



*Jim, Lori &
Zachary*

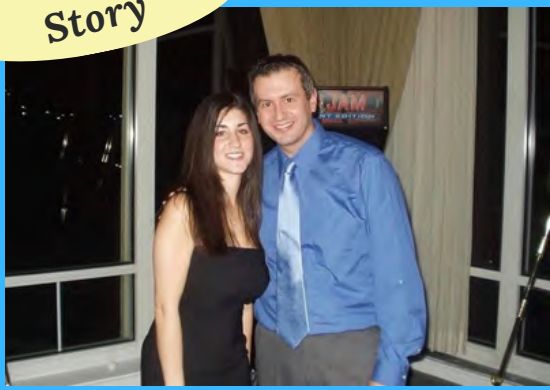


Having a giant ice cream in Disney World!

Hello! We are **Jim, Lori and Zach!** Thank you for reading about us and considering **our family** for the adoption of your child. We have complete respect for your decision to explore finding an adoptive family for your baby and we hope to show you the **fun-loving family** we are throughout this letter. We know you must be feeling a lot of emotions at this time, but we hope if you feel a connection with us that it is meant to be. We can't wait to welcome the baby that is destined to complete our family into our lives. If that is your child or not, we wish you the absolute best and send you **love** on this journey.



Our Story



At our first office Christmas party



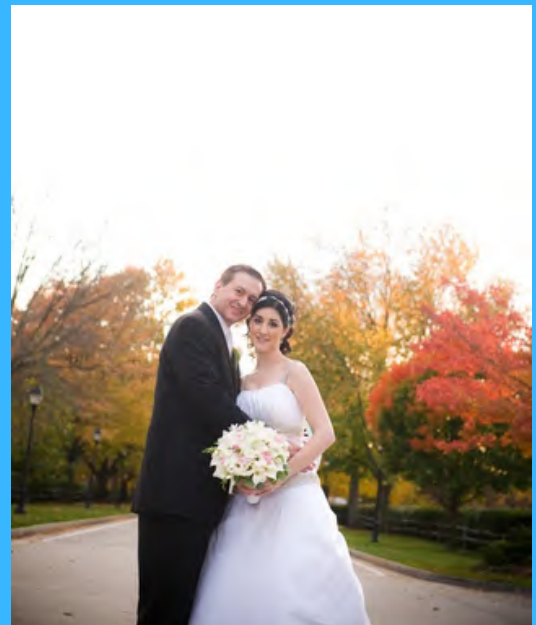
Dancing into our wedding reception



We met over 20 years ago, working together in our jobs in television broadcast. We started dating soon after and have been **married for 15 years**. We started the journey to begin our family, and we realized we would have struggles and would need the help of **doctors** and **medicine** after **years** of trying. We were **blessed** and **overjoyed** when we finally got pregnant with **Zachary**. We **hoped** to continue building our family after he was a year old, but it turned out to be a **bigger struggle**. Through the years of **multiple fertility doctors** and many **medicines and procedures**, we began to think about **adoption**. Once we started to look into adopting a baby, we found that was where our **hearts** were and we feel that is what we are **meant to do**. Zach is over the moon excited about us adopting a baby and he will be the best big brother your baby could ever dream of having.



Zach's first birthday and our dog Chewy who crossed the rainbow bridge



At our wedding



Meet Lori



Me and Zach at the beach near our house



Me (on the right) with my sister and my first dog, Bobo



Me and my parents

Hi! I'm Lori. I grew up in a loving home with my parents and an older sister. I loved to **dance**, play with my **sister** and **dogs**, be with my **friends** and **family** and go on **vacations**. Now, I love to do fun things with my own family, **bake**, go to the **theater** or to the **movies** and **travel**. I love to be **silly** and **laugh** and have **fun** and make every situation and experience a **happy** one. I love being a **mom** and making my family **smile** as much as possible through **joking around**, going to **fun places** and finding new and exciting things to do together. My favorite things are **Disney**, **Harry Potter**, playing **games** and **video games** with my family, going to **museums**, decorating for **Christmas**, and getting together with **friends** and **family**. I believe in treating people as you want to be treated and being **kind** to people and animals.



Zachary's Point of View



Hi! I'm Zachary. The person you are reading about, Lori, is my mom. She is the best mom ever, and I love her so much! She is so funny, but mostly fun. Your baby would love having her as a mom. She is always there for me. I love playing games with her and helping her out when she needs a hand. She reads to me before bed every night, and she is always there for my special events, like basketball games, violin concerts, and so much more! I love having her as my mom.



Zach driving the car in Disney! :)

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE WIZARDS?



APPROACH WITH EXTREME CAUTION!
★ DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE MAGIC AGAINST THESE WIZARDS ★

Being silly at the Harry Potter studios tour in England



Disney World!



Decorating for Christmas at my parent's house



Meet Jim



With Zach in a galaxy far, far away



As a kid with one of my dogs, Misty



Me (in the middle) with two of my sisters

Hi! I'm Jim. I was born the **youngest of 6 children** (4 sisters and a brother) into a **family of laughter and love**. I grew up surrounded by **music** and playing **sports**, especially **soccer**. I bring that love of music and sports into our home today. We **sing, dance, laugh** and jump around to the fun stuff! I love going with my family and friends to **baseball, soccer and hockey games and concerts**. My favorite things are **Star Wars**, the band **Pearl Jam**, watching **sports on tv**, and going to the **movies** as a **family**. Most of all, I **love** being a **dad**. I love our family and our life, but dream of adopting to complete my family. I believe everyone is **equal** and deserves a chance to be themselves and who they want to be in this world.



Zachary's Point of View



Zachary here! My dad is the best. He is extremely silly and makes me laugh so much! Your baby would love having him for a dad. He always helps me get ready for school and he is always there for me. He is the best dad ever! I love playing games with him. His dad jokes can be funny sometimes. I love having him as a dad!



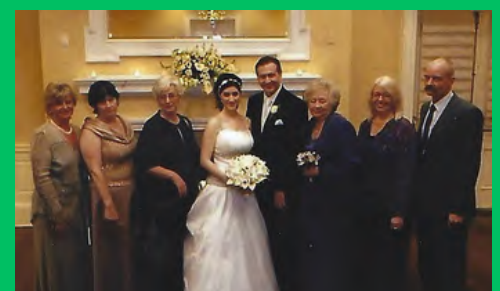
Walking like The Beatles in London on Abbey Road



Me and Zach celebrating at a World Cup friendly game



In LEGOLAND



At our wedding with my mom and siblings

All About Zachary



Bungee climbing a tree



Flying a broom in the Harry Potter studio tour in England



In my school

Zachary here, again! I am 10 years old and in the 5th grade. I am a **video game enthusiast** who specializes in Kirby and Super Smash Bros. I love to **read**, go to the **movies**, **arcades**, **fairs**, **Legoland** and **Disney World**. I also like **swimming** and playing with **my friends**. I love playing on my PC, PS3, PS2, Nintendo DS, and so many others! My favorite things are **video games**, **board games**, **card games** (Old Maid especially!), **school**, hanging out with **my cousins**, **Mom** and **Dad**, and **Nanny** and **Pop**.



Mom and Dad's Point of View



Zachary, who we like to call Zach, Zachy or Zacheroni and Cheese, is the **sweetest**, **funniest** and **kindest** kid ever. He has such a **good heart** and makes us **laugh** every day. He loves to make **friends** and has so many. We love having **fun together** as a **family**. We are so **proud** to be his parents and we can't wait to bring another child up to be as **amazing** as he is. He will make the absolute **best big brother** there has ever been. 



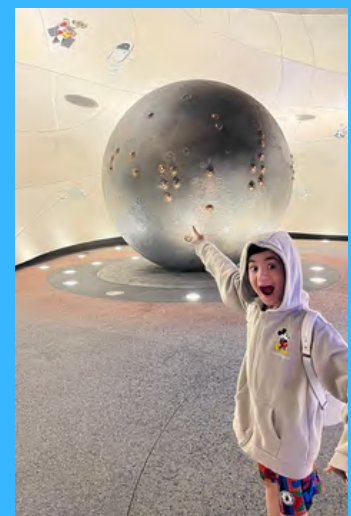
*In my room
(which looks like Andy's room
from Toy Story)*



*In Super Nintendo World in
Universal Epic Universe*



*Together with my cousins
having a treat in Disney*



*Pointing out WALL-E and EVE
in Disney World*



Our Home



Our backyard



Beach nearby

We live in a **beautiful suburban neighborhood** that has a **small town feel** to it. We have lived in our 4 bedroom home for 13 years and since Zach has been born we have filled it with lots of toys and love. We have kept his crib, toys, etc. so we would be prepared for another baby. We put in a **big swing set** with a **slide** that Zach likes to play on in the summer and in the winter snow! We belong to a lovely and welcoming **Catholic church** that is nearby. We love to spend time in our **little town**, at the **beach** nearby and even just cozy in our home. We like to do **city days** and spend time going to **museums**, finding **interactive family activities**, going to fun stores like **FAO Schwarz** and the **Nintendo Store** (Zach's favorite), and even **Broadway shows**. We live about ten minutes away from Lori's sister and her family (husband and 2 little girls) and also Lori's parents and the home she grew up in. We love making the most of our family time.



Together at Harry Potter on Broadway



Zach's communion in our church



Zach practicing violin



Chalk drawing on our driveway

Family



Thanksgiving dinner in England with Jim's family



Lori's parent's pool nearby with the fam

We both have very **large extended families** and try to see everyone **as much as possible** whether they live close by or far away. We get together for **holidays, birthdays, dinners, pool days, performances** and even meet up for **family vacations**. Family is very **important** to us and we make the most of any time we have **together**. Zach has lots of cousins and second cousins who are close in age, so family get togethers are **always** a **good time**.



Meeting up with our niece on Jim's side

LEGOLAND with Zach's Nanny and Pop



Cousin's birthday party



Getting together at Lori's Grandma's house for Christmas with some of the family

More
Family



Getting together with Lori's cousins and their families



Disney World with Lori's family



Playing with cousins on Christmas



LEGOLAND with Jim's sister, niece and kids



Disney World with the fam



Friends



Besties from college



College friends' kids



Zach's buddies from pre-k



Friendships are very important to us. We go out of our way to keep in touch with the **amazing people** we have made friends with over the years and their families.



Jim's best buds since high school-one being Zach's Godfather



Recreating a pic from when they were babies (Zach on right)



Lori and childhood friends, still best friends



Silly guy "prom" picture with Zach and his buddy photobombing



Best friends who have become family



Nice dinner with Zach's besties and their families

*Travel
Adventures*

We **love to travel** and see new places. Always travelling as a family. We can't wait to share these **exciting adventures** with the baby we adopt too!



*Buckingham
Palace*

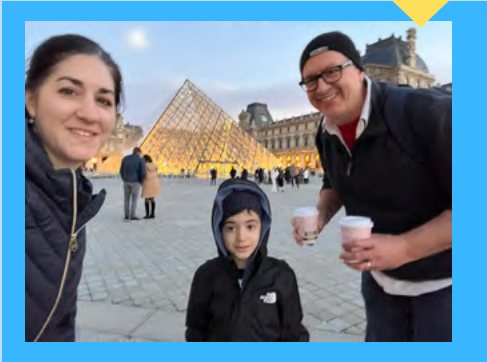


*Bermuda
cruise!*

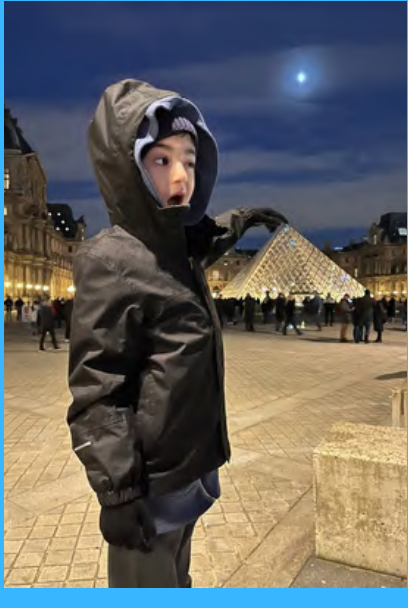
*In a
cave in
Bermuda!*

*Paris
&
London!*

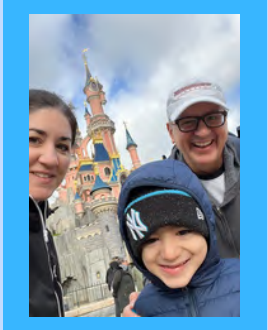
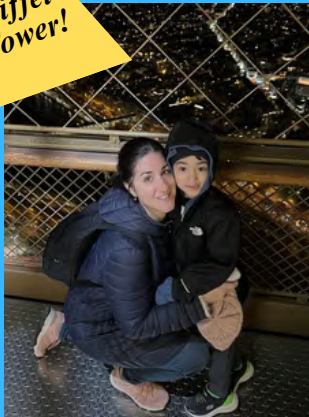
*The Mona
Lisa*



*Harry
Potter
Tour
London*



*Eiffel
Tower!*



*Disneyland
Paris*

*More
Travel
Adventures*

We have **lots of fun** going away to the **places kids love**, from making our own chocolate bars in **Hershey**, to building LEGOS in **LEGOLAND** or going to **Walt Disney World**, the **Crayola Experience** and so much more.

YUM



Crayola!



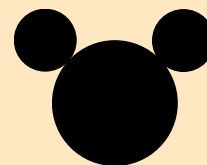
Hershey!



*Have we
mentioned
we like
Disney?*



LEGOLAND fun!



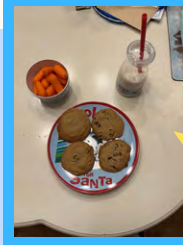


Seasonal Traditions Winter

Winter for us is **all about Christmas** and playing in the **snow**! Zach always gets visits from his **Elf on the Shelf** and gets a Golden Ticket to **visit Santa Claus** at the North Pole every year! We love the **magic** of the Christmas season!



Christmas Eve we put out cookies and milk for Santa and carrots for the reindeer!



Christmas light drive through tradition!

Christmas Eve we spend with our family at Lori's parents' house. **Christmas morning is always magical!** We love to walk down the stairs and see what Santa has brought! After opening gifts and having Christmas morning breakfast, we head to Lori's Grandmother's house and spend the day with our huge family!



We love to build snowmen and go sledding every snowfall!

Rockefeller Center Tree!



Seasonal Traditions
Spring

In the **Spring**, we like to get out and enjoy the warmer weather. We dye **Easter eggs** and Zach gets a visit from the **Easter Bunny** every year, with an **Easter Egg hunt** and a **basket** full of goodies. We celebrate Easter with family on the Sunday before Easter and also on Easter so we get extra family time!

Easter Fun!

Easter basket!



May the 4th be with you!



Cherry Blossom Festival

Enjoying our town

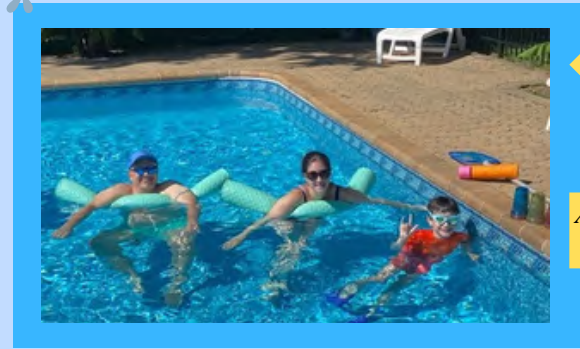


Strawberry Festival



*Seasonal Traditions
Summer*

In the **Summer**, we love to make the most of the warm weather. We go to the **beach** and spend time in the **pool** at Lori's parents' house. We play **Mini-Golf**, see **drive-in or outdoor movies**, and go to as many **Fairs** as possible, going on **rides** and playing lots of **games**!



Lots of pool time

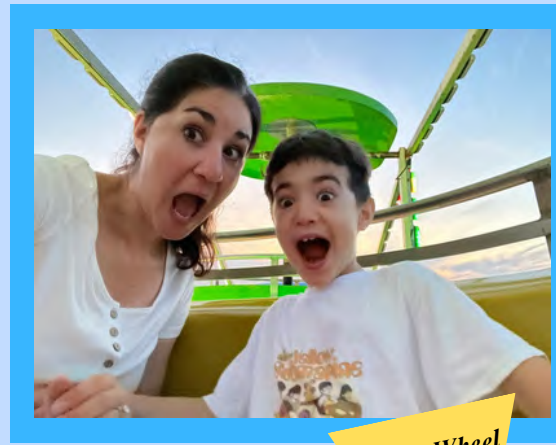


Always find an outdoor movie



Beachy days

Mini-Golf with the cousins



Ferris Wheel Fun



There's always room for Ice Cream



So many Fairs with friends



Seasonal Traditions
Fall

*In the **Fall**, we always go **pumpkin picking** and **apple picking**. We carve our **pumpkin** and go **trick or treating** with friends. We love to do fun things together!*



Pumpkin time!



BOO!



*Apple picking!
Time to make A LOT of apple pie.*



Trick or Treat!!



A few of our costumes





Thank you!



Thank you for taking the time to take a glimpse into the fun life we hope to share with another baby. This is just a small peek into our lives. This is what your baby would be surrounded by. A life of joy, laughter, music, fun and most of all, unconditional love.

One of us is always available to be with the baby, just like we are with Zach. Lori's mom helps babysit when needed.

We love doing things together, so that is what we do. The baby we will adopt will be as much a part of our family as the rest of us and we will give him/her the full attention and love he/she will need, always. We know how hard this decision must be and we have so much respect for you making this decision. We are open to discussing whatever makes you comfortable if you are interested in an open adoption, whether it is sending updates and pictures or having more communication or visits when possible. We will always be supportive and present for the baby - and we will be there for you too, during this most selfless and loving journey you've chosen.

 Contact

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**Thank
You**

