

# Shawn AND Asim



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## *our love story*

We met in 2013 in New Jersey when we were both in our twenties. Shawn had just finished college, and Aasim was working nearby. From the start, we connected over our shared love of food, music, and travel. We also discovered we had a lot of the same favorite TV shows and fandoms, which gave us plenty to laugh and bond over.

What really stood out was how easily we talked to each other. We're both open and expressive, and that made building a relationship feel natural. In our first year together, we went on so many little adventures—exploring New York City, visiting the Jersey Shore, and enjoying the in-between moments just as much.

In 2015, we took a leap and moved to Austin, Texas, together. We grew a lot in those early years, both as individuals and as a couple. Our love was built on respect, curiosity, and kindness. We got married in 2017 and eventually moved back East to be closer to family as we grow our own.

## OUR HOME + NEIGHBORHOOD

Our home is cozy, full of love, and shared with our two sweet cats, Ares and Yvie. We live in a quiet, friendly community where neighbors wave hello, lend a hand when it snows, and kids play together out front on our cul-de-sac.

It's the kind of place that just feels right for raising a family. The local schools are some of the best in the country, and we're within walking distance of parks, trails, and lots of family-friendly spots. We're excited to grow our family here—a place where a child can feel safe, supported, and truly at home.

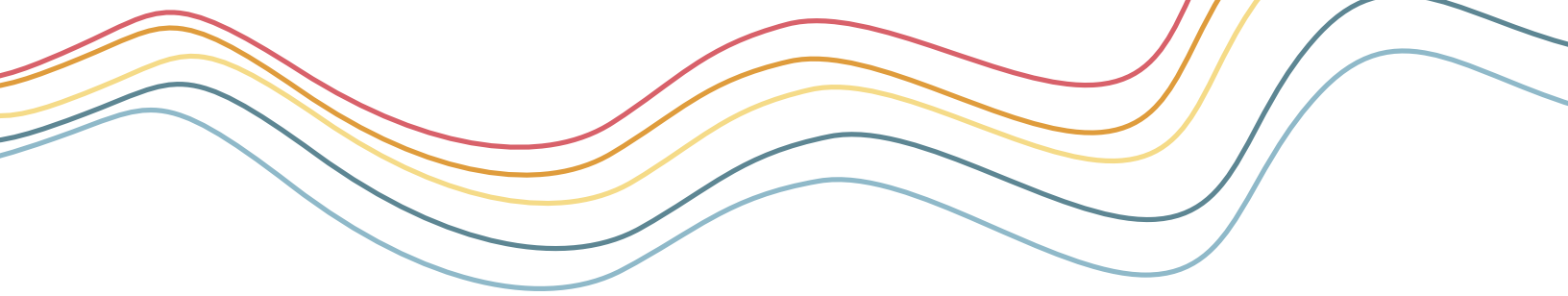
## OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES

We are each other's favorite travel companion. One of our most fun trips was a road trip through upstate New York in 2019, between two family weddings. We made long drives feel like an adventure—sightseeing from the car and singing along to every playlist. It was relaxed and full of laughs.

In 2024, we traveled to Portugal and drove from Porto into the beautiful Douro Valley. Driving in another country was a little scary, but the amazing views and kind people made it feel exciting. It reminded us how resourceful we are together.

In 2025, we explored Rome and Florence, diving into our shared love of food and culture. We tried incredible meals and stood in awe of ancient history and art. Travel teaches us something new every time; most of all, it reminds us how much we love coming home and dreaming up the next adventure.





OUR LIFE

*together*





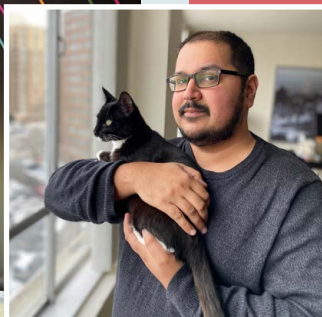
# Shawn

**OCCUPATION** Digital Marketing/PR  
**EDUCATION** BA  
**RACE** Caucasian  
**SPORT** Football  
**FOOD** Scrambled eggs  
**HOBBY** History: books & documentaries  
**FAMILY TRADITION** Cooking/meal time  
**MUSICAL GROUP** Musicals  
**MOVIE** *Steel Magnolias*  
**DREAM VACATION** Bordeaux/wine country  
**HOLIDAY** Thanksgiving  
**TV SHOW** *The West Wing*  
**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** History  
**BOOK** 1984



# Aasim

**OCCUPATION** Accounting  
**EDUCATION** 2 BAs  
**RACE** South Asian  
**SPORT** Olympic diving  
**FOOD** Kabobs  
**HOBBY** Anime & fantasy novels  
**FAMILY TRADITION** Cooking/meal time  
**MUSICAL GROUP** Dance  
**MOVIE** *The Rescuers*  
**DREAM VACATION** Japan  
**HOLIDAY** Thanksgiving  
**TV SHOW** *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*  
**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** Sciences  
**BOOK** *Matilda*



# our family

## AND FRIENDS



We both come from big, close-knit families. Aasim is the youngest of four and has many cousins he's grown up with. Shawn has a younger brother and is close to his extended family too. Aasim is especially close to his older sister (they even take a sibling trip together every year.) Shawn shares a deep bond with his parents and loves cooking with his mom or chatting about art and antiques with his dad.

Our family means everything to us, and we're lucky to live near many of them. Holidays, birthdays, and everyday get-togethers are a big part of our lives.

Our chosen family of close friends is just as important. We have a wonderful group nearby of about a dozen people we consider family. They show up for holidays, weekend hangouts, and spontaneous dinners. And since food plays a huge role in both of our family traditions, there's always something delicious cooking in the kitchen when we're all together.





## OUR LETTER

*to you*

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile. We can't imagine the range of emotions you're experiencing right now, and we want you to know how deeply we admire your strength. While we don't know you yet, we already hold a great deal of respect for the love and care you're showing in making this decision.

We've always known that we wanted to be parents. The love we share is something we're eager to pass on through hugs, bedtime stories, laughter around the dinner table, and encouragement through every step of life. A child in our home will always know they are safe, supported, and cherished for exactly who they are.

We're so excited to grow our family and can't wait to share our lives with a little one. From everyday routines to holiday traditions, our home is full of love, laughter, and support from family and friends who are just as ready to welcome a new baby as we are.

We hope you feel a sense of peace and comfort in reading this. If you choose us, we promise to honor your decision every day by raising a child who knows where they came from and how much love it took to bring them into the world.

WITH GRATITUDE,

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