

Michael & Thomas



Hello!

We are Michael and Thomas from New York.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We know this is a difficult decision for you and are so honored that you might consider making an adoption plan with us.

We hope to provide you with a glimpse into the life we have built together; one filled with love, and surrounded by friends and family - and plenty of laughter!

We admire the strength and courage you have to embark on this journey. Know we are here to support you and answer any questions you might have about who we are and the life we hope to provide for your child.

We've always envisioned starting our family through adoption, as Thomas had a wonderful experience being adopted. We hope to be able to provide the same gift to your child.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to meet in person very soon!



Our Life Together



Right after we were married at City Hall!

We met in 2013 and were married in the fall of 2015. From the day we met, we have dreamt of creating a family and becoming parents. We are excited for the opportunity to grow our family in the way we've always imagined through adoption.

What we love most in the world is spending time with our friends and family — cooking at home, watching movies, going to the park, and traveling. We love art and music and are lucky to have a community filled with talented loved ones and two wonderfully large families!



Cooking Thanksgiving dinner with our friend Anne.



On vacation in Cape Cod.



A family trip in Asheville, NC with Michael's parents and sister Sam's family.



Celebrating in our back yard on our wedding day!



Thomas and his family on a cruise.



At lunch in Greece.



Family trip in Greece with our nieces and nephew.



Thomas and our friend Jen at the Museum.



Thomas' birthday brunch in the Hamptons with friends.



Michael's 30th birthday party at the vineyard with friends.



Thomas and our friend Ilana enjoying summer.



Our first trip together in upstate New York!

A little more about Thomas



Hangin' loose on a summer trip to Hawaii!

I was born in 1978 in Georgia and adopted by Larry and Cecelia four months later. I was the third child they adopted, and the youngest in my family. We spent the first four years of my life in Maui, Hawaii. We then moved to San Diego to be closer to my grandparents, where I spent the rest of my childhood.

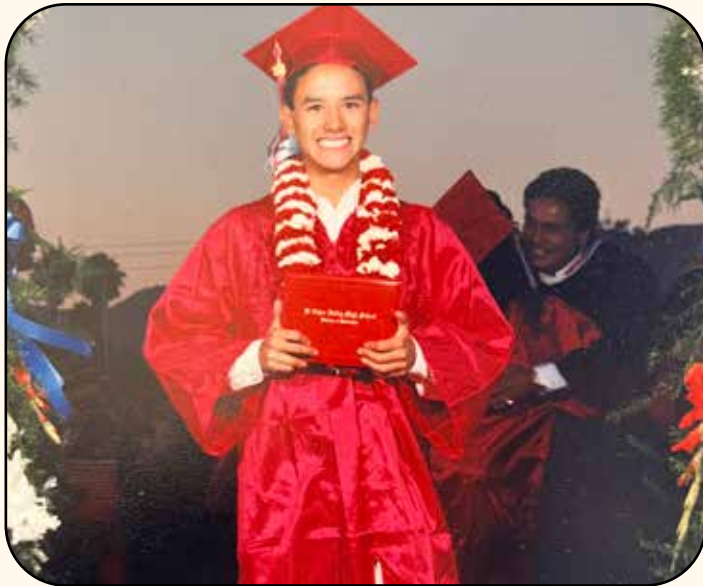
My adoptive parents took special care to make sure all three of us understood our adoption stories, and I felt their unconditional love throughout my entire childhood. As a family, we would take wonderful trips together spending time on the beach swimming, fishing, and playing games with the rest of our extended family.



Early years in Hawaii!



Freshman year of highschool on the swim team.



Highschool graduation - I did it!



Enjoying the boy scouts - cheese!



Me with my extended family.

After high school, I made my way up to Los Angeles to attend the Vidal Sassoon Academy and began my career as a hair dresser. After a year, I continued north to San Francisco, where I lived for another five years, continuing to work with Sassoon. I then moved to New York City, expanding my hair dressing work to salons, photoshoots, and runway shows, and where I met Michael!

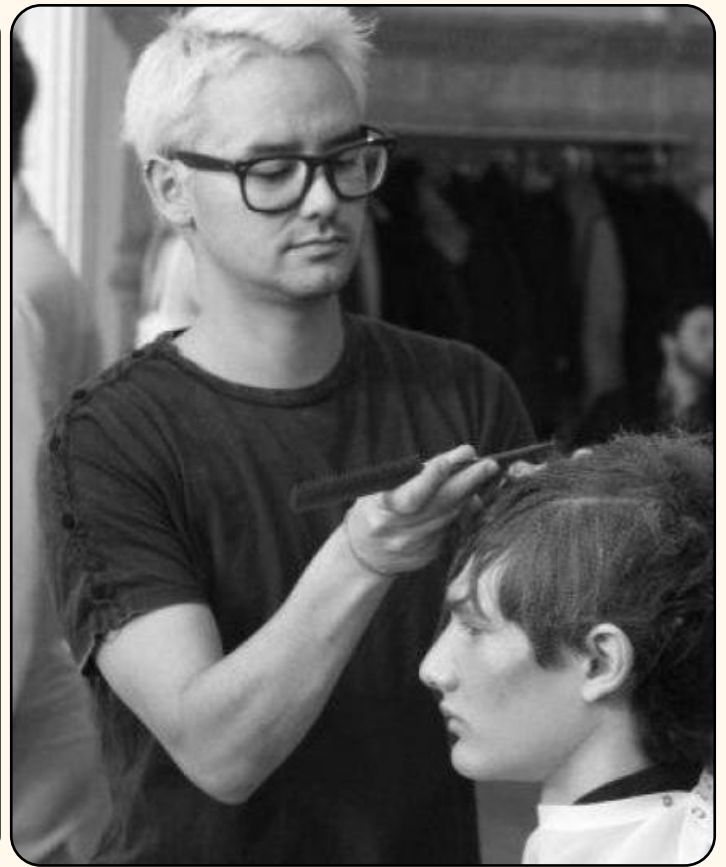
When my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and dementia in 2018, I decided to spend more time in San Diego to help care for her. This experience changed my life, and I decided to shift my career to nursing. I enrolled in nursing school and my mother has gone on to beat her cancer! I now work in the oncology unit at a hospital near our home in Brooklyn.



My mom and me.



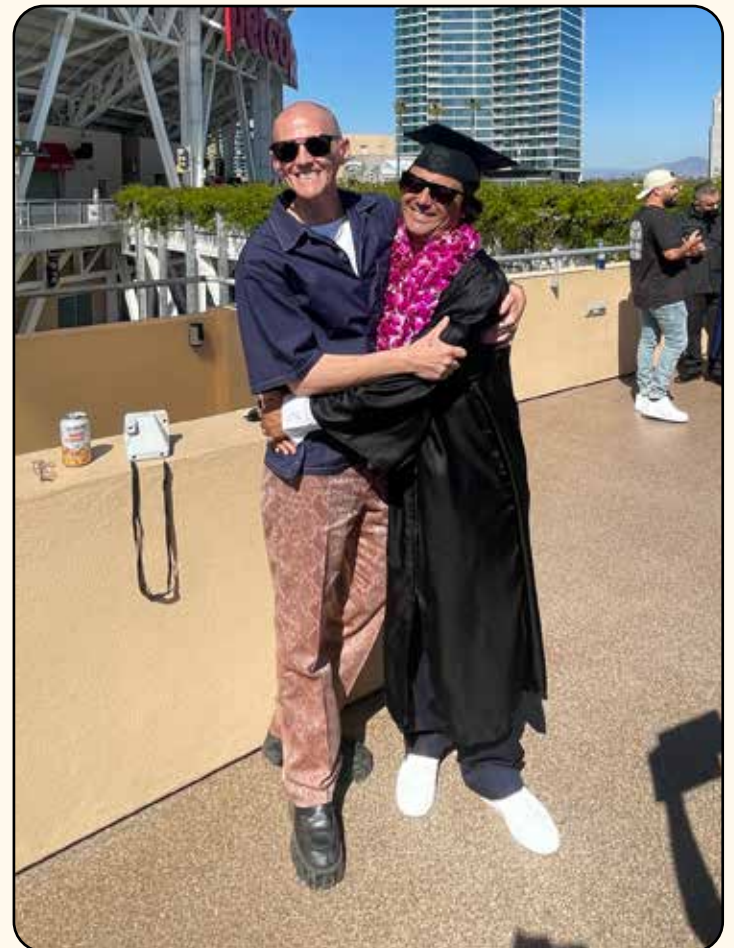
At my salon in New York City.



Working at a New York City fashion show.



Learning all about IVs in nursing school.



Nursing school graduation.

A little more about Michael



My first horse!

I was born and raised in a small village just outside of Liverpool in England. I grew up with two older sisters and surrounded by a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and lots and lots of cousins. Our days were always filled with big family gatherings and trips - celebrating birthdays, going fishing, traveling to Greece, hosting dinners at our house, you name it!

From a very young age, I knew I loved horses, and when I was old enough, I started caring for the horses at the local stables and competing in local and national shows.



Vacation in Greece with my friend Andrea.



Family party in our backyard.



At a competition with my horse, Spencer.



Smirking in the family photo.



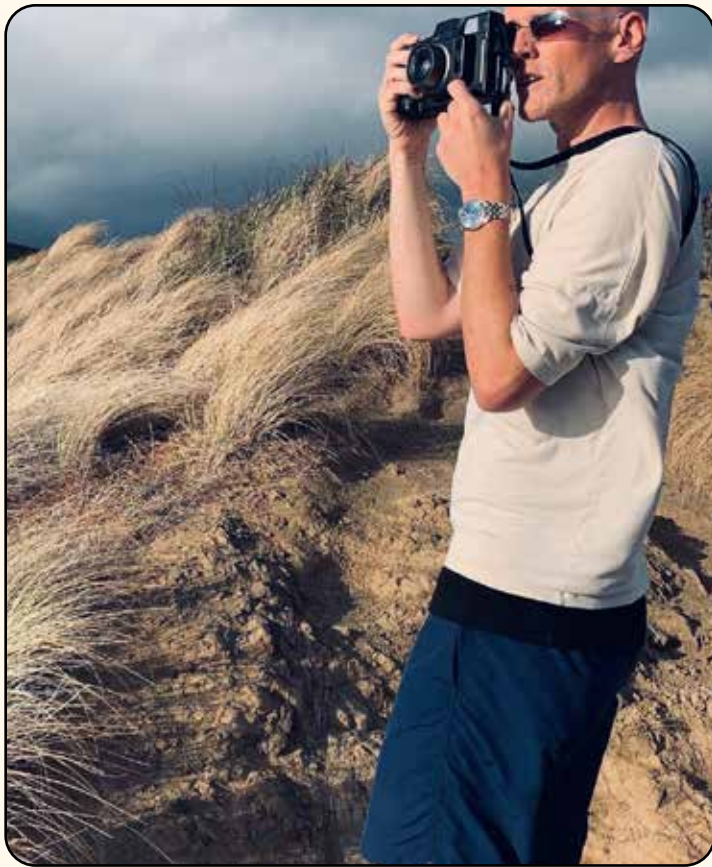
I caught one! Out fishing in Wales with my dad and cousin Emma.

After high school, I went to college in Liverpool to study sociology and then went on to study photography in London and Paris. All throughout, I worked to assist photographers and intern at studios and agencies, to get as much hands on experience as I could.

In 2011, I made the jump across the Atlantic Ocean and began my career in New York City (where I met Thomas!), running a photography agency. I've since worked as a photography, visuals, and creative director with many magazines, brands, and retailers to bring together the strongest teams of photographers and stylists to produce unique images for each client.



My team of photographers at Essence Festival 2023 in New Orleans!



Taking photos on a trip to Hawaii.



On set for a photoshoot.



Working as the Photo Director at Interview Magazine



Watering the garden with our neighbor Wilde.

Our Home

We live in an historic neighborhood just outside the city, in a wonderful brownstone apartment. There are so many things we love about our neighborhood - most importantly the sense of community and beautiful tree-lined streets.

We have a lovely backyard, where we regularly host friends and family for dinner, parties, or to watch one of our favorite movies on the projector.

Our apartment has two spacious bedrooms - one for us and one we'll make into a nursery for your little one - and we are just a short walk away from several of our favorite parks, a place we like to spend time, no matter what the season.

Most importantly, our home is filled with love, laughter, warmth, and all of Thomas' delicious cooking!



Thomas cooking Michael a special birthday breakfast - banana pancakes and bacon!



An afternoon brunch and celebration for our friend Ilana's wedding.



Balloons galore for Thomas's 40th birthday party!



Michael bringing home our annual Christmas tree.

Our Family

One of the big reasons we fell in love with each other was our shared experience with big families and our common desire to have a family. We both grew up very close with our immediate and extended families and have maintained that closeness in our adult lives. Our families are extremely supportive of our plan to adopt.



Michael sending our nieces Gabriella and Sienna and his nephew Noah out for their first day back at school.



Michael reading to our nephew Tristan on Christmas morning.



A family Christmas day out with our niece Theodora in Liverpool.



Thomas and his mom on a boat trip in the Cayman islands.



Thomas with his mom, sister, and niece in San Diego.



Michael's parents on a trip to Greece for his mom's 70th birthday!



With Thomas' entire family on a cruise in honor of his grandma!



Thomas with our niece and nephew on a boat in Greece.



Thomas with Michael's mom and grandma.



Thomas teaching our niece Theodora how to swim!



Our nephew Noah eating Christmas morning pancakes in the Canary Islands.



Michael with his sisters Sam and Steff during Christmas in the Canary Islands.



Thomas and his sister - who are both nurses!



Thomas feeding our youngest nephew, Tristan.



Thomas on his graduation day with his parents, sister, and nieces and nephew.



Thomas and Michael's mother, who are very close!



Us with Michael's sisters and their husbands on his sister Sam's wedding day.



Thomas and Michael's grandma Tess.



Our nieces on our family cruise.

Our Travels



Snorkeling in Puerto Rico.



Visiting the Acropolis in Athens.



Boat day in Greece with Michael's side of the family!

One of the best things about having big families, is big family trips! We both grew up going on exciting vacations across the world and have made sure to keep travel an important part of our life together.

Whether going to the United Kingdom or Europe for a family vacation, to Hawaii to visit Thomas' family, to Puerto Rico for a weekend getaway, or camping upstate, we always love to explore new places and make unforgettable memories. We look forward to the day when we can make new memories with your child!



In the mountains of Hawaii.



Michael and his mom taking in some sun in Greece.



Thomas and our nephew, Tristan, in Greece



Michael with our nieces and nephew in Greece.

Our Friends & The People We Love



Us with Ilana on her wedding day.



Easter day in Miami with Jack & Anne.



Our upstairs neighbor Wilde, watering the garden!



Michael and Matilde on vacation in Portugal.



Catching up with Michael's best friends from childhood.



Thomas teaching Wilde how to fly a pro kite!



Camping weekend with friends in upstate New York.



Thomas cutting Wilde's hair.



With Barrie & Maria celebrating a friend's engagement



Thomas with his high school friends.



Our neighbors & friends Jen, Wilde, Simon, and Linda.



Michael with Cole & Matilde.

Thomas, by Michael



Thoughtful
Humble
Original
Magical
Animated
Strong

Thomas is a truly special individual. His thoughtfulness touches every aspect of our life together, and he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the well-being and happiness in our home. Thomas has a magical way of turning ordinary moments into extraordinary memories, infusing our lives with joy and wonder. Behind his gentle demeanor lies a quiet strength, which makes Thomas a loving husband and the perfect partner to be starting a family with.

Michael, by Thomas



Mature
Intelligent
Caring
Hardworking
Affectionate
Endearing
Loyal

Michael is a rare blend of maturity, intelligence, and care. He is dedicated, hardworking, and his warmth and charm effortlessly win over hearts of those he meets. He is a loyal friend, always standing by the side of those he cares for, and I can only imagine what a wonderful father figure he will be.

Yoko



Last but by no means least, we want to introduce our sweet and loving puppy, Yoko.

Not so much a puppy these days, she's actually turning 10 this year! Yoko is smart and gentle, and has been the best pet anyone could ever hope for. She loves to sleep all day and snuggle with us on the couch any chance she gets. She's fantastic with children - very gentle and loving - and is unbelievably kind and caring.



Our niece Theodora with Yoko.

As parents, we promise to give your child the freedom and the safety to be whoever they want to be.

We will teach compassion, through love, respect, grace and humility. We promise to provide a loving home with clear guidance and structure. We promise to nurture their development and grow their understanding of family and of community. We will support them in the pursuit of their dreams, whatever they may be.

Please know that we are here to support you however we can, and we would be happy to meet you to answer any questions you might have about us. We are comfortable adopting a child of any race, and are very happy to have open communication with you before and after we adopt.

We are fortunate enough to each have the option to take paternity leave from work, to give us time to bond with your baby, and there are some wonderful child care options available to us if and when we feel it necessary.

Please feel free to contact us through our agency Forever Families Through Adoption at 914.939.1180 or reach out to us directly at 917.930.9596.

Thank you again,

Michael and Thomas



Thank you!