

Hello we are...  
Emre and Marianne





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

Our hopes and dreams are completely family-centric. We feel extremely lucky to have found each other and have formed a strong marriage based on love and friendship. Having both grown up in households with involved parents and close sibling relationships, we are eager to form our own close-knit family unit. We have been preparing to bring children into our home and have spent countless hours dreaming of the love and laughter that will abound.

We find ourselves overjoyed as we picture the house we recently built filled with the noise and excitement that comes with a family with children. We are huge animal lovers and have five pets - three dogs and two cats. We can not wait for our children to grow up with the same love and respect for animals and look forward to fostering a wonderful bond between our furry creatures and our kids. We also love nature and spend a lot of time outdoors. Our neighborhood is set on the marsh in a woods setting and we enjoy fishing on the dock, walking our dogs on leisure trails, and sitting on the back porch listening to the chirping birds. We look forward to spending lots of time outdoors with our children teaching them to ride bikes in the safe neighborhood, swimming in our backyard pool, boating down the tranquil creek, and watching them climb trees and play games with the other neighborhood kids. We often picture ourselves at our dining room table sharing many a home-cooked meals with our children as we bask in our familial bliss. Our dream is to provide a safe, loving, childhood to a house full of kids and form memories that encompass the American dream.

Adoption has always been a dream of ours. We find it to be a beautiful concept and are excited to form our family this way. We advocate open mindedness and diversity and look forward to having a family that may not look traditional but has traditional values and foundations. Emre owns his own retail store that is located just 10 minutes from our home. It is important to him that he will be able to provide not only financially for the children but emotionally as well. His close proximity will enable him to spend much time at home. I own my own business as well. I am an interior designer and work from the home. I am fortunate enough to have the liberty to put time with my children above my career. It is important to us that our children are raised by us with the help of our loving extended family.

We have spent years preparing to make our dream of adoption come to fruition and we eagerly await our babies arrivals. Our hearts are bursting with love, our minds are full of devotion, and our nursery is set up waiting to be filled with the delightful squeals of children. As best friends who share the same goals and visions for our life, parenthood is an adventure that we eagerly await to take together.

Warm Wishes,

*Marianne & Emre*

  
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## *Our values and beliefs as parents...*

The most important thing to us as parents is for our children to be healthy. We believe that a happy child is a healthy child and that happiness comes from a strong sense of self. We will strive to build a strong sense of self in our children by teaching them the importance of honesty, tolerance/acceptance, education, and family.

Honesty is of the most importance. We hope to have open communication with our children. While we may not always like what they say or do, they will be rewarded for honesty. We believe that your word is all you have and that you can not feel good about yourself and be comfortable in your skin if honesty is not a core value. Being true to yourself is essential for happiness and in order to do this you must be honest with yourself and others. Confidence is built on honesty and with confidence comes happiness.

Tolerance and acceptance is an important value. We believe it is difficult for a child to have a healthy self-esteem if they are not open to the differences in the world. We hope our children view differences as being special and keep their minds open to new experiences and the opportunity to learn. Education is a crucial component. We would like to educate our children in the best schools we can. Education is a tool we would like to provide our kids with because it is a gift that can never be taken away and will lend to a healthy sense of confidence and thus happiness.

We also strongly believe that travel is a wonderful form of education. In our minds traveling is the best education because they will see first-hand the differences in culture and how beautiful diversity can be. If they keep their minds and hearts open they will be able to experience more love. We also hope that our strong sense of family will be inherited by our children. Through unconditional love and persistent devotion we hope our kids will come to learn how invaluable family is and will one day aspire to have closeknit families of their own. As long as our children are well adjusted, happy, and secure in our love for them we feel we have succeeded as parents.



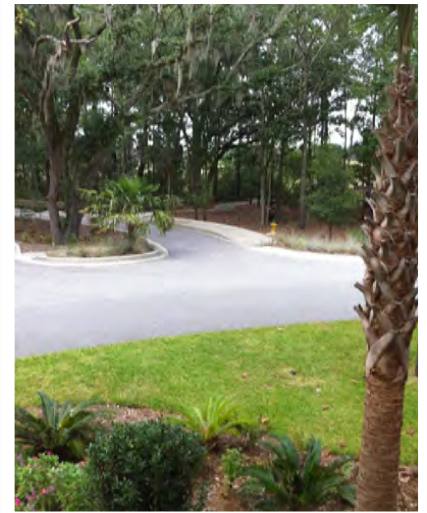
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## Our home...

We live in a traditional Georgian style home that we built last year. My father was the architect and played close attention to the details I wanted for our future family. We have a large kitchen, which we believe is the center of the home. I love to cook and there are always delicious aromas radiating from this room. Off the kitchen is a dining room with a large table for the many family dinners to which we look forward. A nursery is right by our bedroom so we will be close to our children when they are young. We also have two extra bedrooms so the twins can have their own rooms when they are old enough to leave the nursery. On the third floor we have our movie room with a huge bed-like couch. We love to watch movies and favorite shows up here where we lay with a bowl of popcorn and our dogs. We can not wait to have our children snuggling on the couch with us as we watch family movies and all veg out. We also have a large space over the garage that is designated as a playroom. It is a very casual space that will be dedicated for kids to wreck havoc as they play video games, do art projects, play dress up, and have fun. Our back porch is screened in and we love to sit out here on the rocking chairs and play board games. The porch overlooks our pool and outdoor dining area. Emre can often be seen cooking something on the grill out here and we often have family and neighbors over for pool parties and grill outs. Our yard is small but we have set aside an area for a swing set that my Dad is anxious to build for the twins.



## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dogs and outdoor cats

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Reading, yoga, fashion, swimming, travel, gardening, cooking, volunteering at animal shelters, antiques, learning about new cultures

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Reggae Music, movies, boats, planes, travel, watching sports, playing with the animals, trying new foods, learning about new cultures

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Interior Designer

**Adoptive Father:** Retail Store Owner

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

Our neighborhood is set in a woody area and across the street from our house is a creek set on the marsh. There are two community docks where people can fish and keep their small boats. There is also a neighborhood gazebo and fire pit where neighbors get together to roast marshmallows and catch up. I know all of my neighbors very well and many of them have been family friends for years. There is a strong sense of community and an old-fashioned safeness that is getting rare to find these days. The neighborhood feels like a quiet haven miles from the chaos of everyday life yet it is only minutes from downtown schools and doctors and just 20 minutes from many beaches.

I have decorated our home to feel comfortable and welcoming. Personal items such as family pictures and souvenirs from our travels have transformed a house into our home. It is a kid-friendly, pet-friendly place ready for the twins to come fill with even more life. With the foresight of our future children in mind, we built a home in a neighborhood that we believe will be ideal for our kids to thrive.

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## Our family...

Emre and I currently have no children. I would love a household full of kids. I have always wanted five but Emre and I both agree that we will have as many as time and money will permit. Our adopted children will be the first grandchildren on both sides of the family and will doubtlessly be spoiled with love and affection. Emre's parents and grandmother live only 20 minutes from our home. His parents are thrilled to be grandparents and his grandmother is over the moon to have her first great grandchildren to help care for. Emre's older brother also lives about 15 minutes from us and we often get together with him for dinners and activities.



My older brother and his wife live right down the street from us. We spend a lot of time together, hanging out by the pool and getting together for dinners and bbqs. They hope to have children in the near future and we all look forward to the close relationship that our kids will have as first cousins. I have a very large extended family as my Dad is one of eleven children and I grew up with tons of first cousins. I really value these relationships and look forward to my children having a similar experience with their cousins. My father who lives about 20 minutes from me will be the proudest grandfather in the world. I see him daily as we are very close. He talks about cooking for his grandkids, teaching them to play golf, and swimming with them in the ocean. My mother lives out of town but has said numerous times that the expectant grandchildren might just persuade her to buy a house right next to ours!

Our parents have a very rare and unique friendship with each other that extends past the typical in-laws relationship. My mom and Emre's mom are best friends. My brother and Emre's brother have been friends for almost 20 years, and our dads get along like old pals. Our families have even traveled internationally together and we look forward to having our babies along with us on these precious family vacations. Holidays are extra special as we spend them all together and we never have to worry about dividing time between the two families. It will be a very special treat for our children to have this and we look forward to the addition at our Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Fourth of July get-togethers.



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