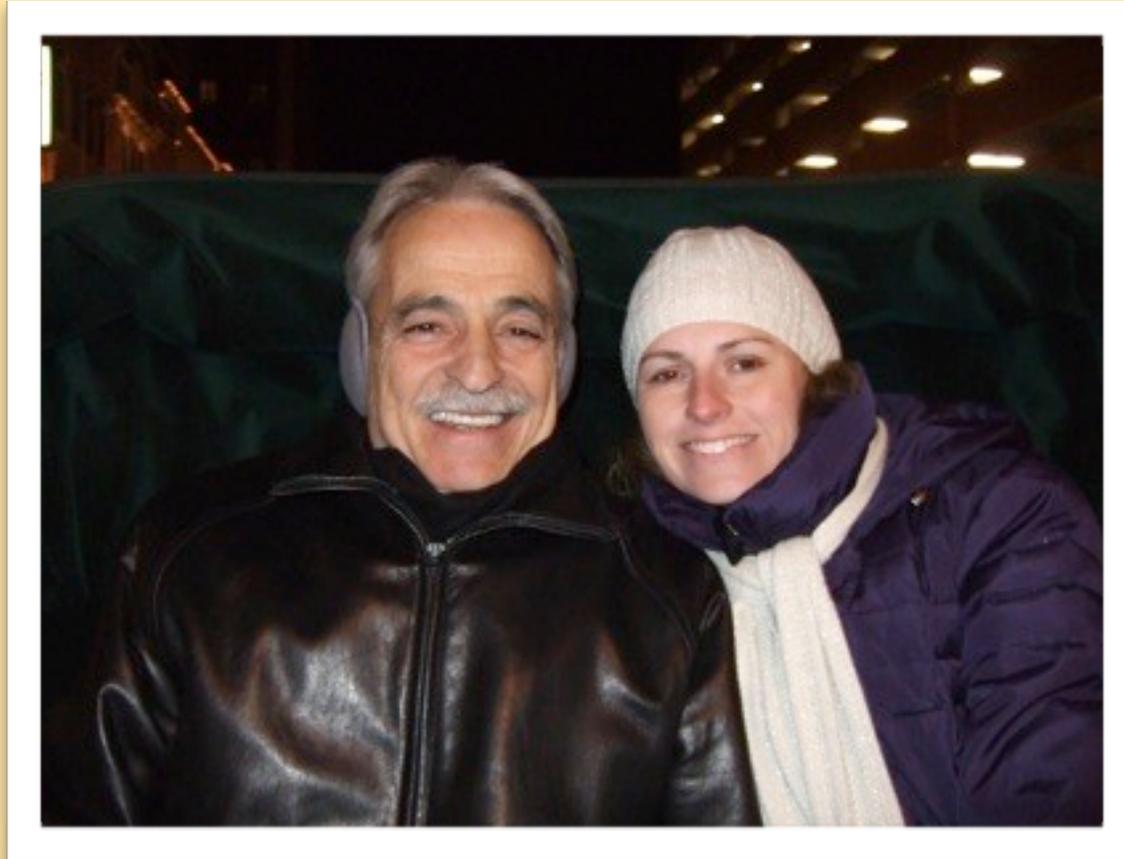


Ron and Michelle

Introduction



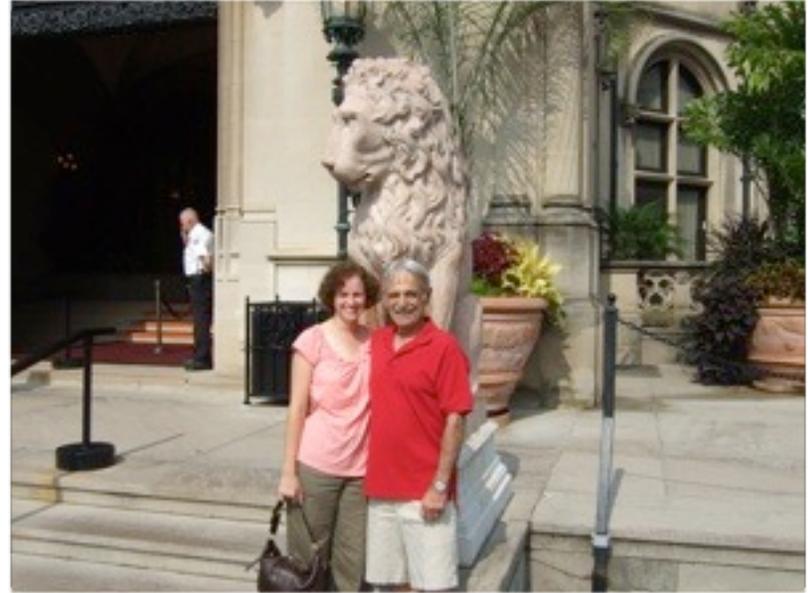
Hi, we are Ron and Michelle.

Thank you for considering adoption. We have dreamed of having a family and have been unsuccessful. Adoption is our way of making our family complete. What you are doing is truly selfless and wonderful.

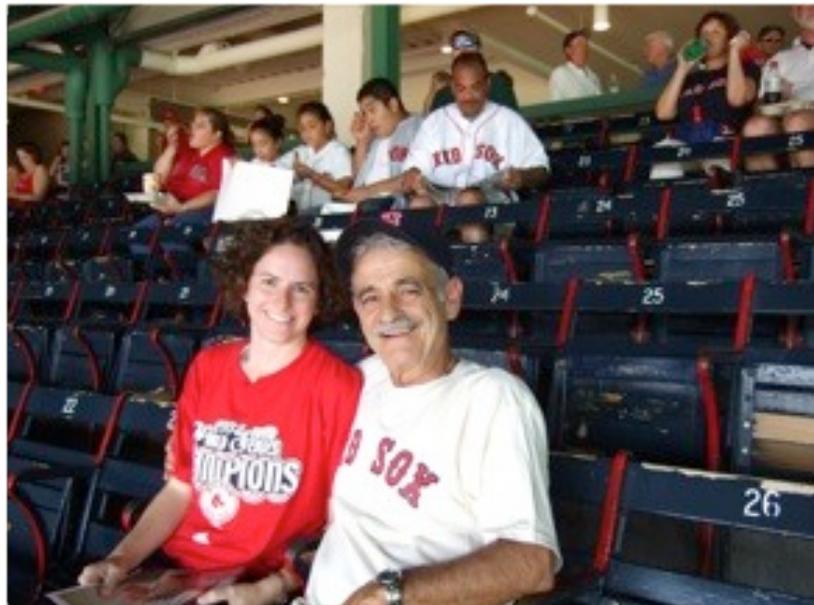
We are glad you are taking the time to learn about us as potential parents for your baby. We hope this booklet helps in giving you an understanding of who we are, and we hope these photos give you a glimpse into our lives and will make your decision a little easier.



Nashville, TN visiting family



Visiting Biltmore Estate



Fenway Park in Boston

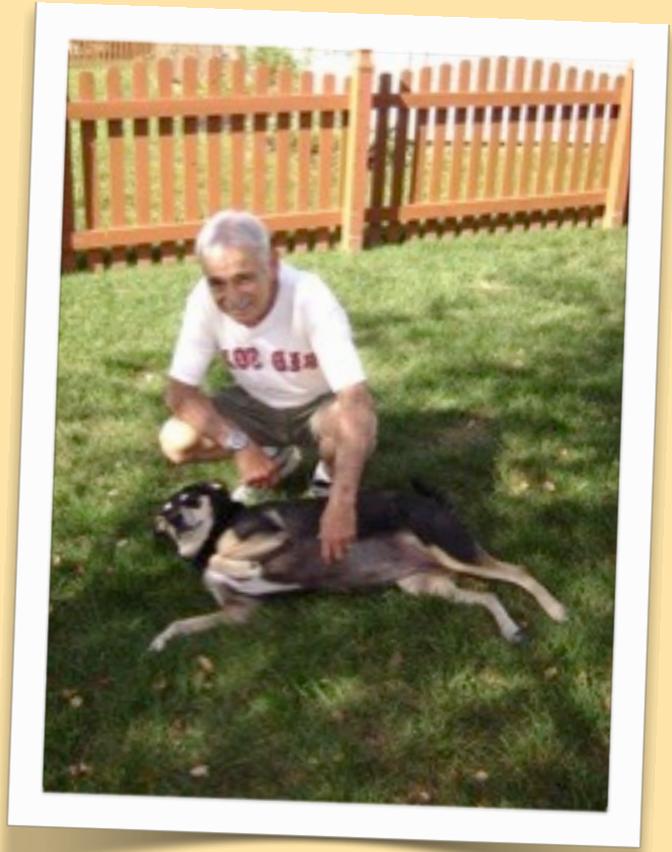
About Us



We met while working at the same company several years ago and quickly realized that we share a lot in common. We are now happily married and enjoy doing things together. We spend time biking, walking the dogs, cooking out and enjoying the backyard.

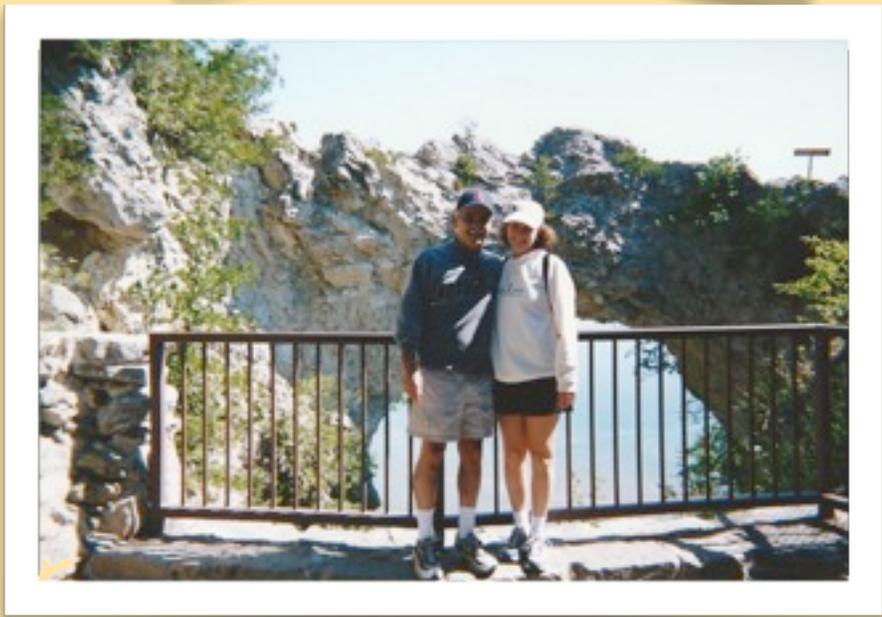
On the weekends we work on projects around the house and in the yard, such as planting flowers, putting in a backsplash in the kitchen, and enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. At our home the kitchen is the hub.

We also enjoy adventures. These adventures do not have to be far from home. We enjoy going to festivals, trying new restaurants (but nothing beats good home cooking!), going to museums, and visiting book stores and enjoying a coffee and a good book.



Weather permitting we cherish time spent outdoors taking in our beautiful Indiana state parks. We love to camp, hike, fish, and, of course, a good camp fire is hard to beat with friends, stories and s'mores!

Building family character and traditions is a very important part of our lives. We enjoy traveling and exploring new towns, whether for a day or a weekend away. One really cold Saturday last December we bundled up and drove to the canal town of Metamora. What fun we had! They were having a Dickens Christmas and we joined with carolers, shopped the wonderfully decorated stores, and kept our hands warm with a cup of hot chocolate. It is now one of our December traditions and it puts us in the Christmas spirit.



Visiting Mackinaw

My Best Friend, My Husband

Ron is fun, loving and caring. He can always make me smile and laugh at his jokes. He also is incredibly responsible. I often tease him about how quickly he pays the bills - in and out the same day!

At work I will often open my lunch up and find a note from Ron telling me to have a good day and that he loves me. I'm sure Ron will write encouraging notes and smiley faces for our child's lunch box, too.



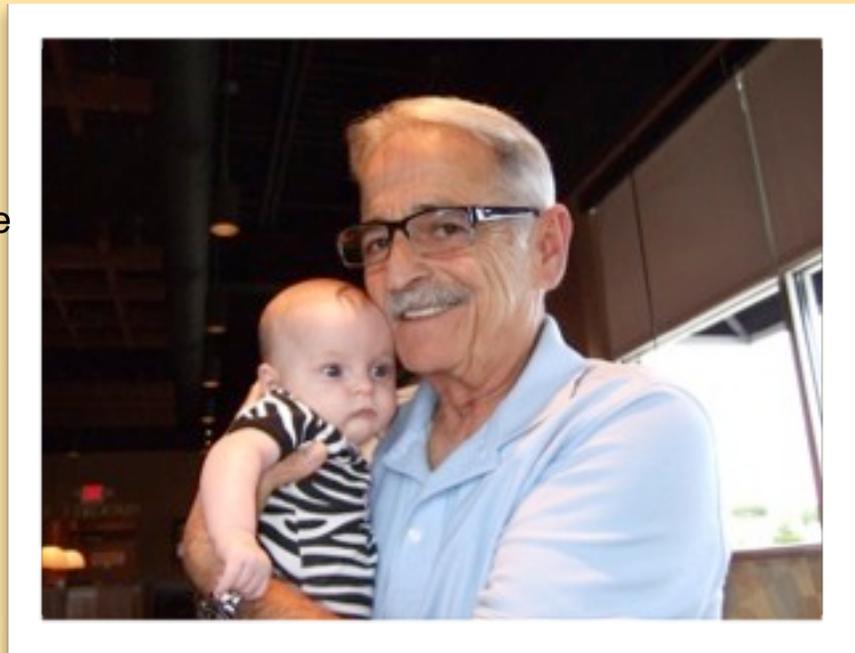
Lost dog was found

Ron is always looking out for others and is always willing to help those in need. Recently, an older lady was at the checkout line at the grocery store and her check would not go through. Without a second thought, Ron offered to pay for her groceries. One winter Ron spent two hours in below-zero weather trying to get a lost dog in the car so he would not freeze or go hungry. These are only two examples of how big of a heart Ron has.



Pretending to surf

Ron has three grown children and eight grandchildren who love him for his energy and enthusiasm and all he does with them. Besides being their cheerleader at their sporting events, he also participates in volleyball competitions with them as well as holding on to his champion status as a Wii player. They are very close and it is always fun to watch him with children. Ron will make a wonderful dad to another child.



Ron with Granddaughter



Working on project



The Grill Master

My Loving Wife

Michelle is my rock. She picks me up when I'm down and always has a positive outlook on life. She's hardworking and enjoys helping others. Michelle teaches part time at a community college and has played a part in helping several struggling students graduate by donating time to mentor them one-on-one. She also shows her compassion through her volunteer work at the Ronald McDonald House and at animal rescue groups.

She is an accomplished runner, competing in many marathons, and is committed to being physically fit. Michelle also has many artistic talents and works with various crafts; from greeting cards and scrapbook pages to elegant tables and decorated desserts.



Casey and Mandy getting TLC



Michelle and Alex, nephew, enjoying the boat ride



Michelle is enthusiastic about sharing and passing on traditions to a child. She will make a loving mother and a child will be blessed to have her love.

Michelle's extensive traveling in her youth taught her compassion and understanding of different cultures. Michelle won the "Lady of the Year" award in high school for not only being a good role model but also for showing compassion to others.



Michelle, Mom and Sister

Elizabeth, Michelle's sister, and Michelle running a mini marathon



Just playing around!



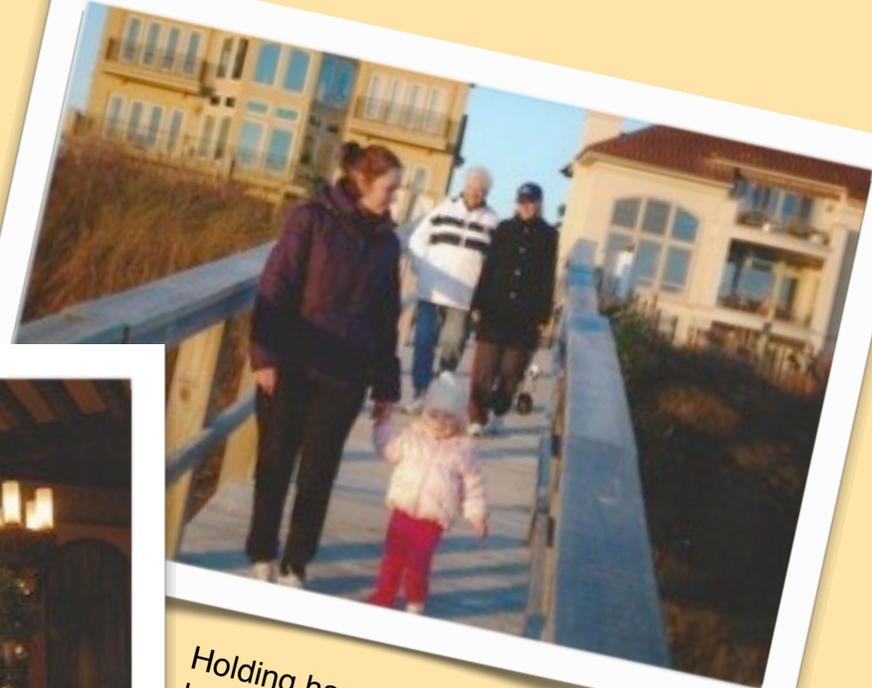
Volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House

Family

Ron with his mother and three children

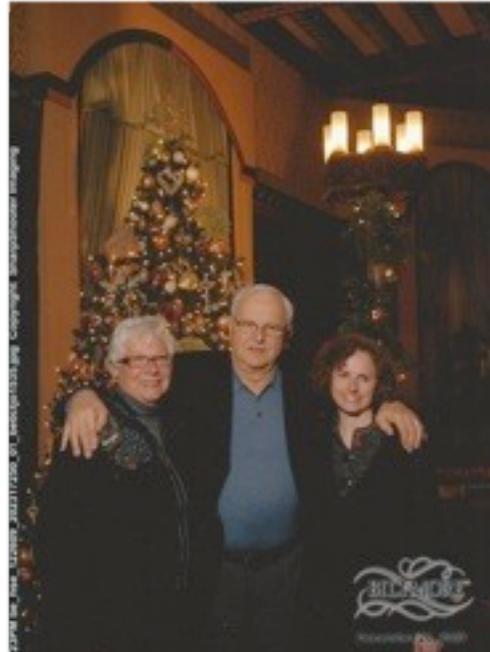


Family is the most important part of our lives. We cherish times together with our families and appreciate the support and love they share with us.



Holding hands with Sarah, niece, at the boardwalk

We have very supportive families. Ron's family lives nearby and we get together often for birthdays, holidays and other fun times. Everyone is looking forward to welcoming a new baby into our family.



Michelle with parents



Enjoying deep sea fishing with family

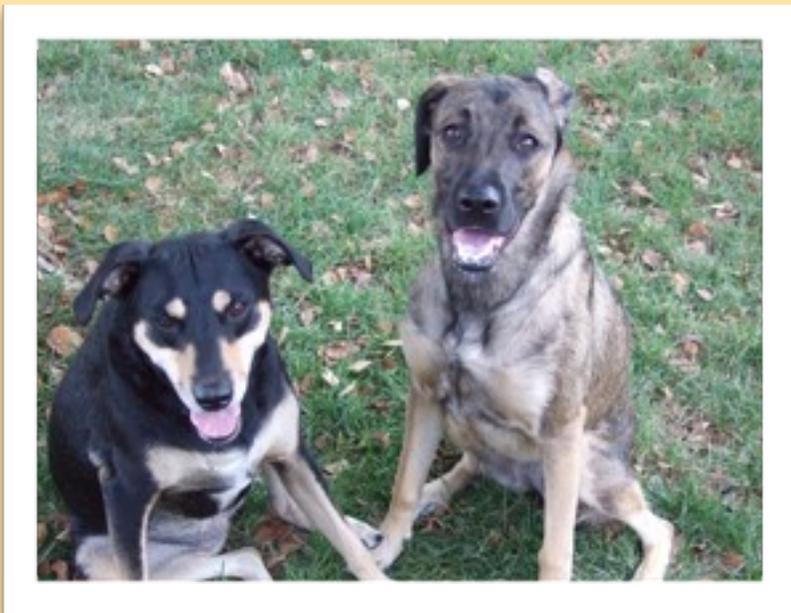


Ron with his brother, Art, and his wife Joan

Michelle's parents live in Nashville, Tennessee within an easy drive to Indiana. Her parents are excited to have more grandchildren to play with. Michelle's sister and her husband live in Atlanta, Georgia and have two children; they cannot wait to be aunt, uncle and cousins to a new baby.



Pizza with Ron's Grandchildren



Casey and Mandy taking a break after playing in the yard.



Michelle's Mom and Dad



Michelle horsing around with nephew

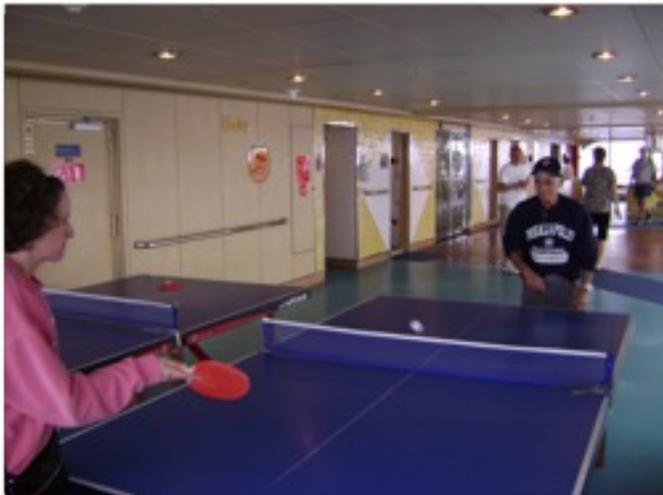
Fun Times



A bear is after Ron!



Riding bikes after work



Ping Pong Championship Game - Ron Won!



Pretending to kiss a fish



Friendly game of tennis



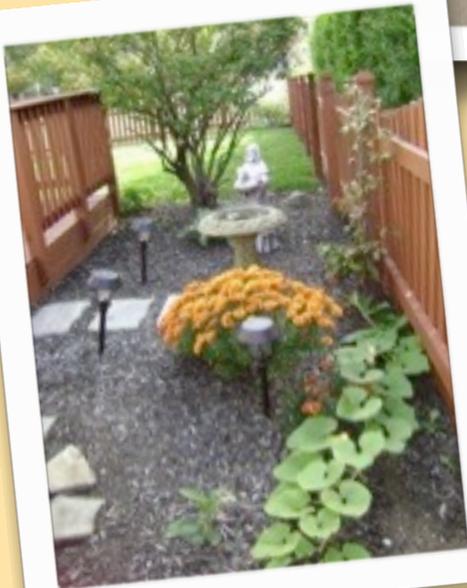
Watching for the ball



Horsing around in the sun!



Getting ready for the big game!



We live in a subdivision that offers the best public school system in the state. The neighborhood is friendly and safe. Every night you see families outside taking walks, talking to neighbors and enjoying the beautiful community.

Our house is welcoming and warm. The layout is open concept with a large kitchen/great room, a dining room and a living room. There is plenty of room for toys! The large yard is fenced in with lots of room to play.

Playground, Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Pool, all within walking distance from our home.





We hope this glimpse into our lives gives you an idea of what a fun-loving couple we are. We will provide your child with a loving and stable Christian home. We will introduce your child to sports, music and the arts and provide a quality education. We will encourage your child to be the best that he or she can be.

We hope you will consider us as parents for your child. We will be happy to answer any questions that will assist you in making this most courageous decision. Thank you for the gift of adoption.

Sincerely,