# BUILDING OUR FAMILY



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### ABOUT US

Our love story began in 2015 while working on a production of an opera, an encounter that remedied a missed opportunity to meet the year prior. What started as a collaborative working relationship unfolded into an undeniable connection and a lifetime of teamwork. We've seamlessly merged our love for the arts with the intricacies of the sciences and healthcare. Our journey has witnessed the remodeling of our first home and the construction of two subsequent ones, a testament to our collaborative spirit and unified vision for our life. Continuously inspiring each other's self-improvement, last year we embraced a new adventure by relocating to Virginia to be close to family, especially our seven-year-old nephew. This change of scenery proved to be the missing piece, breathing renewed life into our shared dreams and solidifying the reality we've tirelessly strived to create for our family.

#### OUR HOME + PETS

We recently moved into a brand-new five-bedroom, four-bath house in Virginia that sits within a highly ranked school district for our county. In fact, our house is located within walking distance of the elementary, middle, and high schools, which will make it possible for your child to be as involved as they'd like in school activities! Our neighborhood has many children, a community pool, and a playground and is located within 15 minutes of everything you could ever want. Within our home, your little one(s) would have two very sweet cats, Jinx and Franklin, to cuddle up with on those chilly winter nights. They love to play and sleep and can't resist being held and snuggled.







#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Our journey toward parenthood has involved diverse paths, including supporting couples through surrogacy and those engaging in the foster-to-adopt process. These experiences have enriched our lives and deepened our understanding of the unique challenges and joys associated with building a family. Now, as we embark on the adoption journey ourselves, our excitement is fueled by the profound desire to offer a child warmth, support, and unconditional love. We believe every child deserves a stable and nurturing environment, and we are eager to embrace the responsibilities and joys that come with being parents. As a biracial couple with immigrant relatives, it's important to us to provide a home where Black and Brown children feel just as seen as Caucasian children.



#### MORE ABOUT





OCCUPATION: Pharmaceutical safety project manager

**EDUCATION: Doctorate** 

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Episcopalian

SPORT: Basketball

FOOD: Pizza

**HOBBY: Piano** 

FAMILY TRADITION: County fair

MUSICAL GROUP: All Time Low

MOVIE: Midnight in Paris

DREAM VACATION: France, Spain

HOLIDAY: Christmas
TV SHOW: Scrubs

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Chemistry

**BOOK:** The Magicians



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FAMILY TRADITION: Annual summer family vacation

MUSICAL GROUP: Carrie Underwood

MOVIE: Down With Love

DREAM VACATION: Italy, Spain

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving TV SHOW: Shitt's Creek

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Music, drama BOOK: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

OCCUPATION: General manager for performing arts

company

EDUCATION: Master's RACE: Latino/Hispanic RELIGION: Episcopalian

SPORT: Soccer

FOOD: Pollo guisado HOBBY: Video games our family

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Our family is quite large with there being four siblings (all partnered), a nephew, three dogs, and four additional cats in addition to very engaged parents. Most of those family members reside in Pennsylvania, where we moved from, but we see them multiple times a year for holidays and family gatherings, including an annual summer family vacation.

Rob's brother, sister-in-law, and nephew live very close to us in Virginia (about a seven-minute drive), and we see each other at least two times a week for family dinners, movie nights, bowling, virtual golf, and many other activities.

We have a very extensive group of aunts, uncles, and cousins spread out across the East Coast whom we see for big family gatherings when possible and stay very engaged with on social media and various family group chats. Your child would be joining a huge, loud, but deeply loving group of people of all colors, sizes, and backgrounds and would be a very welcome addition to the family.

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## EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We want to convey our heartfelt gratitude for considering us as potential parents for your child. We recognize the strength and courage it takes to navigate this challenging journey, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our journey to parenthood through adoption has been marked by unique twists, reinforcing our commitment to welcoming a precious life into our home.

Our home is filled with love, stability, and happiness, and your child or children will thrive here. Positivity guides our approach to parenthood, and we are committed to offering a life full of opportunities and fulfillment for your child. We're so excited to share our passions and to nurture their unique interests and talents, prioritizing their well-being in a safe and secure environment. Education is vital to us, and we're committed to providing an environment that encourages curiosity for your child to learn, grow, and become the individual they are meant to be.

As we embark on this journey, we do so with sensitivity and respect for the emotions you may be experiencing. We are ready to embrace both you and your child with open hearts, understanding, and compassion. Thank you for considering us; we are deeply touched by the prospect of being part of this incredible journey with you. No matter your decision, we wish you strength, peace, and the support you need.

WITH HEARTFELT SINCERITY,

Rob + Carlos

