

OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY

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#### **ABOUT US**

We have been together for 11 years and have been married for four. We are both career and work driven, but we also love having a good time and relaxing. David grew up in California and moved to the Bay Area for college. He is a middle school vice principal and a fitness instructor. Mario was born in Guatemala and immigrated to the United states at the age of three. He is a kitchen/interior designer and works for a sports team. We love traveling and, as annual passholders, visit Disneyland frequently. We love the outdoors and doing an assortment of excursions both locally and when traveling. Some of the things we enjoy are snorkeling, ziplining, hiking, snowmobiling, RTV driving, going to concerts, watching movies, camping, reading, and eating! :)

#### OUR HOME & PUPS

We live in California. There are several hiking trails, recreational parks, and shopping centers nearby. We are only a five-minute drive from two shopping centers that have great local restaurants and retail stores. The zoo, movie theater, bowling alley, and mini golf are only ten minutes away. There are several highly rated elementary, middle, and high schools just blocks away. We have two eight-year old-dogs named Appa and Marilyn who love walking around the neighborhood and exploring the many trails we have near us. We live in a three-bedroom house with three different yard areas for relaxing and entertaining. We love hosting family and friends for movie and game nights.



what led us to adoption

We both knew we wanted kids and wanted to make sure we had an environment that would be good to raise a child in. We are finally in a place in our lives where everything is coming together, and a baby is the last piece of the puzzle that will complete our family. We have friends who are adopted, and seeing the love and admiration they have for their adoptive parents brings hope that we, too, will one day be able to give your child a happy and wonderful life full of love, joy, and adventures.





# OUR PHOTOS











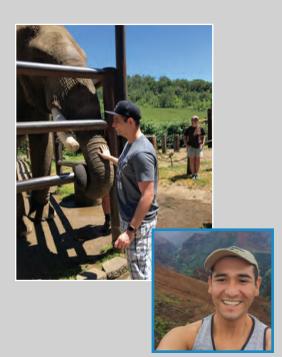






#### DAVID

- Race: Latino Occupation: Assistant Principal Education: BS, MA, MS, MPhil, PhD Sport: Baseball, football Food: Pizza, sushi Hobby: Reading Tradition: Disneyland trips during the holidays Musical Group: '80s music
- Movie: The Karate Kid, Stand and Deliver Dream Vacation: Walt Disney World Holiday: 4th of July TV Show: Schitt's Creek, The Golden Girls Subject in School: Science, history



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### MARIO

- Race: Latino
- Occupation: Kitchen Designer
- Education: AA degr
- **Religion:** Spiritua
- Sport: Baseball
- Food: Latin, Asiar
- **Hobby:** Crafting, gardening **Tradition:** Christmas breakfast with family at our home

Musical Group: Rock, Metalcore, Latin Movie: All Harry Potter movies Dream Vacation: Europe Holiday: Halloween, Christmas TV Show: The 100, Game of Thrones Subject in School: Arts Book: Nineteen Minutes,



#### **OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS**

Our extended family stretches from Northern California to Southern California. Mario has three siblings who all live within minutes of each other. Mario has an older brother and sister and a younger sister and also has one niece and three nephews. Birthdays and holidays are usually spent with his family, where the company of each other is vibrant and there's never a dull moment. Every event is filled with laughter, fun, and love. During the summer months, we often go to the lake or parks or have a carne asada at one of his family's houses. We are also all "Magic Key Holders" and visit Disneyland as a family often.

David's family lives in Southern California, and he has one older sister and a nephew. David's mother and father are high school sweethearts and have been married for over 39 years. His aunts, uncles, and cousins live very close to each other and often come together for baseball and soccer games or brunch at the local restaurants. Every holiday, David's family gathers at his parents' house where their community hosts a variety of events for families, such as Easter egg hunts, Christmas lighting and cookie decorations, and Halloween trick-or-treat events.





## DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

To A Loving Mother,

First and foremost, we would like to say thank you. Thank you for being so brave, thank you for being so selfless, and thank you for potentially giving us a gift we will cherish forever. If you choose us, your baby will be so loved, cherished, and well taken care of.

We will never understand how hard this sacrifice is for you; however, we respect and appreciate you. We want you to decide the level of involvement you are comfortable with should you choose us. We have such a strong and loving extended family that cannot wait to shower your baby with love. We hope to show your baby the beauty in life and the importance of kindness, respect, acceptance, and bravery—a trait we know you carry. We will support and encourage them to dream big and teach them that with hard work, perseverance, and determination, anything is possible. They will be supported and encouraged, and they will never have to doubt how loved they are. You can also rest assured that they will receive a quality education because education is very important to us.

Our home is filled with so much joy and laughter and so many adventures that we cannot wait to be able to add your little one to our family. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and hopefully grant us the opportunity to love and raise your beautiful child.

Warmest Regards,

David + Mario



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