



**Luis**



**Brian**

OUR JOURNEY TO  
ADOPTION







# about us

Hello! We are Brian and Luis, and we are excited to share our story with you. We have been married for 11 years and together for 17 years and met by chance online before it was so common! Luis is a software developer and works from home, and Brian is a senior-level manager at a luxury hotel. While both of us share interests in traveling and playing tennis, Luis likes to take care of things around the house, especially outdoors, such as gardening and home projects. Brian loves cooking and trying different types of cuisine and has a musical background from childhood, having played the piano and trumpet. Luis was born and raised in Brazil but moved to the U.S. in high school and is fluent in Portuguese. Brian was born and raised in New Jersey and has been learning Portuguese, which comes in handy as we try to visit Luis's family in Brazil at least once every couple of years.

## our home + pets

We recently moved into a new home with plenty of space to expand our family! We have lived in Texas for nine years, after moving together from New Jersey. While at first we thought Texas might be temporary, we fell in love with our community and have decided to make this our long-term residence. While we do live within the limits of a major city, we chose a more residential area of the city that's a bit quieter and has a better school district, to be able to ensure our child(ren) get a great education while still being able to enjoy the other opportunities a city offers, like recreation, arts, museums, and entertainment.

## what led us to adoption

When things started getting serious between us years ago, it was always a common goal to have children and something that is still important to both of us. We have strong connections with each of our families, and seeing our own families grow with nephews and nieces only further solidified our desire to be parents ourselves. We are excited to be in a great position now to be able to embark on this journey and start a new chapter by expanding our family. We both feel that it is extremely rewarding to be able to watch a child grow and develop and help them achieve success while guiding them to discover the world.





photos  
of our  
life  
together





# Brian



**OCCUPATION:** Hotel manager

**EDUCATION:** College degree

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Spiritual

**SPORT:** Tennis

**FOOD:** Pepperoni pizza

**HOBBY:** Cooking

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Family vacations

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Taylor Swift

**MOVIE:** *Mean Girls*

**DREAM VACATION:** The Maldives

**HOLIDAY:** Thanksgiving

**TV SHOW:** *Modern Family*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Math

**BOOK:** *The Client*

**OCCUPATION:** Software developer

**EDUCATION:** High school diploma

**RACE:** Latino

**RELIGION:** Spiritual

**SPORT:** Soccer

**FOOD:** Gnocchi

**HOBBY:** Running

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Gathering family together for holidays/reunions

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Alanis Morissette

**MOVIE:** *Beetlejuice*

**DREAM VACATION:** The Maldives

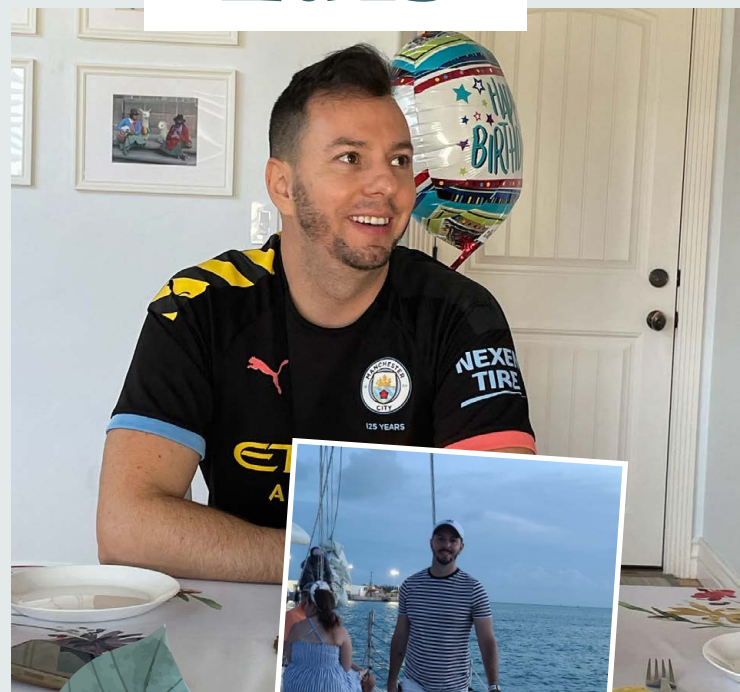
**HOLIDAY:** Halloween

**TV SHOW:** *Million Dollar Listing*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Geology

**BOOK:** *Time Travel in Einstein's Universe*

# Luis







# our family & traditions

Our family is an important part of our lives, and while we have spread out over the years, we make it a point to take multiple visits to various parts of the country throughout the year and love hosting our family here in Texas as well!

We always get together for major holidays and take turns visiting places like California, Utah, Florida, Maryland, or New Jersey to get together with our family. We also try to take at least one big family vacation every few years, either to the Caribbean or to Disney World or Disneyland. Brazil is a frequent destination too so we can be sure to spend time with Luis's extended family that is still there, including 10 aunts and uncles and over 40 cousins.

Luis has one brother and four sisters, and Brian has one brother and one sister. Between our siblings, we have nine nephews and nieces ranging in age from 10 months to 21 years old, and we are looking forward to introducing our child to the family, including the many young cousins they will have to play with!







# dear expectant mother

We can only imagine the journey you've been on that led us to have this connection with you and the opportunity to get to know you better. We have been waiting for this moment to be parents for many years and know wholeheartedly that now is the right time. This is finally our opportunity to go from just uncles to fathers, and we are so excited for this next chapter in our lives!

When considering this decision, we know it is not easy for you and one you do not take lightly, nor do we take lightly what it means to be trusted to care for and raise your child. If chosen, we know we will be able to provide a loving and nurturing home and ensure that your child is raised with great values and morals. While there will certainly be challenging moments and not every day will be a walk in the park, we are both committed to learning and growing as well.

In the Brazilian culture, as Luis was raised, family is at the core of everything they do. Brian was brought up with very similar traditions, where family is the support system through good and bad and such an important part of our lives. Having the opportunity now to be able to choose to create our own family and blend those strong relationships means finally achieving one of our most important goals. We thank you so much for making this difficult decision and are forever grateful for you possibly giving us this opportunity.

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