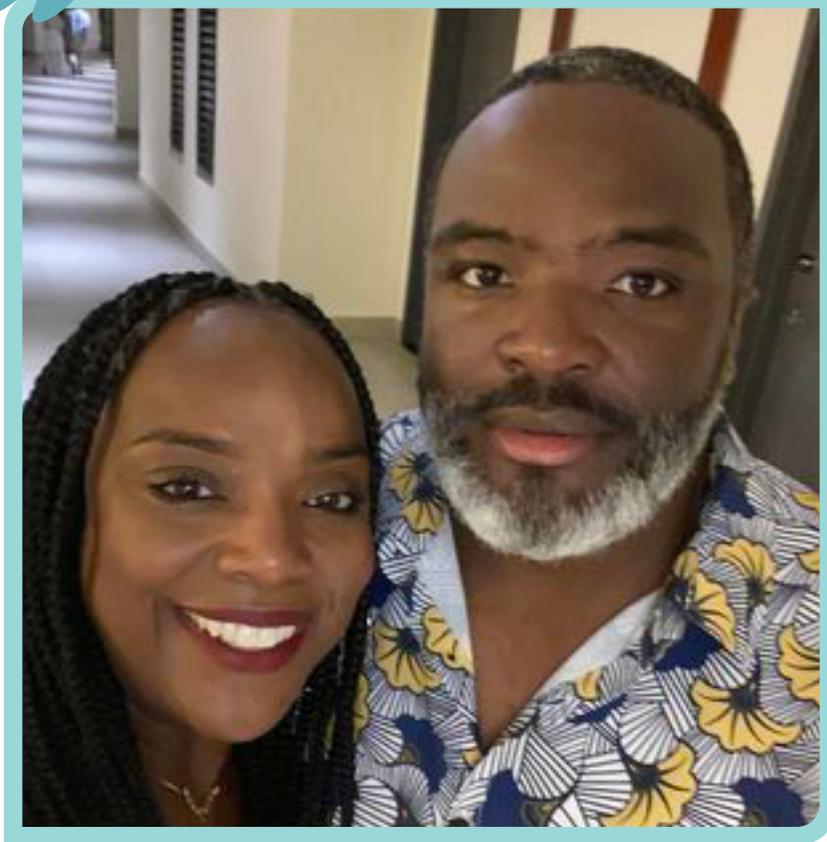




Hello We Are...



Evadney & Sean



## Our Hopes & Dreams

There are really three things that define us...family, persistence, and humility.

We both grew up in strong large families. Our childhoods were happy with close relationships with our siblings and extended families. We went on family vacations and learned to depend on each other in good and challenging times. We were involved in a lot of activities and our families supported our interests, cultivating those that we excelled in. From a young age we learned to be a part of a team and work hard for the whole.

We have been through a lot of things as a family and individually. We always know we will be there for each other and have the support of our family and friends to get through challenges. We try to keep our goals in mind, stay optimistic, and have fun on the journey when we can. We have a lot of love for each other and can't wait to share that with another child.

We want to pass these same experiences on to your child. It sounds simple, but we've come to realize providing a life of comfort for each other and your child is our wish. We hope to raise your child to be a strong, successful, and humble individual. We hope to live long happy lives to see grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our dream is to build generational wealth for our children.

We both have younger siblings and couldn't imagine life without them. We have one biological son who is 5 years old, he loves children and will make a great big brother to your child. We believe a sibling could be impactful in both of their lives. We want to provide a loving, safe and comfortable space for your child to grow and discover. We always hoped to have more than one child and look forward to play dates, silly times, reading together, snuggles, and cheering for our children as they learn new things.

We know you are facing hard decisions about what is best for you and what is the best for your child. We want you to know that any child brought into our lives will be treated just as our own, they will be cared for supported and loved forever. They'll have an extended family full of love, laughter, and security. While we may not fully understand what you are experiencing right now, we pray that you find the inner strength to make the decision that you believe is best. We hope whatever decision you make, that it will have a positive impact on your life and future.

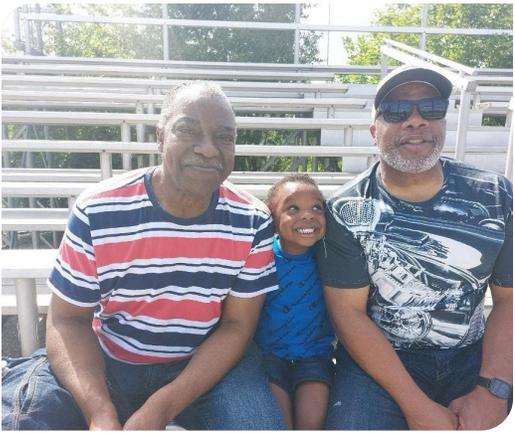
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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**EDUCATION** - We believe education is important and aids in helping children develop discipline, knowledge, and a strong work ethic to never give up. We want our children to be well-rounded. Our children don't need to be the smartest in the room, yet they should have the determination and flexibility to work hard. If they are the smartest in the room, it's their responsibility to help others in class succeed. We both have a strong educational background with high school and college degrees. We will do everything we can to help our child have the educational opportunities they need and want. We will support our child if they choose to attend a college or trade school. At every level we will encourage our child to try their best, work hard, and keep going.



**COMPASSION** - We believe compassion creates empathy towards others and helps us be sensitive to the needs of others. It shows that we care for others while being generous with our actions. One year when Sean was a baseball coach, there was a child on the team that had Down syndrome. Sean was committed to helping him learn how to throw, catch, and hit the ball. Because of Sean's actions, all the children on the team knew this child was part of the team just like everyone else. We teach our son compassion in many ways. When he has play dates with his cousin, we make sure he considers what she wants to do, understanding that he must share, and be kind at all times.



**CONFIDENCE AND HUMILITY** - Confidence is important to us because it instills belief in ourselves and self-esteem. Confidence and humility together allow us to lead and be led. Confidence allows us to perform challenging tasks and apply constructive feedback for improvement. We both have jobs where we lead and manage others and are also led and managed by others. We will teach our children confidence by giving them space and time to work through tasks and gain confidence through completing homework, solving puzzles, playing games, and asking questions.

**HONESTY AND INTEGRITY** - We believe honesty and integrity are a great foundation for life, promoting trustworthiness, loyalty, and sincerity. It's also important in creating lasting relationships. Every day in both of our jobs we work with people who rely on us to have integrity in the way we work. Our livelihood depends on it! We will teach our children that "telling stories" or exaggerating are not nice and causes others to lose trust in us. We will always tell our children the truth with compassion to ensure they learn this valuable lesson.



**CREATIVITY** - We believe creativity helps build our imaginations, expands the way we think, and helps us come up with ideas that are "outside the box." Evadney has danced since she was eight years old, including 10 years dancing for the NBA team Chicago Bulls. She used her creativity to then Choreograph for the Bulls Dance Team for another five years. Now she dances and teaches at church. We want our children to live without limits and have a sense of gratification that creativity brings to coming up with unique solutions. We will encourage our children to choose their own clothes, haircuts, and let them figure out how to do things like draw and build forts and contraptions. Even if they aren't what we would select, we will show them we are proud of their creativity.

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# Our Home

We live in a small suburb about 30 miles South of Chicago. There are just 5,000 residents in the city, but we are close enough that if we want lots of activity, it's easy to find. Our neighborhood is full of diversity and youth, with many children under the age of six. There are several playgrounds, waterparks, roller- and ice-skating rinks, trampoline parks, baseball fields, an indoor football field, and dance studios all close by.

We try to spend as much time outside as possible in the warmer months. Our home and yard are community focused with multiple points to gather in our yard with two patios and a deck. When the neighborhood kids visit, they tend to gather in our backyard. We have a playset, baseball pitching machine with nets, and are adding a basketball hoop. In the cooler months we tend to cozy up in the living room in front of the fireplace while reading, completing puzzles, and watching movies.

Our home is where our extended family comes to hangout, have fun, and where the family kids are always the center of attention. Although we regularly spend time at our home together, there are a couple special occasions that we look forward to every year. One is our annual (massive) cookout during the summer. Sean went to culinary school, is a grill master, and loves to entertain. The first year of our annual cookout, more than 100 people joined the fun. We ate ribs and chicken wings, and we enjoyed games of baseball, bowling, bags/cornhole, and jumping in the bouncy houses.

When it's just us at home, we try to have structure. Our son has areas meant for play, homework, and rest. We do almost everything together like watching movies, cooking, and playing in the yard. We both work from home, which provides us with a lot of flexibility. During the week we share in the responsibility of caring for our son, Pierce. We both attend his activities, and we eat dinner together every night.

Once we bring another child home, we will both take 12 weeks off from work so that we can bond with our child and adjust our schedules. We will spend as much time together as a family to ensure your child feels welcome as a new member of our family. We look forward to seeing the relationship our children will make as siblings and seeing our son develop as a loving and protective big brother. Our second child's room is ready! Right across the hall from our bedroom, we have infant furniture. We will decorate the room with the appropriate décor depending on the gender and age of the child. We look forward to growing our family and bringing even more love and memories into our home.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Coaching dance for high school team and church, dancing at church, roller skating, spending time with friends and family, going to plays and musicals, enjoy eating out for dinner

**Adoptive Father:** Coaching baseball, playing baseball, love to teach specifically technology and Sunday school, model cars, playing with remote control planes, traveling, spending time with friends and family

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Technical Project Manager

**Adoptive Father:** Program Manager

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers



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# Our Family

We met at church and were friends for nine years before we started dating, and then we dated for six years prior to getting married. We wanted to make sure we were making the right life-long decision. We are a strong couple that expresses our feelings, works through challenges together, and seeks support from our families, when needed. Both of our parents have been married for more than 35 years and continue to be instrumental role models in our lives.

We support each other's wants, needs, and dreams. We are not afraid of hard work, and nothing seems impossible. We have been through a lot together and always seem to get "it" done. We continually prove that we can withstand anything that comes our way.

We have one biological son that is five years old. He is a sweet, kind, and loving child who loves school and playing with others. He is very outgoing and will be a great big brother. We enjoy watching movies at home, going to adventure parks, going to the zoo, going to the park to play, and going to baseball games. We are both well-traveled having traveled to Greece, Holland, Italy, Turkey, Paris, Hawaii, Trinidad, Tokyo, and China to name a few. Our son has the traveling bug and has been to California, Arizona, and Mexico. We take time to relax and spend time with our son and the dogs to disconnect from our jobs and relax. We look forward to traveling to new places with our children.

We truly enjoy spending time with our family and friends. We get together to celebrate birthdays often by going out to dinner. Mother's Day and Father's Day are always a big deal for our family. For the moms there's a big brunch and for dads there's a white sox game. We have game night with our family the day after Thanksgiving, and then on Christmas day we go around the neighborhood to sing carols after dinner. We spend a lot of time at our house, my sister's house and Sean's parent's house for impromptu get togethers as well. The entire family comes out, it's always a good time.

Our families are very excited about our adoption journey. The grandparents spend a lot of quality time with their grandkids and can't wait to add more time with them. Of course, there are slumber nights with cousins which include, making goodies, and for Easter dying eggs and having Easter egg hunts that end with baskets full of candy. There are also trips together, some of our favorite destinations are Disney Land, the San Diego Zoo, and to Arizona for baseball games!

We hope to continue to travel the world, continue to spend time with our families during the holidays and continue to create great memories. Family is very important to us and building everlasting bonds between our children and family will give the gift of generational support and peace to our children.



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