

# ABOUT US

Hello, we are Joost and Joanne. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Where to start..... We will fast forward through a few years of adventures and life and give you a glimpse into our lives as they are today.. We have been happily married for over 6 years and are blessed to say we have found our best friends in life. We live our lives full of each other, family, friends, God, and nature.



We live in the Fraser Valley in a town out in the country. We live in a quiet cul-de-sac and are backing onto green space, with a park across the road from us. We have shops, a pool, a recreation center, trails, hikes, lots of parks, and lakes minutes away. We live in a rancher with a yard big enough for playing, gardening, and hanging out. The best part is we are only 15 minutes away from everything you might need in a city.

## OUR HOME

## OUR PROMISE

We have dreamed and pray for the day we become parents.

We promise to provide a home that is full of love, laughter and joy.

It is our desire to raise a family with a focus on God, love to each other, our neighbors and the earth.

We promise to tell them their whole story: The gift of us becoming adoptive parents that started with birth parent(s) and a culture that can be talked about, lived, and respected.

We wish to have an open adoption where we can exchange pictures and communicate. If possible we are also open to visits.



## ADOPTION

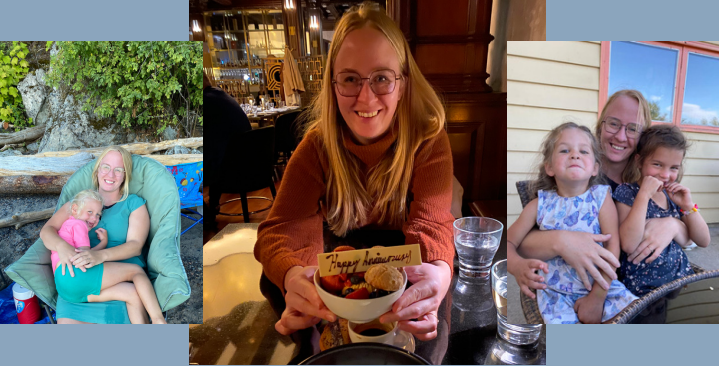
Having discovered early in our marriage that biological children were not an option for us, we knew we wanted to adopt. We have been privileged to have close friends and acquaintances who were blessed to be parents by adoption and it was an easy decision to make.





# JOANNE

Outgoing, warm and passionate Joanne embraces the changes in life and is always up for an adventure with the people she loves. She enjoys gardening, loves anything old and full of history, adventures with her nieces and nephew, and exploring nature with Joost. She is currently an Education Assistant but looks forward to being a stay at home mom.



# FAMILY

We value family and enjoy the time spent with them on a regular basis. From gathering together to celebrate holidays, birthday's, and special occasions to play dates, vacations, and to the spontaneous backyard bbq's and campfires. We are thrilled to be a part of a large loving family with many nieces and nephews for us to spoil. We enjoy the benefits of a great group of friends and a big extended family that is caring, loud, and loving.



# TOGETHER

Together is the best place to be.

### We thrive on:

- A home full of love and shared moments.
- Exploring nature and trips to the ocean.

### We value:

- Eating meals together around the table.
- Family time
- Helping the less fortunate

### We enjoy:

- Growing our own vegetables and flower gardens.
- Playing board games together.
- Hiking and kayaking.
- Doing home projects and crafty hobbies.



# JOOST

A true gentle soul, full of ideas and creativity he thrives on deep connections with people, nature and art. He spends his days leading irrigation project teams at his work where he leads by example. His passions include gardening, nature, drawing, reggae music and cooking with Joanne. He is always up to find a new book on plants and takes the time to listen to a story or even read our nieces and nephews a story.

