



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

Being parents has been the greatest joy of our lives, and raising our two daughters has shown us just how much love a family can hold. We both come from big, close-knit families filled with grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends who feel like family. Some live nearby and others farther away, but distance has never kept us from being an important part of one another's lives. Our greatest hope is to welcome another child into that same circle of love, with two excited big sisters, loving grandparents, and an extended family ready to celebrate, encourage, and support them throughout their life.

As we began thinking about growing our family, we found ourselves reflecting on what being a parent truly means to us. Raising our daughters has taught us it is not about biology, instead it is about loving a child, showing up for them every day, and giving them the support and encouragement to become exactly who they are meant to be. With that in our hearts, adoption began to feel like a natural path for our family, and one we are genuinely excited to pursue. Our entire family has so much love to give to another child.

When we imagine welcoming another child, we think about all the moments we would have the privilege of sharing—the bedtime stories, family dinners, birthday celebrations, holidays, vacations, and traditions, along with the wonderfully ordinary moments in between. We know there will be sleepless nights, toys scattered around the house, and plenty of messes, but we also know how quickly those seasons pass. We look forward to slowing down, celebrating the little milestones, and soaking up as much of childhood as we can.

While these are our hopes for growing our family, we recognize that you have your own hopes and dreams for yourself and your child. As you consider what you want for both of you, we hope you are surrounded by people who genuinely care for you and support you in making the decision that feels right. No one else can tell you what that decision should be, and we hope you are given the kindness, respect, and space you deserve as you decide what is best for you and your child.

If adoption becomes part of your story and you choose our family, we hope you find comfort in knowing how deeply your child will be loved—not only by us, but by you. We would welcome the opportunity to build a meaningful relationship with you and to make sure your child grows up knowing who you are, how much you love them, and that your love has always been an important part of their life. We will honor you, their story, and all the people and experiences that are part of who they are, while giving them the freedom and encouragement to become their own person. Most of all, we hope they will always know they belong, that they are surrounded by people cheering them on, and that there will never be a question of just how many people love them.

Respectfully,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY COMES FIRST - Family is at the heart of our lives, and we believe one of the greatest gifts we can give a child is the security of knowing they are surrounded by people who will always show up for them. No accomplishment or success could ever mean as much to us as the people we love. Many of our happiest memories have been made simply by being together. We prioritize time together through family dinners, holidays, vacations, celebrations, and everyday moments. We have never missed one of Vera's competitions, and we are rarely the only ones cheering from the stands, grandparents, aunts, cousins, and family friends are usually there too. We will teach our children that family means celebrating each other's accomplishments, supporting one another through challenges, and always making time for the people you love.



KINDNESS AND INTEGRITY - We believe who we are is reflected in how we treat others and the choices we make every day. In our family, we model kindness, honesty, respect, and take responsibility for our actions. We encourage our girls to notice when someone could use a friend, including others, offer help, express gratitude, and appreciate the things that make each person unique. We also create a home where they know they can always come to us with the truth and be met with love and understanding. We will teach our children to consider how their words and actions make others feel, to do what is right even when it isn't easy, and to always treat people with compassion and respect.



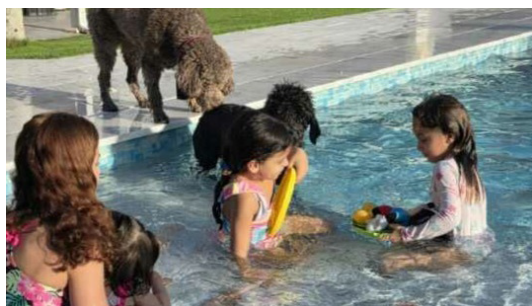
CURIOSITY AND ADVENTURE - We believe life is meant to be experienced, explored, and enjoyed. The world is filled with incredible people, cultures, places, foods, languages, and traditions, and we want our children to be excited to discover all it has to offer. As a diverse, multilingual family, different cultures and perspectives are already a natural part of our everyday lives. We love traveling, trying new foods, meeting new people, and learning how others live. Some of our favorite memories have come from spontaneous trips or unexpected stops that turned into wonderful adventures. We look forward to sharing those experiences with our children, whether we are exploring somewhere across the world or discovering something new close to home. We hope to nurture a genuine curiosity about the world, an appreciation for people from all walks of life, and the confidence to embrace new experiences with an open mind. Most of all, we hope our children learn to enjoy the journey and experience all the richness life has to offer.



GRATITUDE - We feel incredibly blessed by the life we have built and, most importantly, by the people we share it with. We believe happiness comes from appreciating what is right in front of us, from life's big adventures to its simplest everyday moments. Each night before saying goodnight, we each share something we are grateful for. It might be a fun day with friends, a favorite meal, a beautiful sunset, or simply time together. This small tradition helps us end each day remembering how much there is to appreciate. We look forward to sharing it with our child and teaching them to notice the good around them, be generous with others, and find joy in both the extraordinary and the ordinary.

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Our Home

Our home is meant to be lived in. It is where family gathers often, friends always feel welcome, and life happens every day. We want our home to be where kids can build forts in the living room, backpacks can land by the door, friends can show up without an invitation, and everyone feels comfortable the moment they walk inside. It is where birthdays are celebrated, holidays are spent together, homework gets finished around the kitchen table, movie nights happen on the couch, and everyone naturally gathers at the end of the day. To us, toys on the floor and a little extra mess simply mean there are children having fun and memories being made.

There are rarely dull moments here, especially when family and friends come over. The kids might be swimming, riding bikes, playing in the yard, or inventing a new game while the adults catch up nearby. Recently, we rented a bounce house and before we knew it, there were about ten kids running around our yard. It was loud, a little chaotic, messy, and so much fun. At the end of the day, everyone pitched in to clean up while we laughed about what a great day it had been. Those are exactly the kinds of memories we love creating.

Our home sits on almost half an acre, so there is plenty of room to simply be a kid. We have a pool and mango, avocado, plum, and starfruit trees, and we love watching our girls pick fruit straight from the trees, swim, ride scooters, or spend hours outside playing. Our backyard is also where we naturally end up as a family, having coffee outside in the morning, eating dinner on the patio, or sitting by the pool talking while the girls play. We can easily picture another little one growing up enjoying those same simple moments.

Inside, there is already plenty of room for another child, but we have intentionally left their bedroom undecorated for now. Then, we want to create a space that reflects the child who will one day call it their own, a cozy, peaceful room with natural light, books, and personal touches chosen especially for them rather than a room that simply looks prepared.

Owning our own businesses also gives us something we deeply value: the flexibility to be present for our children. We can adjust our schedules for a sick day, a school event, family travel, or simply when one of our children needs us. During the child's first year home, we plan to step away from work and be home full-time so we can be present for the cuddles, feedings, milestones, and all of those little moments that happen only once.

At the end of a busy day, our home settles down. There are stories, hugs, and goodnights, but somehow that is also when our daughters decide to tell us their funniest stories, ask their biggest questions, or share something that has been on their minds all day. Sometimes we laugh until we can't stop; other times we find ourselves in conversations we never expected to have with a child. We know these seasons change quickly, so we try not to take those moments for granted.

Our home may not always be perfectly tidy or quiet, but it is full of life—and that is exactly the kind of home we want.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Traveling and discovering new places, trying new restaurants and foods, doing nails with the girls, and Yoga and Pilates classes

Adoptive Father: Playing soccer and other sports, roughhousing with the girls, home projects, traveling, trying new restaurants and foods

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Real Estate Broker

Adoptive Father: General Contractor

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met in 2010 while studying Theatre in college, and over the last 16 years, we have built a life we genuinely love sharing. We laugh a lot, dream together, support each other's goals, and have grown stronger through every stage of life. One of our greatest strengths as a couple is that we complement each other. We don't expect to be good at the same things. Instead, we recognize each other's strengths, make decisions as equals, and trust that when one of us needs help, the other will step in.

Our daughters, Vera and Vita, bring two very different personalities to our family. Vera has a kind heart, is gentle and thoughtful, but also incredibly determined. Vita, on the other hand, is the life of the party. She is loud, funny, imaginative, obsessed with animals, and has a way of making everyone around her laugh. Their differences are part of what makes our family so much fun, and we love watching each of them become completely themselves.

Our extended family is a big part of our lives too. Between grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and family friends, there always seems to be a birthday or another reason to get together. Our gatherings usually involve plenty of good food, laughter, conversation, and kids running around everywhere. We love knowing that our daughters are growing up with so many people who know them, love them, and will always be in their corner.

We also love experiencing the world together. Traveling is something we make a priority, and some of our best adventures have happened because we took the road less traveled and ended up somewhere remote and beautiful that we never expected to find. One of our favorite traditions is leaving sunny South Florida behind to spend Christmas somewhere with snow. We have celebrated in places like Canada, Washington State, and Colorado, where we can see Christmas lights, build snowmen, ski, and enjoy a completely different kind of winter together.

At the same time, we have learned that our favorite memories don't always require a plane ticket or a special occasion. Sometimes they are family dinners that somehow stretch into two hours, weekends with grandparents and cousins at the beach, or an ordinary day that becomes memorable simply because we are together.

When we imagine another child becoming part of our family, we picture one more chair at our dinner table, another bike in the garage, another stocking hanging at Christmas, one more little hand to hold on our adventures, and two big sisters discovering the personality of their new sibling. We know another child will bring their own interests, quirks, strengths, and personality into our family, and we look forward to discovering who they are and the new traditions and memories that will become part of our story together.

Life has taught us not to wait for someday to enjoy it. Happiness, for us, is found in the people we love and the little moments we create together every day, and there will always be room in our family for more of both.



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