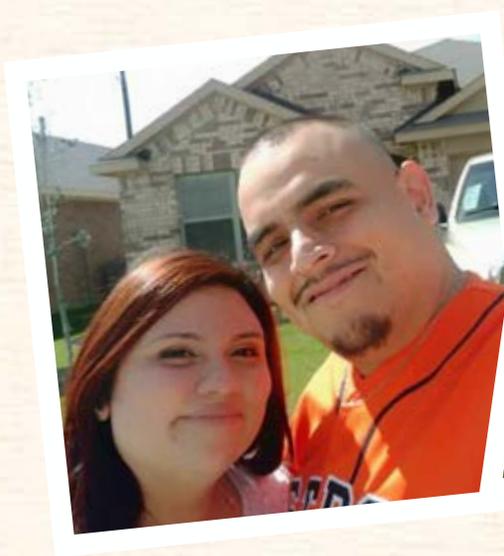


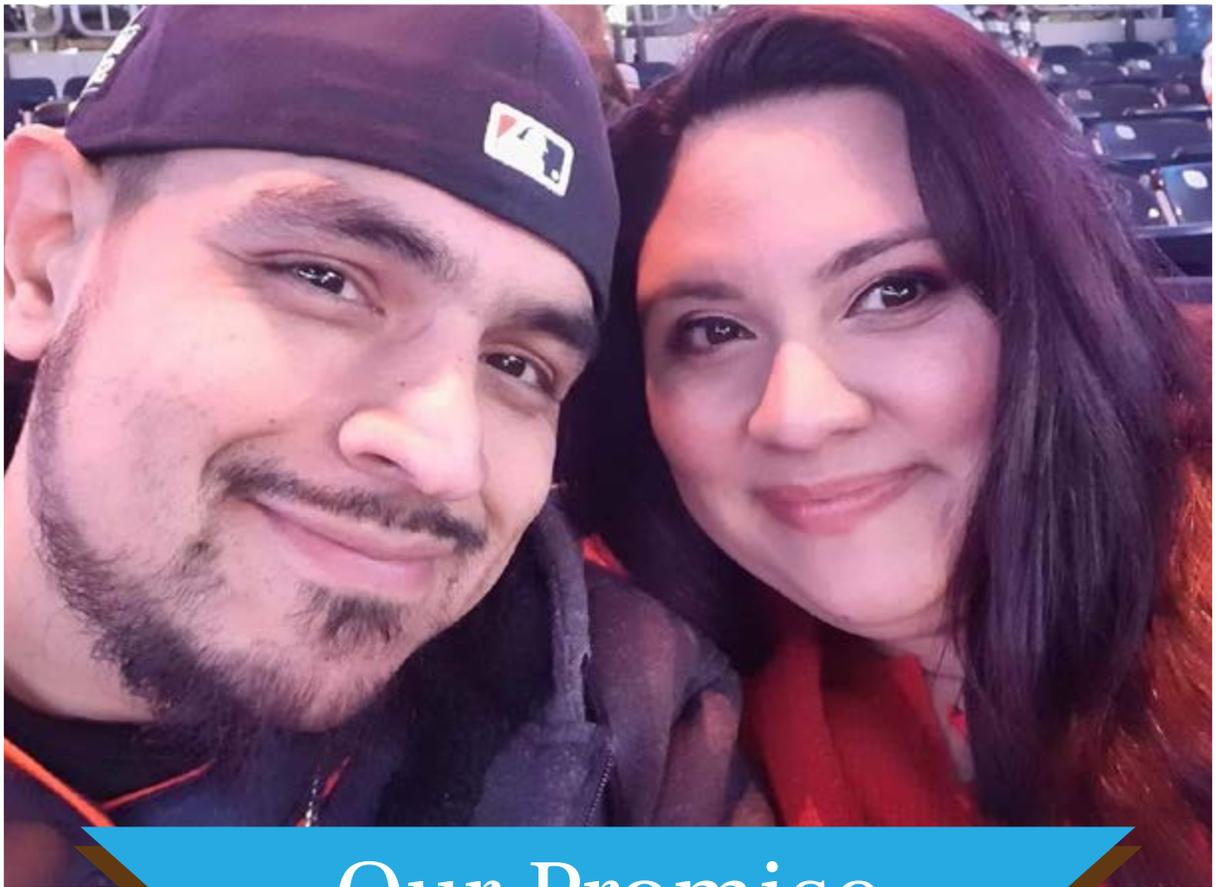


# Ivan and April

**Family ID #2087915**

**OUR ADOPTION PROFILE**





## Our Promise

Our Promise to YOU and Your Child:

That we will be open about the adoption and your love for your child. To Provide a financially stable home. To Teach by example that they are capable of reaching their goals. Spiritual Faith and the love that God provides and the importance of Family.

“ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

## Dear birth mother...

How do we write a love letter to a person we have never met, yet who has stolen our hearts? Words cannot contain all the love and emotions of the life gift called adoption. We cannot begin to imagine what you must be feeling, thinking, and experiencing during this time. Our hearts break with you as you face the task of making a life-changing decision for you and your child. We know that what could be the happiest day of our lives might very well be the hardest of yours. As you face this most difficult decision, please know that you are covered in prayer and love by two strangers who would be blessed to meet you and your little one(s). And, if you so choose, we would be honored to be a part of this journey with you... Through tears and the joys,

With love, Ivan and April

# Hello!



It is with great love and admiration that we THANK YOU for taking time to take a look through our profile book today. We recognize both the difficulty and the courage required in this process. It is our hope and faith that our story will provide you with great peace as you move forward.



# Our Story

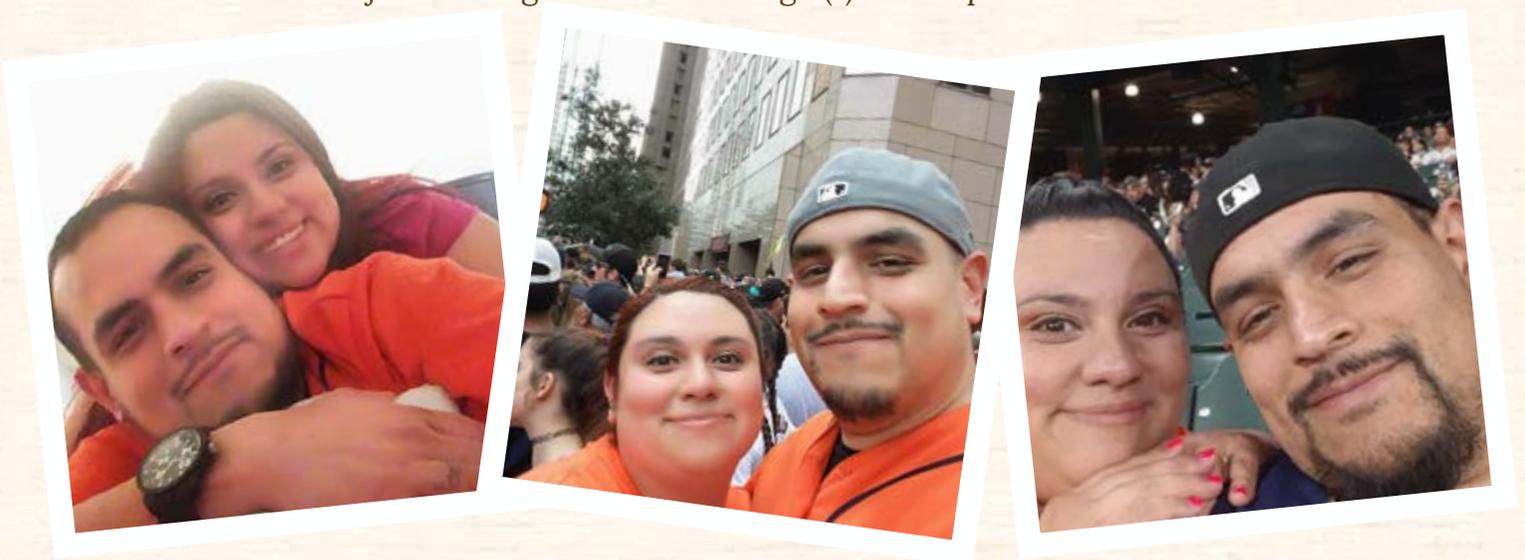
We met as children when I (April) moved across the street on January 24, 1995. I was 4 years old and he (Ivan) was 8. We grew up being best friends entrusting to each other our every move. He always wanted to be more than friends but I was not ready. Until one day I realized I didn't want to search for someone when I already had everything with him. So i asked him to be my boyfriend, he said yes. After college we decided to get married and build a life together. We both set out to accomplish our bucket list that we talked so much about as kids; personal and shared goals. We have come so far. We have endured and learned so much. It was not easy but we always knew we were not alone because we had each other's unconditional love and support. We still have much to accomplish but now we want to share our joy and love by growing our family.



# About Us



With both of us being born and raised in Houston, Texas, we have always strived to fulfill each other's life goals, dreams and wishes together as more than a life couple but as best friends. There is never a dull moment in our lives. Filled with love, joy, spiritual faith and always pushing each other to do more and be better people for ourselves and our loved ones. We have been so blessed to have each other, no we are just waiting for that little angel(s) to complete our circle.



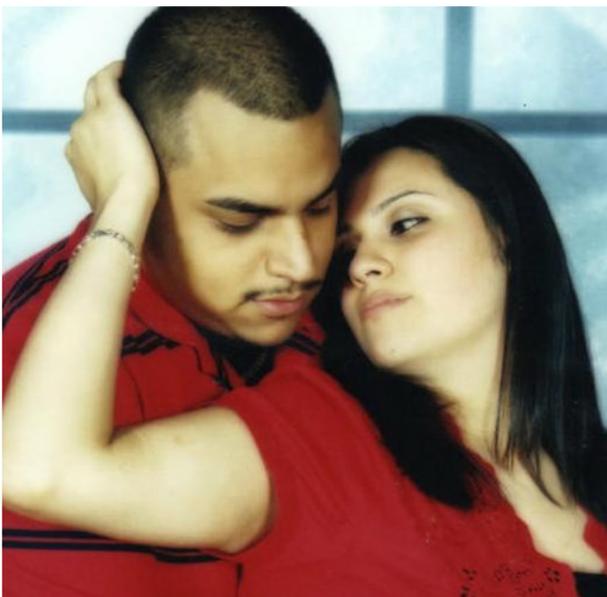
# Our Life Together



It all started May 21, 2004 with a simple “will you be my boyfriend” a non traditional way to start dating but it would change our lives FOREVER!



The simplest things in life that we have cherished deeply. Like our first thanksgiving as a married couple in our first home in 2017.



After being together for 18 years, our love, strength and spiritual faith has never faded but only gotten stronger day by day.



In 2014, God bless us with our first God-daughter Ellie Marie and brought us one step closer to becoming parents one day.

# Our Home



A day to never forget, Our first Christmas in our new home 2017



Our home has always hosted Friday Night Bible Study loved ones, family and friends...



We built a nice patio in the back yard to host family cook outs and celebrations...

# Where We Live



Living so close to the Gulf of Mexico, we have many beautiful beaches that we often visit like Sylvan Beach.



USS Texas (BB-35) is a museum ship that is minutes from our home, and on special occasions we like to visit.



Minute Maid Park home to the Houston Astros located in Downtown Houston is where we love to go and cheer on our team!!!



The Houston Zoo is a 55-acre zoological park located within minutes of where we live, great place to go in the summer.

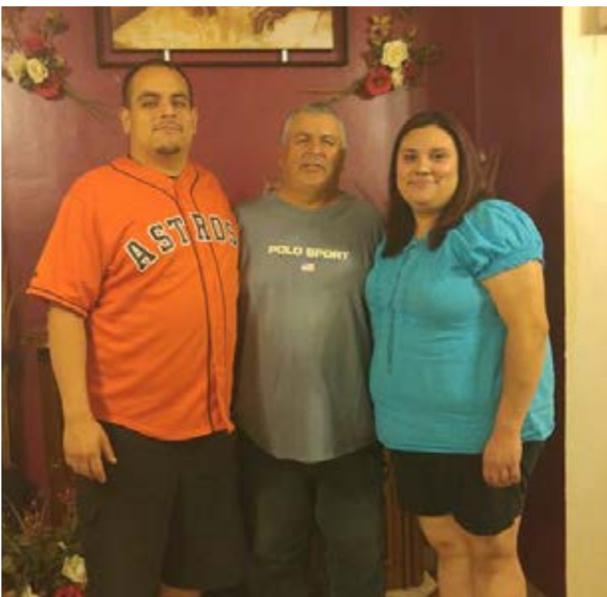
# Our Family



Ivan and his immediate family celebrating his mother's birthday.



April and her immediate family having Sunday lunch after church.



Ivan, his Dad and me (April) which currently lives in Mexico.



Ivan, April's Dad and her brothers flexing their "muscles" after a Family BBQ.

# Our Friends



April and her best friend with our Car Club celebrating a birthday.



Ivan and some of his close friends celebrating his star wars theme birthday.



Ivan & April with some of the Car club members helping at a benefit.



Ivan & April with God Daughter and her Parents.

# Our Pets



Tyler



Vicente



HEMI



Tyler and Vicente

# Our Church



Fiday night Bible study with a Birthday celebration.



Bible study members wedding.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel celebratory feast day.



Christmas toy drive for our church and our car club members

# Meet Ivan

Hello! I am Ivan, a natural born leader, highly focused and achievement oriented person. I have always strived to be the best role model, leader and father figure that I can be. I was born December 1985, in Houston, Tx. I am the youngest of 3 sibling. I come from a strong Christian faith family, I am the president of a local car club that has one goal in mind, to give back to our communities. I have an associates degree in business. I am a proud owner of 2 classic trucks that I would love to share with my kids one day. My family is from Chicago but now reside in Houston. I come from a big family that has so much love to give...



Usually on the weekends i try to attend local car shows or benefits that let me give back to those in need,



Prayer has always been an important part of my life, because when in doubt prayer and God will always guide you down the correct path!

*More about*  
**Ivan**

OCCUPATION:

Parts Manager

EDUCATION:

Associates Degree

RELIGION:

Catholic

DATE OF BIRTH:

December 23, 1985

HAIR COLOR:

Black

EYE COLOR:

Brown

HEIGHT:

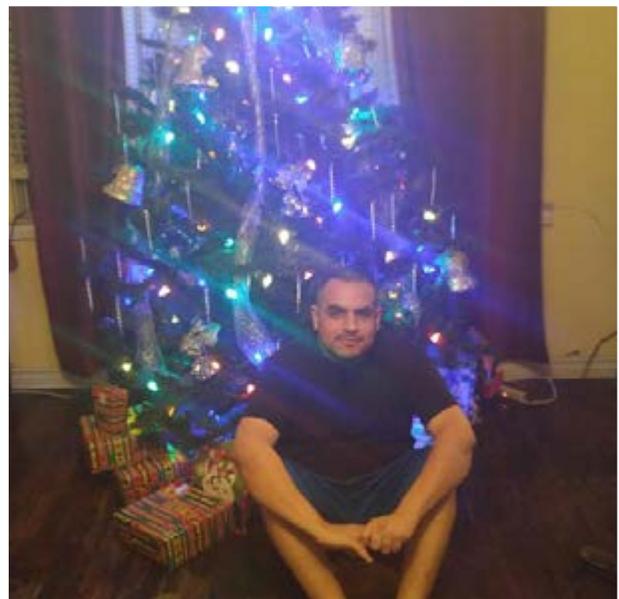
5' 11"



My family is from Chicago and I had an opportunity in 2021 to go and visit where it all started and the first thing I did was eat a Chicago Style Hot Dog!



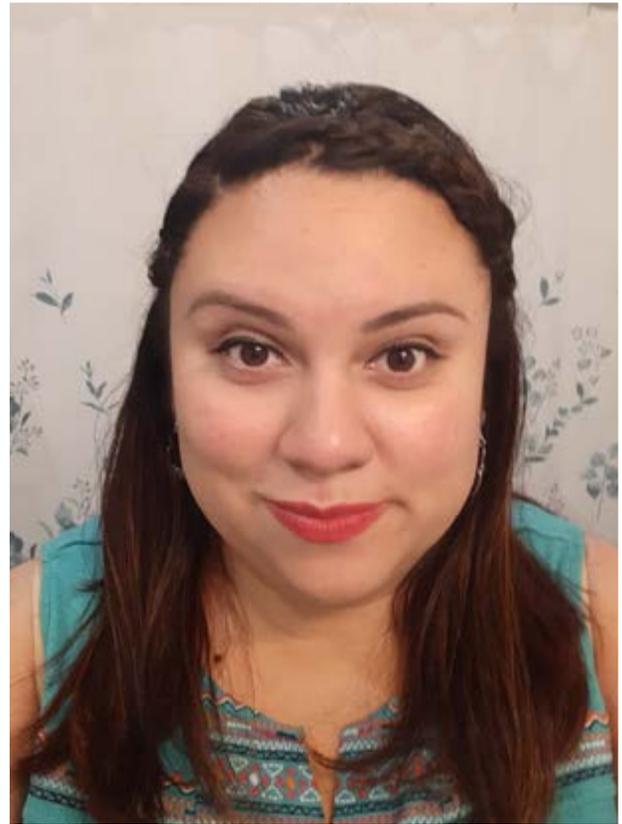
Clark Kent AKA Superman, has always been my hero and mentor in life. I love to collect anything Superman related.



Being that my birthday is in December, the Christmas holiday is special to me because I get to be thank God for all the blessing I have received...

# Meet April

Hello my name is april, i am the oldest out of three siblings. I come from a family that is of strong catholic faith and very wholesome. I am a pastry chef, i have very great deal of love and respect for the kitchen. I like to spend most of my time in the kitchen at home. I enjoy watching movies, tv shows with popcorn and a nice and comfy throw. I enjoy traveling and learning about new places and cultures. I like to live my life a day at a time and enjoy every minute of it. I look forward to see what the new day will bring.



First day of Pastry School. I feel so grateful for the opportunity to learn so much and meet so many great people including Chef Eddy Vandame.



Being the baseball fan that I am, I enjoy every opportunity I get to Watch my Home Team "Houston Astros on t.v or at the ball park.

*More about*  
**April**

OCCUPATION:

Pastry Cheff

EDUCATION:

Associates in Pastry Arts

RELIGION:

Catholic

DATE OF BIRTH:

April 11, 1989

HAIR COLOR:

Black

EYE COLOR:

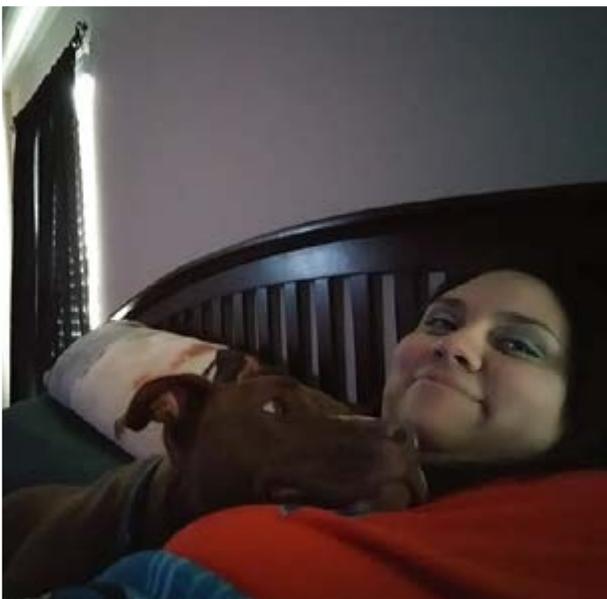
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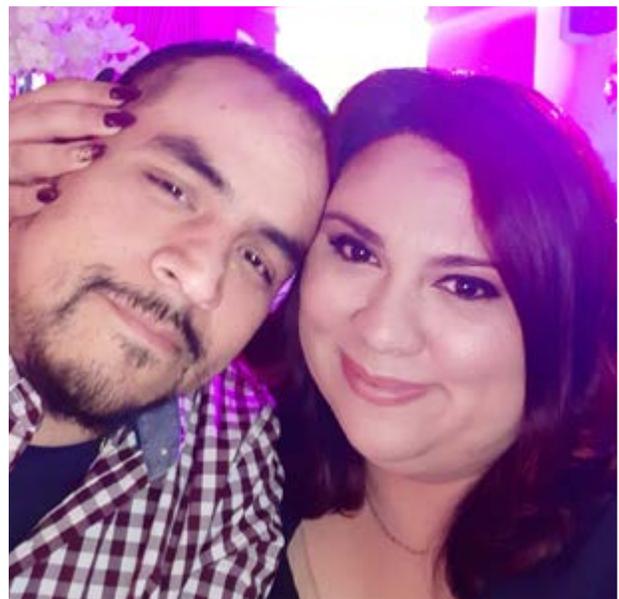
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Accomplishing things on my "bucket list" is something I enjoy, like this one visiting Skydeck Chicago, Illinois.



I have 3 dogs and I enjoy their love and company. Hemi, Tyler and Vicente.



What I cherish the most is my time spent with Ivan.

# Family Information

**Father's name:** Ivan Castillon  
**Occupation:** Branch Manager.  
**Education:** Associates in Business  
**Religion:** Catholic  
**Date of Birth:** December 23, 1985  
**Hair color:** Black  
**Eye Color:** Brown  
**Height:** 5' 11"

**Mother's name:** April Renee Garcia  
**Occupation:** Pastry Chef  
**Education:** Associates in Pastry Arts.  
**Religion:** Catholic  
**Date of Birth:** April 11, 1985  
**Hair color:** Black  
**Eye Color:** Brown  
**Height:** 5' 5"

**Date of Marriage:** December 3, 2011

**Children:** None

**Interests and Hobbies:** We love to go to the movies, especially the tuesday matinee. We have two classic trucks and we enjoy taking them out for a cruise on the weekends when the weather permits. Sunday morning mass is a must for us, it's one of many things that we partake as a family that is special to our hearts. We also attend friday night bible study which we take turns with other families and friends hosting at their homes. We participate in several annual community fundraisers like benefit BBQ's, toy drives, food drives and so many more. We are founders of a local car club that also helps out at those fundraisers. April loves to bake for all occasions and Ivan likes to help her by taste testing all her baked goods. We enjoy traveling to the small towns near our hometown to sight see, eat different foods and take pictures. We help out as much as possible at our church when needed, like bake goods sales, church festivals and sometimes help in the choir. Alongside with our bible study group and our Church we create care packages that we send to those in need in small rural towns in Mexico which is always a very humbling experience for us.

**Home:** We live in a four bedroom, two bath one story home with a large patio and backyard with plenty of room for activities and family BBQ's that we love to host. Our backyard has a large gate that leads into a beautiful retention pond with trails that we love to take our dogs to. We live in a new quiet subdivision on the outskirts of the city limits. We have lived here for almost six years. Our neighborhood has several community parks and is surrounded by four elementary schools, three middle schools, one junior high and two highschools, all that are relatively new. We also have a new fire and police station that are blocks away from our home. We have a new community library and several shopping centers. There is also a new movie theater that we love to attend to.

**Pets:** We have three dogs; Tyler age 12 who is a small white and tan color chihuahua, Vicente age 9 who is a small furry tan color chihuahua and Hemi age 4 who is a Cinnamon color Staffordshire Terrier. All three are very friendly, playful and obedient parts of our family. They enjoy eating ice cream, car rides and baths. In the summer they enjoy swimming in the kiddie pool they have.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?**

We have been married for ten years and there has never been a dull moment, a year after we got married we experienced a heartbreak when we had a miscarriage. We then decided to start fertility treatments but we were not successful. After eight years of not conceiving a child, we both agreed to stop fertility treatments and both agreed that God's will would be done. March of 2021 April lost her father and he was one of the biggest supporters of us initially start the process of adoption before he passed. So after a year we both agreed that it was time to move forward and ask God to help us and guide us in this journey of adoption. We have a strong faith in God and believe that our union is blessed beyond measure. We have prayed and have the support of our families which has helped us strengthen our marriage. We are truly committed to this adoption journey and with one another, and always remember to put God at the forefront of every decision we make. All of our immediate family have children of their own and we love being a part of their lives. Especially in our two God-Daughters lives, but we feel and know that it's our time to be parents with the love and grace of God.

**Openness to birth parent(s):**

We would like to have an open relationship with our future child's biological parent(s). We have a lot of compassion and respect for the child's biological parent(s) and are grateful for the difficult choice they made to place their child for adoption. We hope to maintain a healthy relationship with our child's biological parent(s) to the extent that it is safe and beneficial for the child. This can include e-mail, video chat, and in-person visits about twice a year. We are very supportive of our child having a relationship with their biological parent(s). We will share our child's adoption story in age-appropriate ways. We want to be open and honest with our child about their adoption story but we also want to ensure that our child can understand what is being shared to them. We also feel that it is important to protect our child's story and privacy. We are also open to counseling for our child if necessary and or helpful. We know that with us and the support of our family, our child will always be the priority and always be loved unconditionally.



# *Thank You*

Thank You for taking the time to learn more about us and for considering us as adoptive parents of your child. .