

Tom, Thierry & Coco Rosie



# Our promise to you and your child

We want your child to have it all!  
We want your child to know the  
meaning of happiness and  
experience all the joy in the world.

We will give your child a safe,  
secure place to be itself and learn  
about who he or she is. We will  
provide your child lots of positive  
attention as we want your child to  
feel secure and loved so that your  
child has confidence to explore the  
world, try new things and learn  
with all the family support needed.

We are looking so much forward to  
all the good times that we are  
going to have. There will be plenty  
of music, theater, craftwork, sport  
and so on in your child's life. We  
will offer your child the best  
education so that he or she can  
grow up into a responsible  
independent adult and find their  
own talent.



A safe, secured place to be itself



Creativity and the best education



Being loved



A warm welcoming family!

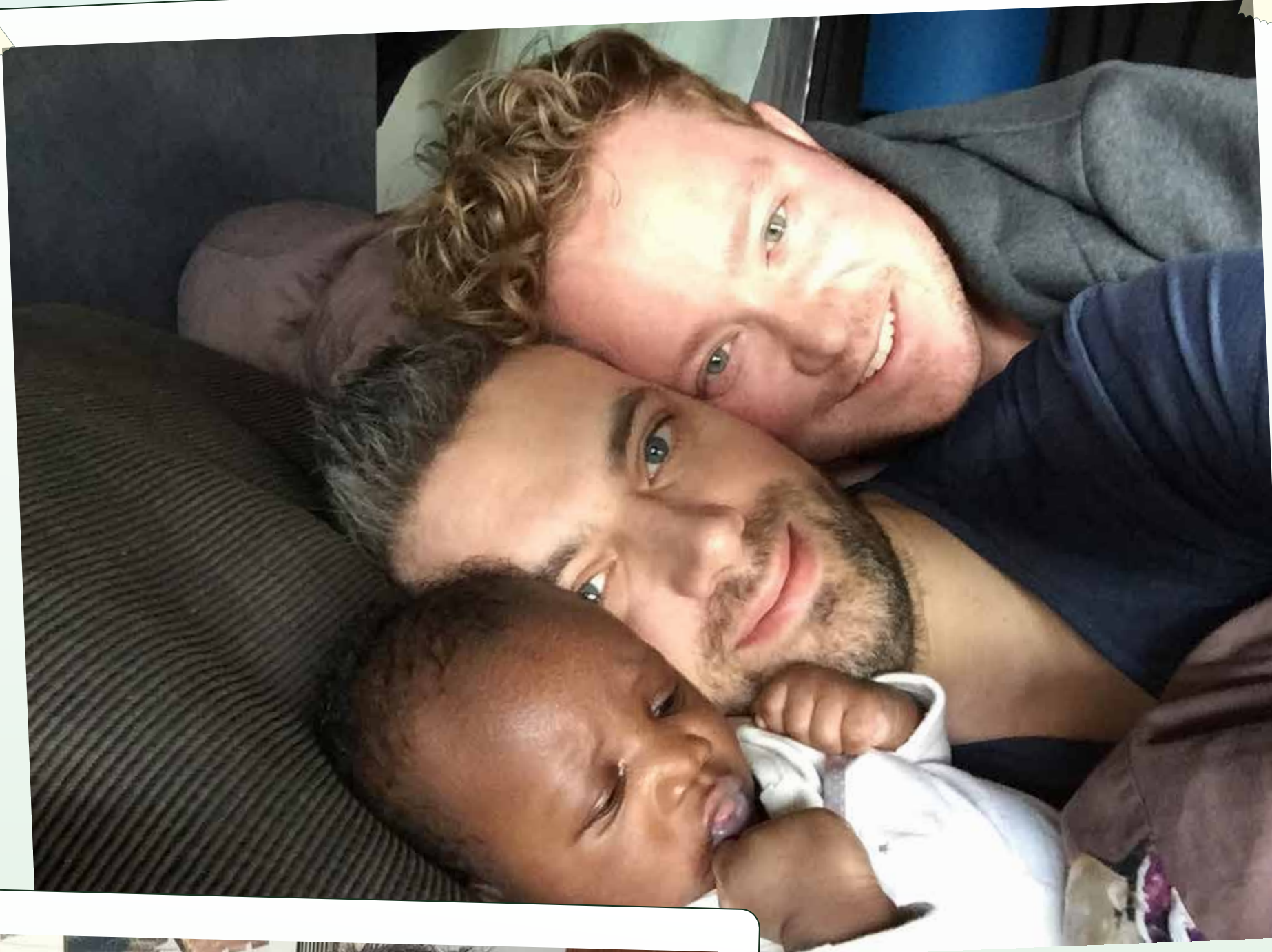


# Hello!

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Thierry and Tom, a loving couple from the Netherlands and the proud parents of Coco Rosie. We are very thankful that you are taking the time to get to know us.

We hope to be able to express our thoughts and feelings clearly. It is not easy to find the right words to express our respect for the courage and care you must have, as you consider an adoption plan for your child. We hope you will consider us as the family for you after you learn all about us.





# About us



Tom, Thierry & Coco



We are a very happy family of three. It is beyond words to express how blessed we felt when we became the proud parents of Coco Rosie. We worked towards this adoption plan for many years. We went through a lengthy process in the Netherlands to ensure that we were fit to become good parents and also were approved by our agency in New York. Coco Rosie is growing up as a very happy girl!! Coco Rosie fills our lives with sunshine. We enjoy her every day to the fullest. She is a very sweet and cheerful girl. She is very fond of other children. She is caring, loves to eat, dance, and playing the piano with her grandfather. She is the joy of our lives!

Coco Rosie in Spain



Thierry & Tom getting married





Tom in NYC

Tom is 38 years old. He studied law. After working as attorney at law for many years, he switched career and is now the global head of a financial economic crime compliance department for a global bank.



Thierry is 37 years old. He studied at the Art Academy. He works as a designer/furniture maker and teacher in high school (all creative subjects).



Christmas Eve in Michigan

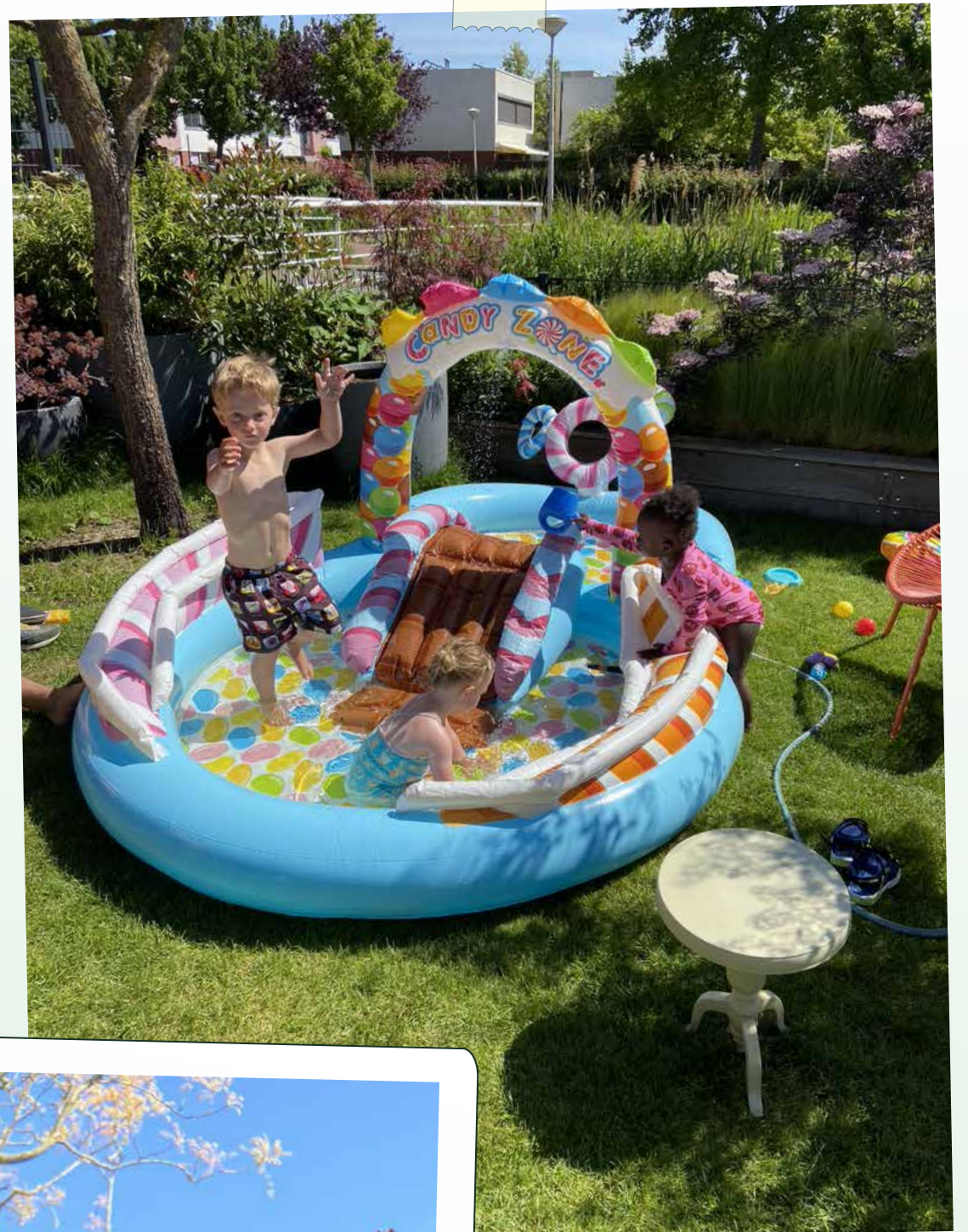


Having dinner with the family



# Home & Neighborhood

The Netherlands is a great country to live in and a safe environment for a child to grow up. People are friendly and there is little or no discrimination or social problems. In the Netherlands it is very much accepted to be homosexual, be married and become a parent as well. Amsterdam is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in Europe, with people from all over the world, so adopting Coco Rosie was never an issue for us and will not be for your child. The Netherlands furthermore has a good social welfare system and medical care for everyone in need.



Everybody cycles  
in town!



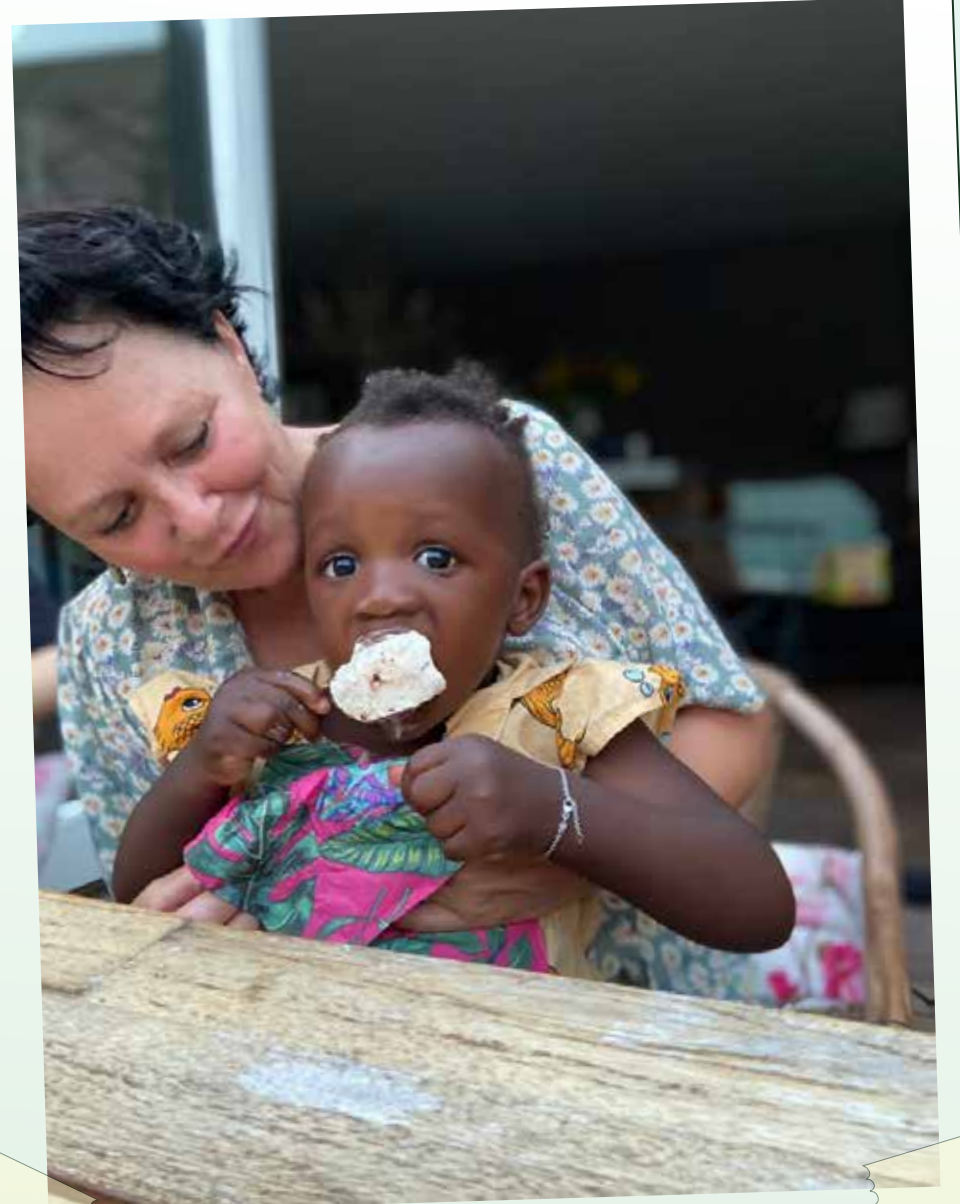
in our garden



# Family



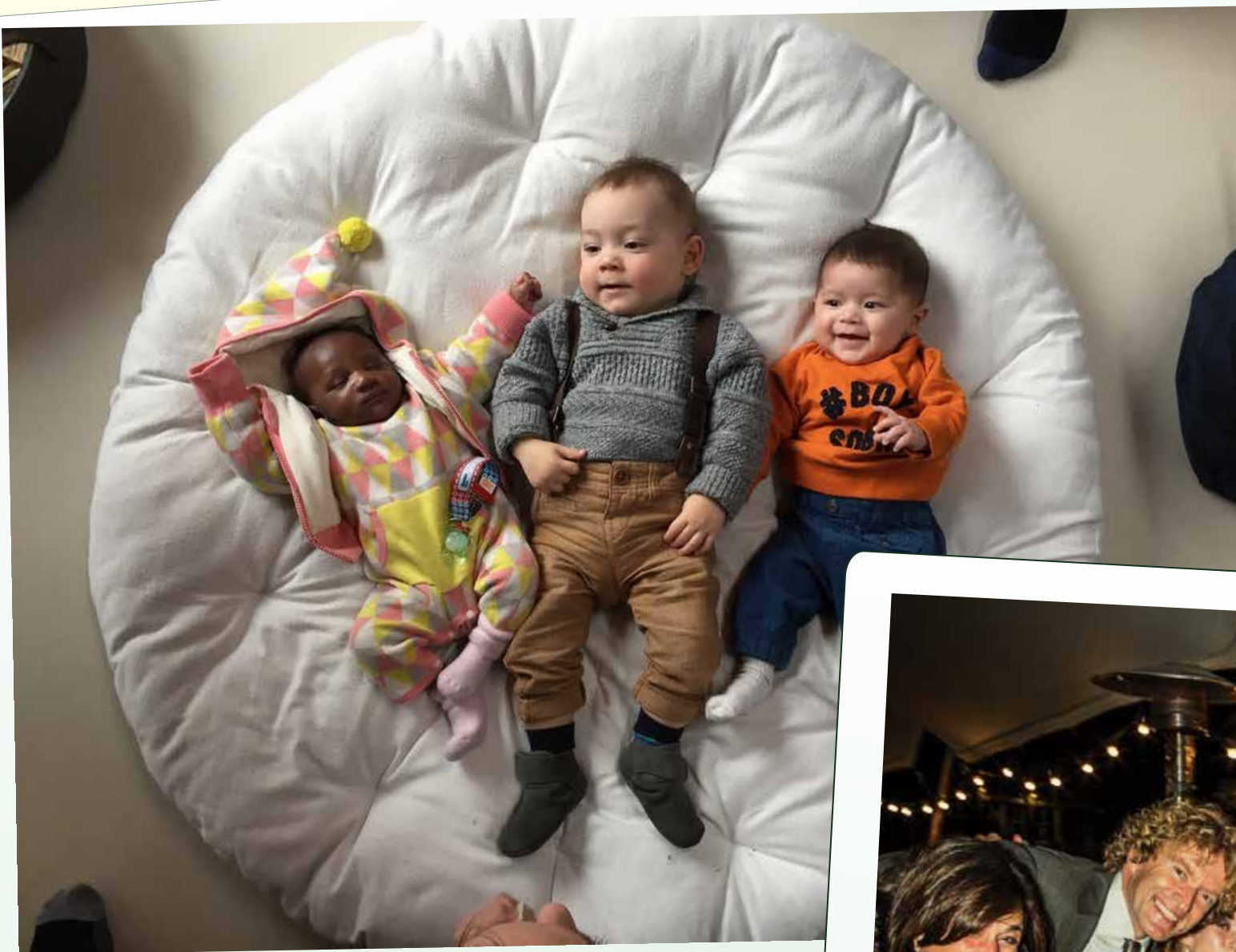
Tom's parents with Coco Rosie



Always fun  
with grandma  
and ice cream!

We come from big families with roots in France, Japan, Germany and the Netherlands (so very international). We have very caring and loving families. Both families are very creative with musicians and artist.

Both families find it very important that everyone can be themselves.



Coco Rosie with her cousins



The family at our wedding!



# Friends

Our friends know about our plan to make Coco Rosie a big sister and they are fully supportive!  
We cannot wait to add your child to the family!



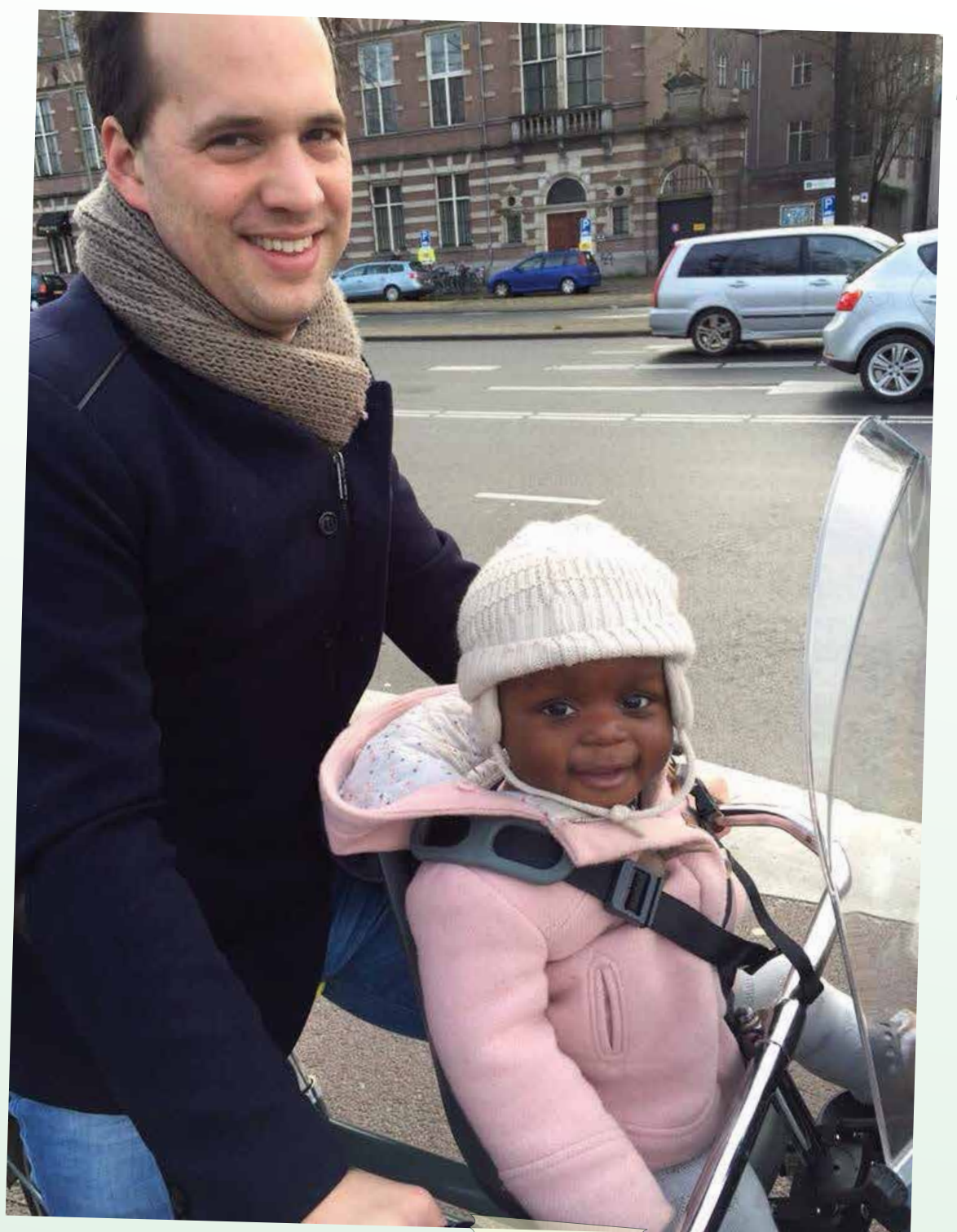
Coco Rosie's birthday  
with Eva, Wouter &  
Marcella



Our dear friend  
Ellemieke with her son



Jens, Jeroen & Sophia



Patrick & Isabel



# Traditions

Our favorite traditions with family & friends:

## 1. Christmas

We love Christmas, with the Christmas tree, including tree decorations, gifts and dinner with family and friends.

## 2. New Year's eve

On New Year's eve we celebrate the old year and welcome the new year with deep-fried donuts. We call them "oliebollen".

## 3. Kingsday

On April 27 we celebrate Kingsday (Birthday of our king). Amsterdam changes into a giant flea market. You don't need a permit to sell goods on the street and everyone celebrate this day enjoying the sun and the good atmosphere.

## 4. Easter

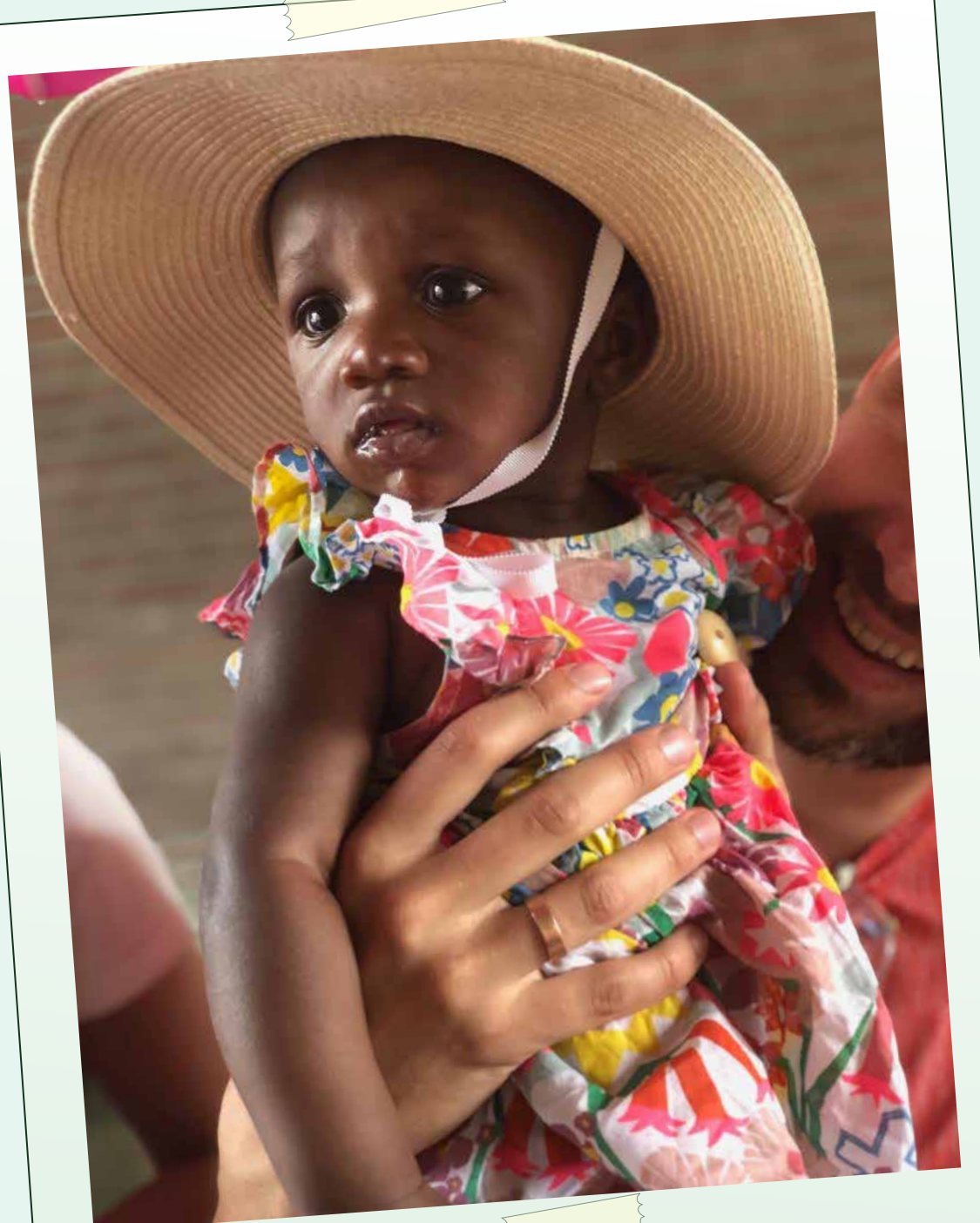
With Easter we paint the Easter eggs, hide them and then the children will look for them. With Easter the families gather and have brunch together.

## 5. Congratulations! It's a girl

You might be puzzled, but to celebrate the fact that we had a baby girl we carried a tray with crispbakes covered in pink aniseed flavored sprinkles, known as "beschuit met muisjes".



Christmas!



dressing-up for Kingsday



crispbakes with sprinkles



# Hobbies



Holiday in Spain

In summer we love to go floating down Amsterdam's canals against the stunning background of the city's historic centre. In summer there are many canal festivals with music. Children's concerts are also held regularly.

We regularly go swimming with Coco Rosie and she loves to dance. The play ground near our house is also a favorite place of hers.

We also love to go for a family walk through the city centre, the many parks the Netherlands has or the beach, which is just a few minutes drive away.

Tom likes to paint and Thierry loves woodcraft and making furniture. We both have a keen interest in photography as well. We also love cooking and having dinner with friends and family, going to the theatre and traveling.



Going to the Zoo and the Museum



# Why adoption?



Coco Rosie

Both of us come from warm, caring and affectionate families. As from a young age we both dreamed of a big family for ourselves. When we discussed our great desire to have children together, it was clear to us from the start that we wanted to do this through adoption. We feel that we have so much love and care to share.

We have a deep wish to bring up another child that is entrusted to us. We have friends from everywhere, many with children adopted from the USA.



With Coco Rosie  
in the USA



Group photo of the Dutch family!  
Many of the children adopted from the U.S. gather at an annual picnic.



# Our family values

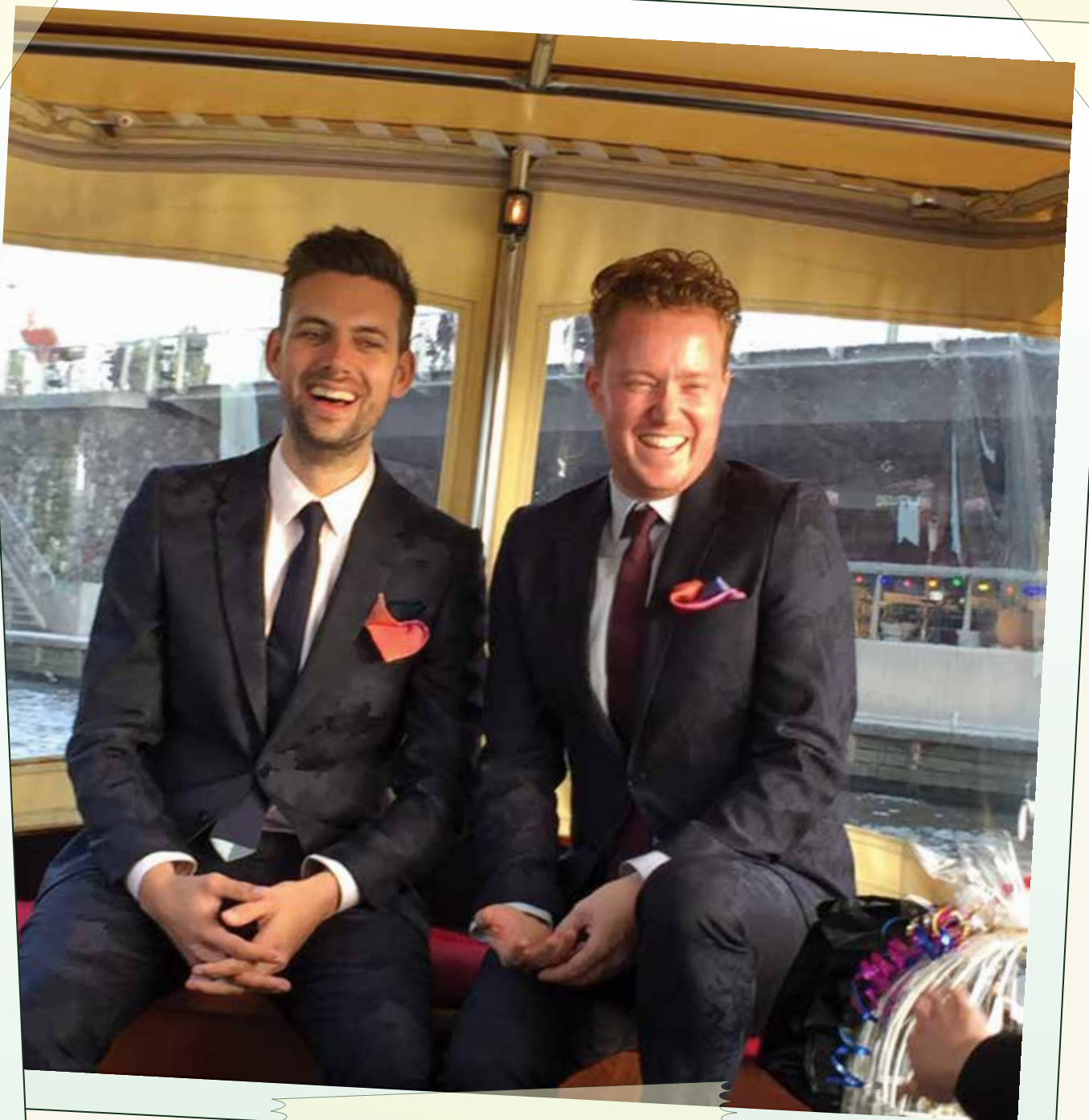
Our family values are love, respect, acceptance, trust, honesty, support for each other. We believe that these values are universal.

We were both raised Catholic, but at the same time we come from families with very diverse backgrounds. What we find most important are our shared values. We will share these values as we do with Coco Rosie so that our children can pass these values on as well.

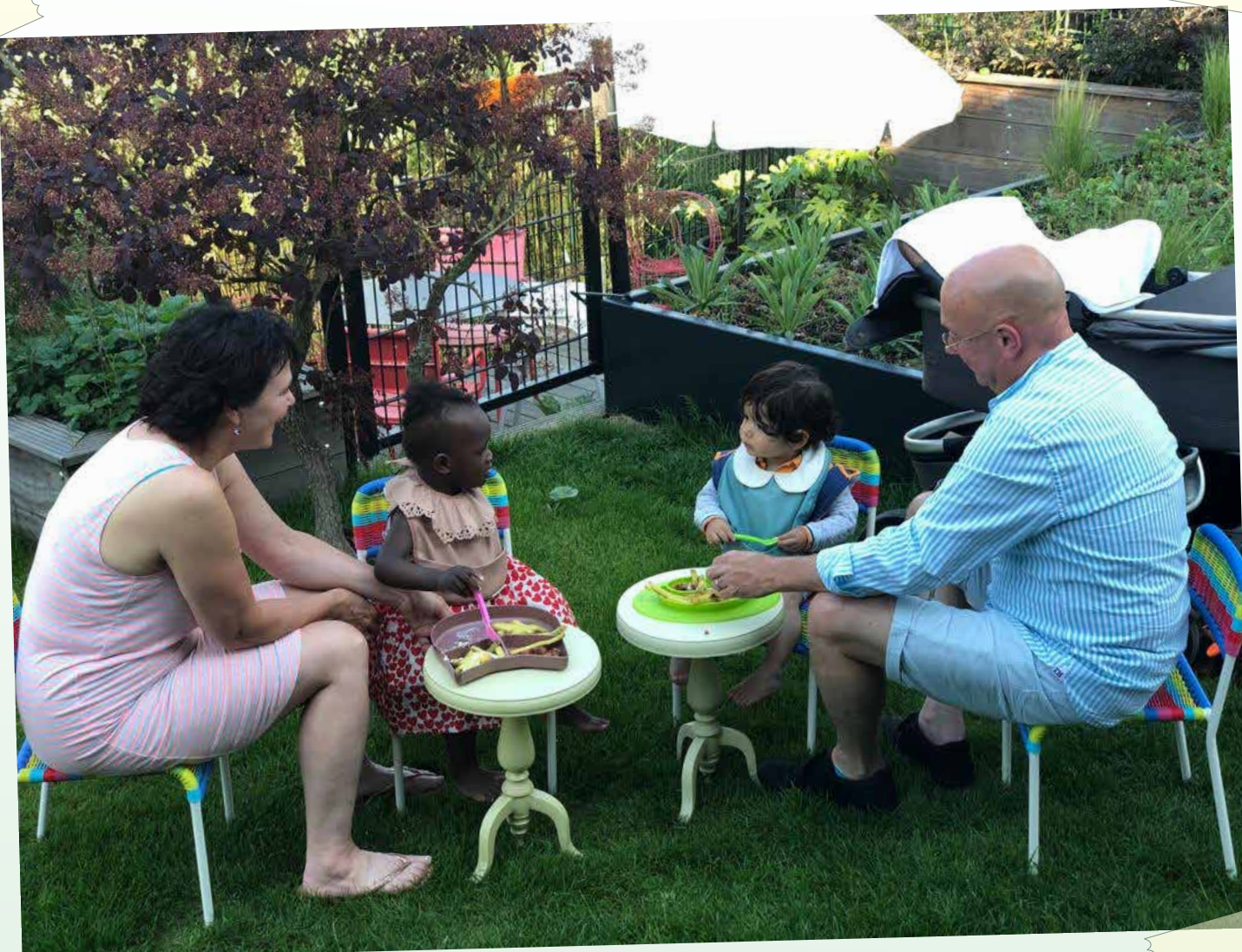
Our family and friends cannot wait to welcome your child, regardless of any ethnic, physical characteristics or religious beliefs.



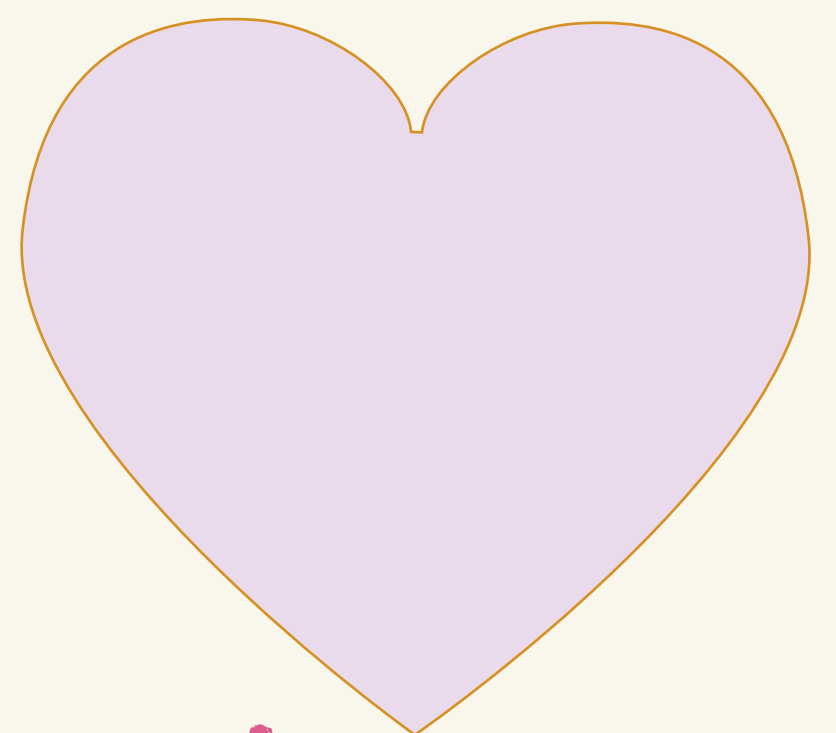
Cycling through the city



Thierry & Tom married



Family!



Love  
Respect  
Acceptance  
Trust  
Honesty  
Support



# Thank you!

We hope that this book helps you get to know us and know what we find is important in life. We would be forever grateful if we can welcome your child into our caring and happy family. Your child will be given love and security, with a network of family and friends and other children to play with. Your child won't lack for anything. Your child will have their own room and space to play, with plenty of toys and clothes. Most important, there will be a big sister and lots of parental love and care. Your child will be brought up in a warm, safe and loving home. We will encourage your child to follow their dreams and guide your child in every step they take and listen to their heart.

Finally, we wish you the best of luck and wisdom in making this difficult decision in deciding what is best for you and your child. We are convinced that you will make the right choice by listening to your heart. Should that choice be that you include us in the life plan of your child, we would be honored and delighted. It is difficult to express with words, but we have deep respect for the courage and care you must have. Thank you for considering us.

For more information about us or the adoption process, please do not hesitate to contact our adoption agency in New York Forever Families Through Adoption ((914) 939-1180).

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