding



Christians sister often visits us!



Barbaras Dad with our niece



Barbara's as a child together with her cousins Elisabeth and Benedikt, who was adopted from India.



Christian with our nephews – the foster children of Barbara's brother.



Benedikt live's not fare away, so he is also very excited to welcome a new family member!



Skiing with Barbara's father and family!



Playing with the children from our close friends Miriam and Wolfram



We like to spend our free time together with our family and friends!



Welcome Hanah! The 4th child of our close friends Swenja and Marco



Sandra with Dominik live next to us.



Hanah visiting us together with her father Marco for the first time...

Most of our family and friends have children. So there are a lot of children who are waiting for a new friend and to play with your child. Our family and friends support us in many ways – and will do the same for your child.



Our godchild Lorenz grows so fast!

Holidays and Traditions



Kids can have a lot of fun in the snow!



Our godchild with his mother at our home during christmas time



Our families and friends live in Austria and in Germany. As often as possible we visit them or they spend their holidays in our beautiful home in Innsbruck.

We like to stay at the sea in the summer times. Barbara's family owns a flat at the sea in Germany. We have been there or we travel to Italy, Greece or Croatia. We like the Mediterranean way of living and know so many beaches and places, where kids can have great fun.

We always celebrate Christmas twice – onetime with Christians parents and the other time with Barbaras family in a lovely little village in Austria and a perfect place to go skiing. Never missing: a wonderful Christmas tree. We love Christmas time!

Barbara's father with a traditional christmas tree

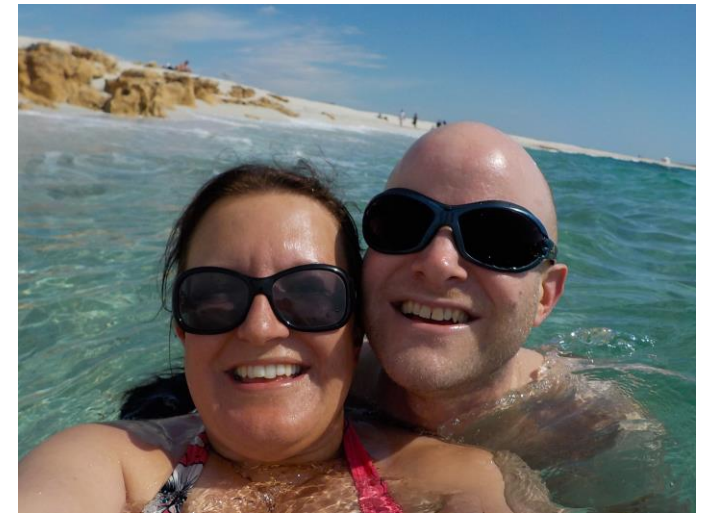




We like to spend time at the lake



This picture was taken when Christians nephew married at a Greek island in the central Aegean Sea



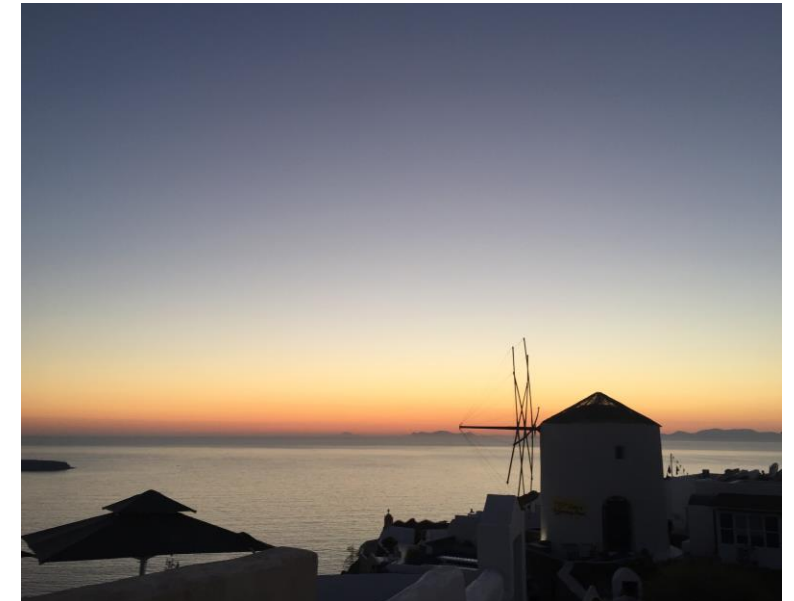
We spent our honeymoon in Italy



Our holiday apartment in Germany.



Baltic Sea beach near to our holiday apartment in Germany.



The sunsets in Greece are so beautiful!

What we do for work and our Child Care Plans

We both have very responsible and secure jobs. Barbara works as a public relations officer for a well known public institution and Christian as a coordinator at a social organization for people with disabilities. We also own apartments to rent – so we are well secure financially.

Austria has great employment laws so we both can take parental leave while keeping our jobs. We will have a lot of free time for family activities. In our neighborhood excellent daycare for children is provided. So we will be able to offer your child a stable home and support them in many ways.

Our reasons for adopting from the USA

We want to adopt a child from the USA because we feel a strong connection to your country. Barbara already spent one month at the University in New Orleans and also visited Washington. We are looking forward to travel together to America. We are interested in the US culture, history and way of living. So we will encourage your child to get to know the culture of his or her heritage.



Barbara visiting an operating room for her work.



Christian with Barbaras father celebrate the finishing of one of our apartments.



What we want
to say!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter and consider us as adoptive parents for your child.

As parents we promise

- ❖ to offer your child a loving and carefree childhood.
- ❖ to be the people, we want our kids to be.
- ❖ to help your child to develop responsibility, honesty and respect.
- ❖ to support your child in any way.

Gratitude, generosity, forgiveness, humility & love are other important values we want to teach your child.

We are open to adopting a child of any race. It is very important for your child to know where they come from, so we are happy to discuss a ongoing communication with you. You will always have a special place in our hearts and in our family!

Please contact our adoption agency “Forever Families Through Adoption” at **(914) 939 – 1180** or toll free at **1 – 866-922-3678**, website: www.foreverfamieliesthroughadoption.org

We love to hear from you and are willing to answer any question you have,

With respect and love,

Barbara + Graham