



Renzo & Jennifer



Hello! Greetings from upstate NY! We're Renzo and Jennifer, a devoted and loving couple living in the beautiful Hudson Valley. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us, our lives, our family, and what makes us special. As you consider making an adoption plan, we're committed to working with you in a spirit of open communication, non-judgement, and respect. Our lives have been touched in many ways by adoption through the experiences of family and friends. We know the adoption journey is not an easy one but that it is also filled with hope and compassion. We wish you strength, love, and courage as you make this difficult and important decision. We hope you'll see by reading our profile that we are prepared to offer a child much love, commitment, and support. We're excited to welcome a child into our lives!



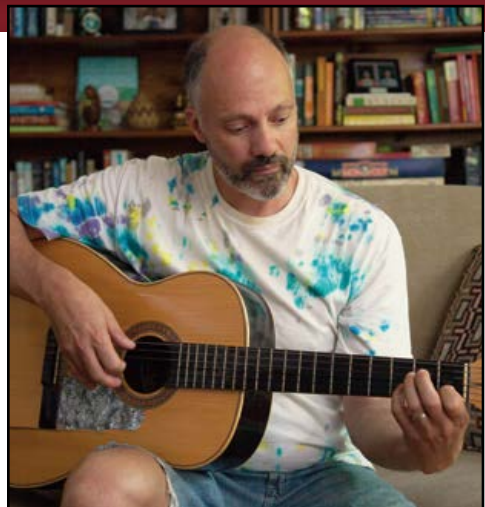
Our Story

Enjoying a beautiful winter in upstate New York

We've been best friends and soulmates for a long time. We met in 2001 and quickly became very close. After 12 years of committed partnership and lots of adventures together, we married in 2014. We have a strong and loving relationship that is based on trust, open communication, and acceptance. We encourage each other to try new things and be adventurous. We live each day in the moment and like to make each other laugh and smile. We enjoy spending time together – at home, with family and friends, in our community, and exploring the world. We love to invite friends over for a meal and visit with our families. One of our favorite outdoor activities is to go for long bikes rides on local trails. We also regularly explore new places and like to travel to other countries and cultures. We share many values in common. One of the values most important to us is a desire to be of service to others. This commitment is reflected in our chosen careers, how we interact with each other, and how we engage together in relationship with other people. We've been dreaming of starting a family for a long time and are excited to bring a child into our lives through adoption.

About Renzo

I was born in Germany and moved to Ohio with my family when I was a child. After studying business administration in college, I decided to spend a few years living and studying in Germany. When I returned home, I moved to upstate NY, where I later met Jennifer. At work, I'm responsible for the care of buildings that are over 300 years old. I really enjoy being part of an organization that educates people about an important part of our American history. I love the outdoors and working with my hands. I spend as much time in our yard as possible. I enjoy building and fixing things. One of my favorite projects was working with one of my friends, a carpenter, to build wooden shelving for our bedroom closet. I'm very active and athletic, and like playing and watching sports. Music is also a passion of mine. I play the guitar and enjoy going to concerts and shows. My favorite music is the blues and rock and roll. I can't wait to share my love of music, sports, and the outdoors with a child. I'm excited to be a father and help our child grow into the person that they are meant to be.



Practicing guitar in our living room

About Jennifer

I've lived in upstate NY since 2001 when I took a job at an international youth leadership camp. I didn't plan to stay very long, but I fell in love with Renzo and the natural beauty of the Hudson Valley. I've lived here ever since. I'm passionate about working with young people. I have dedicated myself to working on international programs that have a positive social benefit. I currently work as an international educator for a non-profit organization. I enjoy working with students and encouraging them to learn about other cultures. I look forward to sharing my love of travel and adventure with our child. I enjoy learning new skills and read a lot. I've taught myself how to bake bread from scratch, make homemade pasta, and create my own unique flavors of jam. I enjoy spending time outside in nature, tending my vegetable garden, hiking in the mountains, and going for long walks in the woods. I like to shop at the farmers' market for fresh vegetables and fruit. I also like to go to outdoor festivals and attend local community events. I love music and play the piano, sing, and dance.



At a farmer's market – this apple was so big!

Our Home



We live in the Hudson Valley, a beautiful area of upstate New York. Our house is located in a quiet, family-friendly neighborhood. It has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room with a large picture window, a large kitchen with lots of room for cooking and entertaining, an office space, and another small room that would make a great space for a child to play in. We've done a lot of work inside and outside the house over the years. We live on a large, wooded lot, surrounded by trees and wildlife with plenty of room for children to play, explore, and dream. We have two decks that overlook the yard where we spend a lot of time reading and hanging out. We have a small vegetable garden. We like to play yard games, lie beneath the tall trees in our hammocks, gaze at the stars, and make camp fires and roast marshmallows. We regularly have friends and family over.



We both love animals, especially our two cats, Kwizera and Cookie. Kwizera is a tabby cat and her name is an African word that means "hope". We adopted her as a young kitten in 2004. Cookie, a black and white cat, is the newest member of our family. We adopted her from an animal shelter in 2017.

Our Family



Enjoying a visit from Jennifer's stepbrother Doug, his wife, and nieces Selah and Piper



Visiting giant redwood trees with Jennifer's sister Chris and nephew Leo



Jennifer's step sister Lisa with nephews Zach and Harry at their home in Long Island, NY



Celebrating the holidays together in Ohio with Renzo's grandfather and nephew



Family gathering with Renzo's brother and sisters, and nephews Dylan and Jake



Enjoying upstate New York with Renzo's dad Edde and step-mother Judit

Spending time with family and being part of their lives is extremely important to us.

We can always count on Jennifer's mother for advice and support. She is very loving, kind, and generous. Jennifer's father is very active and enjoys helping out his neighbors. Her step-mother is very creative. They travel regularly to visit us. Jennifer's older sister is a lawyer and lives with her husband and their adopted son in California. When Jennifer and her sister get together, there is constant laughter. Jennifer also has a younger step-brother and step-sister who we see about once a year.

Sadly, Renzo's mother passed away in 2011. She was a published poet. Renzo's father lives with his wife in Ohio. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is very generous. Renzo's step-mother loves her family deeply. Renzo has a great relationship with his brother and sister. Renzo's younger brother is a doctor and lives in Michigan with his wife. Their two sons, Renzo's nephews, recently graduated from college. Renzo's brother and sister-in-law are fantastic parents. Renzo's younger sister lives in Michigan.



Thank You

Adoption connects the lives of birth parents, adoptive parents, and a child in a truly unique and special way. We know this is an incredibly difficult decision for you to make. We hope your heart will guide you to the right path to take for you and your child. Thank you for considering us as potential adoptive parents.

*Peace & Love ♡
Renzo & Jennifer*

LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS FAMILY

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	OCCUPATION	HOBBIES	FAVORITE PLACES	FAVORITE FOODS	FAVORITE MUSIC
Renzo	SITE SUPERVISOR AT HISTORIC SITE 	PLAYING HORSESHOES, BIKING, SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS, MUSIC, READING 	HOME, OUTDOORS, THE WOODS 	PASTA, ANYTHING JENNIFER COOKS! 	BLUES, CLASSIC ROCK, JAM BANDS
Jennifer	INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR AT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 	READING, COOKING, GARDENING, BIKING, MUSIC 	HOME, SAN FRANCISCO, OUTDOORS 	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES 	80S NEW WAVE, ALTERNATIVE ROCK, ELECTRONICA



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