

# JAKE & JOHANNE

Best Friends | Loving Family | Living Our Dreams

## Our Story

We started out as best friends and blossomed into the loving couple we are today. We set out to create an amazing life together by focusing on love, happiness and making each other laugh every day. We have a deep appreciation of our family and friends, and starting a family of our own was our biggest dream.

Wow how our life has changed in the past 24 months!

In February 2020 we were chosen to be the adoptive parents of our baby boy, Jackson, and our life has forever been changed, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Now almost 2 years later, we are looking to grow our family and welcome another adopted child into our life. We both have siblings, and know how incredible a brother or sister relationship can be when growing up.

We love to entertain and surround ourselves with family and friends. These are our favourite times as a family - cooking, sharing delicious meals, music, laughter and watching Jackson play with all his cousins.

We are both executives within large global technology companies. We have worked very hard to achieve success in these careers which has given us financial freedom and the ability to live in our dream home on 10 acres, nestled in the mountains on Vancouver Island.



We both work from home and this allows us to spend time raising Jackson while maintaining a safe and stable environment for him to grow up in.

We are married and have a strong, supportive and loving relationship, and we are ready to commit our unconditional love to another adopted child.

We are truly grateful and thankful for your consideration.



*Jake - Loyal, loving, strong, funny, creative. My rock.*

*by Johanne*

*Jake is such a caring and supportive husband and the most patient and loving father! He's a big kid himself and is always making Jackson and I laugh.*



*Jake was adopted as a newborn and raised on Vancouver Island. His own adoption story, and the relationship he has with his birth family has shown me how magical, and successful it can be.*

*Jake loves music, playing guitar, staying fit, and entertaining family and friends with his amazing chef skills in the kitchen!*



*Johanne - Giving, smart, nurturing, empathetic. The love of my life.*

*by Jake*

*Johanne is the girl of my dreams! She is the most caring, intelligent, and thoughtful woman I've ever met. She is a natural Mom full of deep love and devotion to Jackson and I, and most importantly...she laughs at all my jokes!*

*Johanne grew up in Toronto and is the daughter of two European parents who moved to Canada to start their dream business. It's definitely where her strong work ethic comes from.*

*Johanne loves ballet, hiking, tennis, reading, and cuddling up to a good scary movie which she makes me watch at least once a month!*



*The day our lives changed forever!*

*Family summers are the best!*

*Jackson steals the show at our wedding!*

## I was an adopted child - Jake's Story

Both myself and my younger brother were adopted. We came from different birth moms 4 years apart and grew up in a very open and loving family.

Our adoptive parents shared our adoption stories with us at a very young age. In fact, my dad wrote each of us our own children's book which told the story of our adoptions.

These were our favourite bedtime stories!



*Jake and his younger brother*



*Jake, Johanne, and Jackson with Jake's birth family!*

Like you, my birth parents had to make a very difficult decision. They were only 16, and although they were in love they didn't have the means to raise a family at such a young age. After making the decision to have an adoption plan, they stayed together and went on to have two more boys many years later.

I met my birth parents when I was 19, and it's been one of the most fulfilling parts of my life. What's even more wonderful is that my birth parents are close to my adoptive parents, each respecting the important role they have played in my life.

It is this experience which has shown me how amazing an open adoption journey can be, and we will respect your wishes regarding an open adoption.

The next step of our adoption journey is to welcome another child into our family. We are ready to provide a new baby with unconditional love and devotion in a safe and nurturing home.

A new child coming into our home will have the comfort and shared experience of an older sibling who is also adopted. Based on my own experience, I know how amazing it is to share that kind of experience with a sibling.

As a birth parent, we can only imagine how difficult this decision will be for you, but whatever choice you make, it will be the right one.

With sincere gratitude,

Jake and Johanne



*Jake with his adopted mom and his birth mom*

## Our Family



Sunday morning family time in bed - the best!

Our weekends are full of family get togethers with all the kids, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.



Spending time with cousins is what it's all about!

Johanne has a younger sister in Toronto who comes out to visit all the time.



Jackson is such a ham, and would be the best big brother!

We have a huge loving family who is by our side, supporting us all the way on our adoption journey!

