



~ Hello ~

Thank-you for taking the time to learn about us and our hopes for adoption. We have a great deal of admiration for your courage and love in planning for your child's future and realize that you are facing some important decisions. We hope this album can give you a sense of who we are, and if we are a couple you would like to know more about.

We have been together for thirteen years and were married four years ago. Our relationship is a source of great support, happiness, and friendship for both of us. We are committed to building an open relationship with a birth family, and to raise a child to appreciate the incredible act of love that brought them into our family.

We would love to hear more about you and your hopes for your child. If you are interested in learning more about us, we can be reached by telephone and email or you can contact our adoption attorney who has worked with birthparents for many years.

Chuck + Karen

“Chuck?...I don’t think I’ve ever met someone actually named Chuck.”

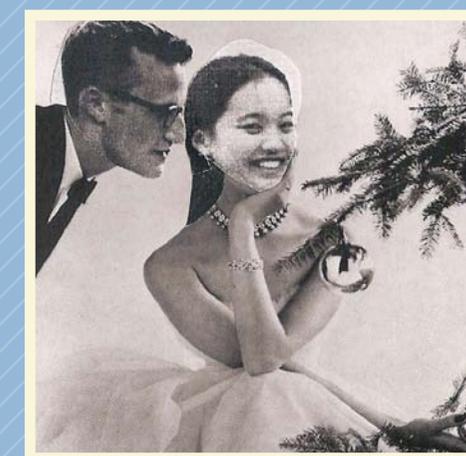


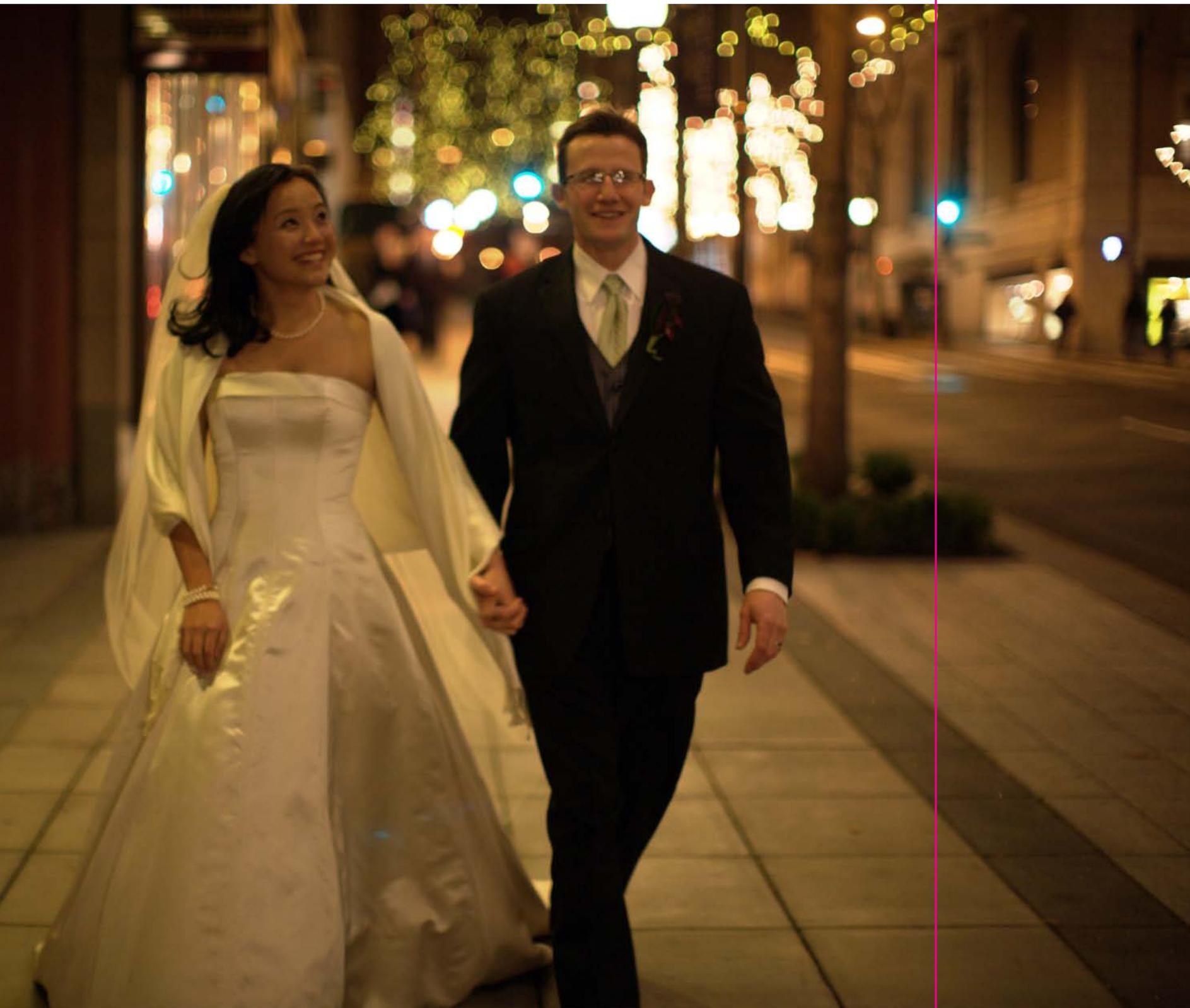
And so it began.

During the first week of my freshman year at the University of Washington, I met Chuck walking into a Geology class. Chuck was a junior and I don’t think he quite knew what to make of the curious girl who was so intrigued by his name.

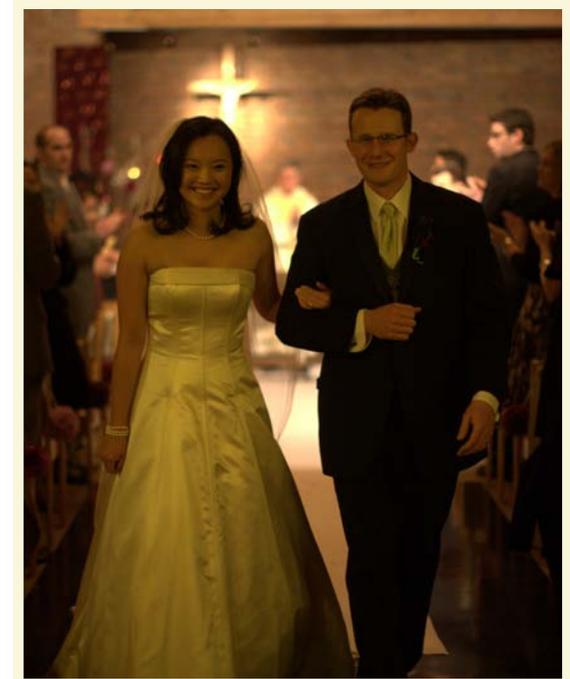


*Anniversary card
for Karen, made with
love by Chuck*





*Our New Year's Eve
wedding: what a way
to ring in 2009!*



*Chuck and I have always loved to travel
and also spend time with our friends and family.*



*A year ago, we decided
to buy a get-away on
Whidbey Island.*

We had dreamt about having a place where we could combine our love of travel (or just getting out of town) and also gave us a place to host family and friends for long weekends full of big dinners, game nights, and bonfires.



Karen is good with the crab pots...



*...but she is downright
amazing in the kitchen.*



*Chuck has been my best friend
for the past 15 years.*



We had this immediate natural connection from when we first met, and we built our relationship on a strong foundation of friendship.

I have no doubt that Chuck will be a great dad, he is loving, fun, and has seemingly endless patience which will come in handy when we have a little one in our home.

Chuck works for King County as a mediator and in his spare time works on projects around the home (including our beautiful new porch), bikes, golfs, and volunteers in our community.



*On top of the world:
Chuck conquering
Mt. Adams.*

*He is this amazing mix of calmness,
patience, and optimism.*



*Our house looks great with
the new porch that Chuck built!*

*She is a natural with kids
and will be an incredible mother.*



Karen grew up in a small town in Dover, Delaware where her mom and dad owned a Chinese restaurant in town. Working at the restaurant as a kid really gave Karen these rich experiences, meeting people from diverse backgrounds, as well as providing her with a strong business foundation.

Karen's dad passed away too soon—when Karen was just 17. Karen's family is very close and if her dad were here today, I am sure he would be proud of the generous woman she's become. I am blessed that I get to spend my life with such an amazing person and I can't wait to bring a child into our family.



Yeti is an Old English Sheepdog, and we chose his breed because they are known to be playful, sweet, and great with children. Old English Sheepdogs are nicknamed “Nanny-dogs” because they are known to “herd” kids and keep them safe.



We frequently hear from both kids and adults that he looks like a stuffed animal, and that he’s SOOOO fluffy. It’s true, and kids are drawn to him. They love to hug him and he loves to be hugged.

Yeti is extremely gentle with small children even when they get excited and pull on his hair or grab at his nose.

*We may be a little biased but
Yeti is a pretty amazing guy.*



*We are fortunate enough to have both sides
of our family here in the Seattle-area.*



*And all of us are so excited to welcome
a new child into our lives.*

*Scoot-carting with Yeti as a little puppy.
(He'd need his own car now!)*



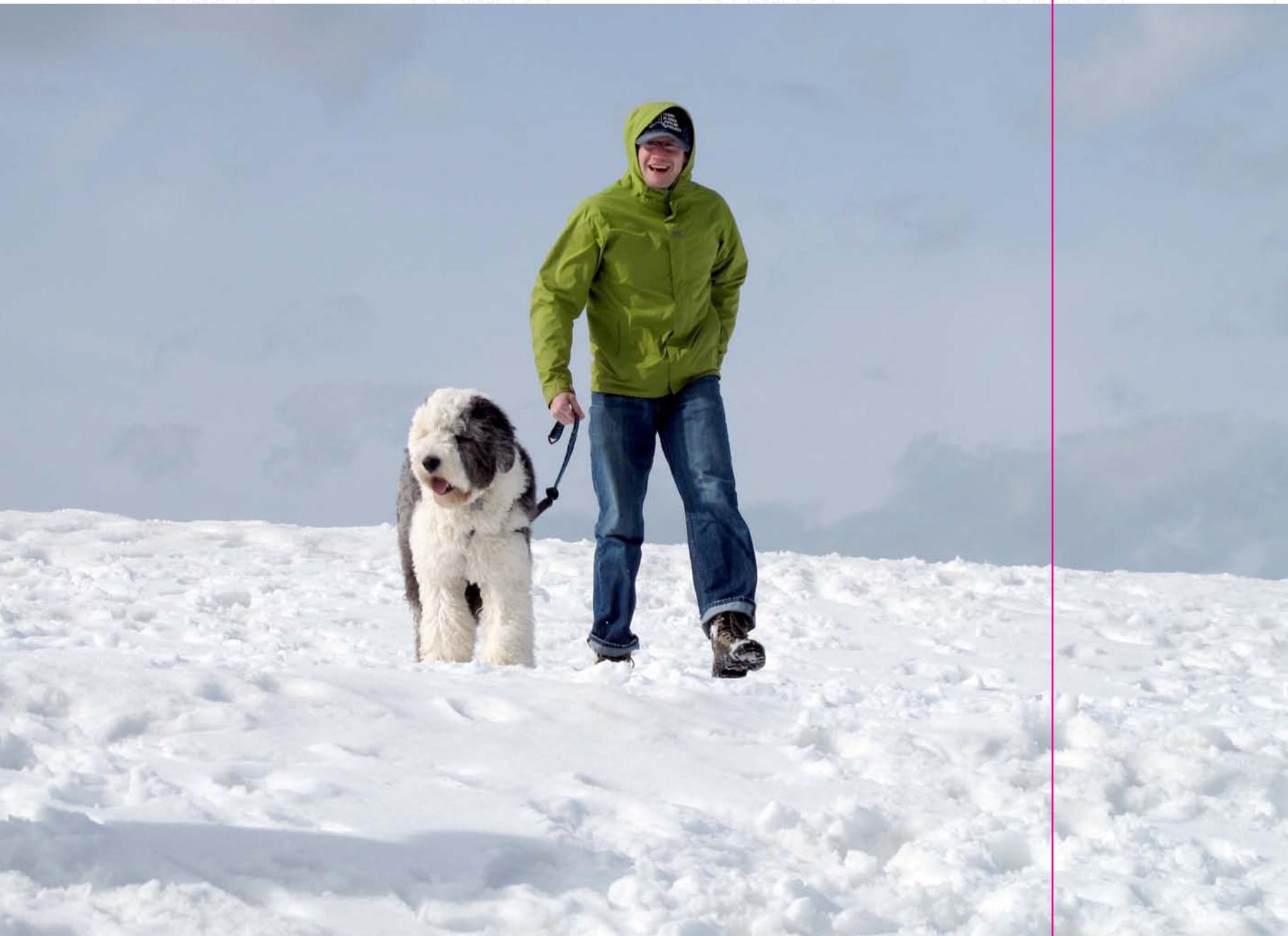
*Chuck is no Michael Phelps...
but we still enjoy spending
time on the water! →*

*We love going
to sporting events
together.*



*↑
Rooting for the Mariners at Safeco Field!*





← Yeti taking Chuck for a walk in the snow!

Thank-you again for taking the time to view our album. We hope it has given you some idea of who we are and how excited we are to adopt a child. If you are interested in learning more about us, we would love to talk with you. You can reach us either by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Chuck + Karen