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# SHAWN AND AASIM

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## ABOUT US

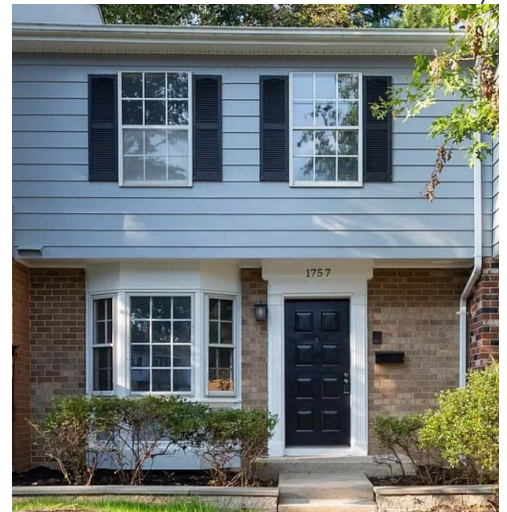
We are both optimistic, thoughtful, fun-loving, creative people who value experiences with family and friends and the strength of those relationships over things. We both enjoy reading, mostly fiction, but Shawn enjoys non-fiction as well. Aasim enjoys puzzles and arts and crafts, while Shawn is an avid home chef and enjoys singing (usually at the same time!). We both love exploring a variety of cuisines, so there are no picky eaters in our house! We love our home and pride ourselves on keeping things organized and clean. In the spring and summer, we love a weekend day spent taking care of our little lawn out front together. We are both hard-working and enjoy our jobs. Aasim is an accountant, and Shawn works in digital marketing from home. While careers have been important to us, we value how much time those careers have allowed us to spend with each other.

## OUR HOME & PETS

We are a home based on a love of animals, and we plan to share that with our growing family. We have three adorable cats (Xena, Ares, and Yvie) whom we love very much! We live in a small, quiet community where the neighbors know each other's names and are willing to help shovel each other's walkways just because. We live on a cul-de-sac where the neighborhood children play together out front, and it's always felt like the best place to raise a family. The school district where we live is among the best in the country, and every child has the best possible opportunities to succeed. We are within walking distance of parks, trails, and other family-friendly amenities we can't wait to share!

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have been married for seven years and together for eleven. We both always wanted to grow our family together because we see the best possible parents in each other. After spending these last years growing as individuals and as a couple, we recognize the immense love and strong family bond we would bring to the life of any child we'd be lucky enough to have join our home. We both have strong family relationships of our own, and it's our dream to raise a child in that shared experience so that one day they can help pass on what we've come to value most in life.





# OUR PHOTO ALBUM





## MORE ABOUT SHAWN

**Occupation:** Digital Marketing/PR

**Education:** BA

**Race:** Caucasian

**Sport:** Football

**Food:** Scrambled eggs

**Hobby:** History: books & documentaries

**Family Tradition:** Cooking/meal time

**Musical Genre:** Musicals

**Movie:** *Steel Magnolias*

**Dream Vacation:** Bordeaux/wine country

**Holiday:** Thanksgiving

**TV Show:** *The West Wing*

**Subject in School:** History

**Book:** *1984*



## MORE ABOUT AASIM

**Occupation:** Accounting

**Education:** 2 BAs

**Race:** South Asian

**Sport:** Olympic diving

**Food:** Kabobs

**Hobby:** Anime & fantasy novels

**Family Tradition:** Cooking/meal time

**Musical Genre:** Dance

**Movie:** *The Rescuers*

**Dream Vacation:** Japan

**Holiday:** Thanksgiving

**TV Show:** *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

**Subject in School:** Sciences

**Book:** *Matilda*





## OUR FAMILIES & TRADITIONS

We both come from large extended families. Aasim has three older siblings and several cousins, while Shawn has one younger brother but many younger cousins. We love our extended families very much. We live very close by and spend a lot of time with Aasim's older sister, with whom he has a very special relationship. They take an annual sibling trip that is a highlight of their year! Shawn is very close to his mom and dad. Whether it's cooking with his mom or talking about art and antiques with his dad, time spent with them is always a treat. We plan to share that network of close relatives with a child of our own!

We value our closest friends like family too. Nearby, we have a dozen we'd call family. From holidays and birthdays to no-reason occasions, our chosen family is a huge part of our life together. Holidays are very important to both of our families, and we are excited to help build onto the long-standing traditions we each have. Both of our mothers were touted as the great family cooks, so food often forms the bedrock of our fondest memories about family.







## **DEAR** EXPECTANT MOTHER,

It's hard for us to write this without choking up a little. That difficulty, we recognize, absolutely pales in comparison to the decision you've had to come to. Saying thank you seems only the start of what we could say to express the immense gratitude we feel about getting the opportunity to even be considered to help raise the life you're bringing into this world.

With us, this new life you've shepherded forth will know love, warmth, and a home where they can grow to be themselves, no matter who they end up choosing to be. As you've kept them safe until birth, so will we keep them safe from here on out. We both have always known that one day we would want to be parents ourselves, to share the experiences, love, passion, and self-worth we've come to have. We are so excited to write this next chapter in our life together with someone else. We know in our hearts that ours will be a family that is strong and grounded in respect and love for everyone in it.

We hope you feel confident that while this decision is incredibly difficult, choosing us would be the greatest gift you could give us. While thank you is appropriate, what we really mean to say is that we would be honored to build the kind of family we've always longed for.

***Shawn & Aasim***