Heather & Vicente







# THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US



We cannot begin to imagine the circumstances that have led you to considering this difficult decision, but please know that we are praying for you, your child and your family. We hope you feel supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey. We pray God will guide and direct your decision, whether it be to parent or place your child for adoption. God gave us the desire to have a family many years ago. We hope our profile will give you some insight into our lives and the type of life that we can offer a child. Please know that if we are blessed with the opportunity, your child will always know how much you love them and how selfless you were to make the brave decision to place them for adoption. We cannot wait to welcome a child into our family and we look forward to the journey ahead.

#### We are high school sweethearts, introduced by mutual friends, and have been happily married for 17 years but together for 21 years.

We are each other's best friend and we love the life we've built together. We enjoy activities such as camping, hunting, fishing, some traveling and spending time with friends and family. We live in a rural established area of our city, on an acre of land that is home to our teacup poodle (Daisy), 8 sheep (Steak, Chicken, Savannah, Harley, Riley, Quinn, Lucy, Raven), 9 hen chickens (still being named) and 1 rooster (Ty).

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QUALITY TIME TOGETHER BIRD HUNTING

WE GOT CREATIVE FOR DATE NIGHT





WRITTEN BY VICENTE

What I admire most about Heather is her caring and selfless personality.

She will do anything to help someone without hesitation!



#### MAKING VEGETABLE STEW





She is persistent and doesn't give up easily. She has a deep sense of empathy and commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of others. She is not only the best partner to me but she's also the best aunt and God mother to our nieces and nephews and spoils them with love, attention and wisdom. She loves baking sweets, having ice cream sundaes and making s'mores with them but always finds a way to teach them a lesson through whichever activity they're taking part in.

Heather works for a health insurance company as a Claims Auditor, where she uses her analytical and problem solving skills daily. Her job allows her the flexibility to work from home and will provide her the opportunity to care for our child during the day. They encourage and focus on a healthy work/life balance.



IN A FIELD OF SUNFLOWERS



**HEATHER'S** Favorites

My favorite vacation spot (so far) would be San Diego, California. We hope to add to our list of places we've visited.

My favorite type of candy is gummy worms or sour candy.

My dream job would be something in the legal field, I find court proceedings to be interesting. I enjoy hearing cases and listening to people testifying. I've served on a jury once several years ago.

My favorite ice cream flavors are strawberry, rocky road and cookies and cream.

> My favorite sports team is the Arizona Cardinals.

My favorite dish to cook would be green chile stew or green chile chicken enchiladas. MEET WRITTEN BY HEATHER



The qualities I admire most about Vicente are his patience, his resiliency and ability to be open minded.

He supports me and not only tells me how much he loves me but he demonstrates his love for me daily.

He can always find the good in any situation and can always bring a different perspective when we're thinking through a situation. He takes pride in his strong work ethic and leadership as an Operations Manager at a traffic control company. He's an avid hunter/ fisherman however, he's very respectful of nature and the animals he harvests. He always makes sure he's setting good examples for the children in our lives; our nieces, nephews and God children. He makes time to check in on them and show them how much he cares. He enjoys sharing his outdoor hobbies and knowledge with them often.



BUILDING NESTING BOXES FOR OUR CHICKENS

#### BOWLING FUN WITH FRIENDS



VICENTE'S Favorites

My favorite seasonal activity is elk hunting.

My favorite place to take a child would be the zoo. Heather and I take trips to the zoo regularly to see all the animals.

My hobbies consist of hunting, fishing, shooting my bow and I recently started metal detecting.

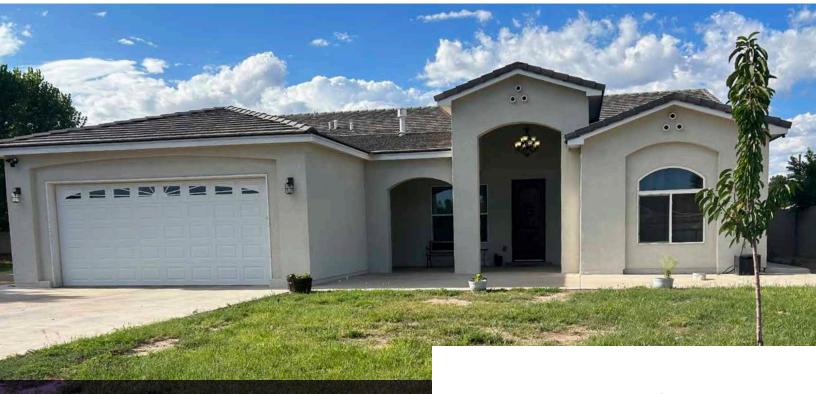
My favorite dessert is rocky road ice cream especially on a hot day.

I enjoy tossing the football around with my nieces and nephews.

My favorite sports teams are the Los Angeles Lakers and the Arizona Cardinals.

My perfect day would either be next to a stream or river, hunting elk in the mountains or enjoying the hard work I put into my yard. Then ending the day with Heather over a nice dinner and cuddling, talking about our day.

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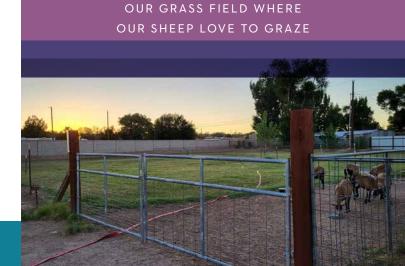
## The views and sunsets from our back porch are beautiful.

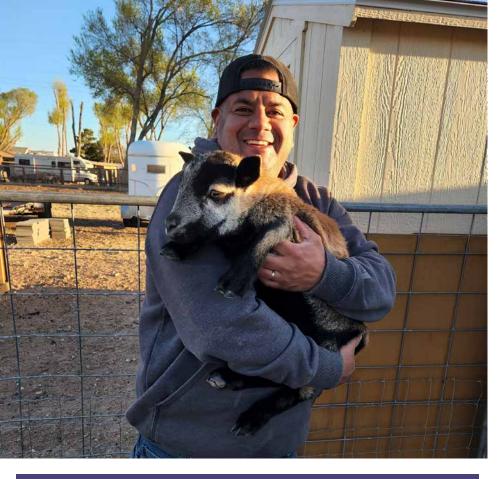
We take advantage of our land and walk, jog and run around it for exercise.

We enjoy attending the rodeos held across the street from our home during the summer months. Each year we look forward to planting our garden and harvesting fruits and vegetables to share with our families. Year round you can find us grilling and enjoying our backyard and animals. We have family that live minutes away. Other local events we attend are concerts, the State Fair, Summerfest, and our church fiestas.

We live in

THE SOUTH VALLEY OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO





VICENTE CUDDLING ONE OF THE NUMEROUS
<u>BABY LAM</u>BS WE HAD BORN LAST SEASON



During the holiday season, we take time to drive around with family and look at Christmas lights and decorations.

BONDING AND BUILDING TRUST WITH OUR CHICKENS



DAISY GIVING US "THE LOOK" FOR ANOTHER TREAT





OUR SHEEP MAKING US LAUGH WITH THEIR FUNNY PERSONALITIES

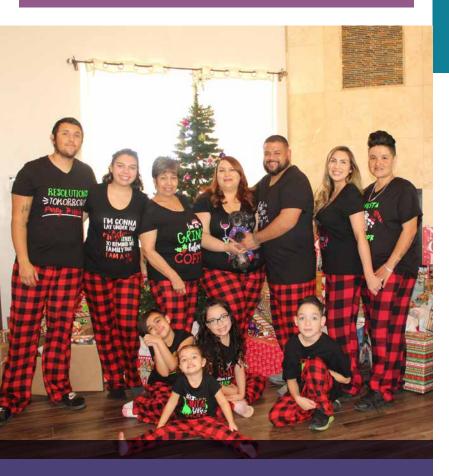
We partake in decorating for the different holidays such as Christmas and Halloween. Last year our home was featured on the Albuquerque Area Holiday Lights tour map as a home to visit. Our beautiful state is also well known for red and green chile, the International Balloon Fiesta, the Sandia Peak Tramway and several TV shows and movies filmed here.

OUR

## We are very close to our families.

We have a blended family, Vicente has 3 sisters and 2 brothers from his parents and step parents and Heather has 1 sister. While most of our family is in New Mexico, one of Vicente's brothers just moved to Ohio and Heather's sister lives in Arizona. Visiting Heather's sister, sister in law and their family in Arizona is one of our favorite things to do. We have lots of fun getting together for game nights, card games, birthdays and holidays.

CHRISTMAS DAY WITH DAISY, HEATHER'S MOM, SISTER, SISTER IN LAW, NIECES, NEPHEWS AND GOD CHILDREN





WITH HEATHER'S SISTER AND SISTER-IN-LAW AT THEIR BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR WEDDING

Our family is very comfortable and supportive with adoption, Vicente's grandfather is adopted and our niece and nephew are adopted.

They have supported our adoption journey from the minute we shared our exciting news to pursue adoption with them.



Every year before the Christmas holiday season, we get together to make big batches of tamales and biscochitos (cookies). A tradition we practice from Vicente's side of the family is having a birthday cake and singing Happy Birthday to Jesus at Christmas Dinner. 101

A tradition Vicente carried on from Heather's grandfather after he passed is having luminarias outside our home for Christmas. Usually during the first part of the year when it's still cold out, we have matanzas. Warmer months we gather for pot luck style barbecues.

#### CELEBRATING VICENTE'S MOM'S BIRTHDAY



#### GAME NIGHT WITH HEATHER'S FAMILY

#### CELEBRATING AT A GENDER REVEAL PARTY WITH VICENTE'S SIBLINGS



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We are open to all race /ethnicities and any gender. We will incorporate your child's culture into our lives. We are comfortable with open adoption to include texts, phone calls, letters, updates, and visits. We would love to also receive texts, phone calls, letters, and updates about you and your family to share with your child, with respect to your wishes.



GETTING OUT IN NATURE ALWAYS HELPS US RELAX AND REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS We would love nothing more than to be parents and offer parental support for a child/children as they grow into the person(s) they're meant to be.

We intend to learn about our child's background and culture and incorporate it into our lives. We believe the difficulties we've experienced with infertility were for a purpose and that's what brought adoption into our heart. We hope to have an open relationship and friendship with you. We understand our child will have many questions about adoption and we intend to be as open and honest as we can be. We respect whatever level of openness and contact that you wish to have.





CELEBRATING OUR VOW RENEWAL WITH NIECES, NEPHEWS AND GOD CHILDREN

### Children are sponges and pick up habits from people they're around.

Some of the values we hope to pass on as parents would be having faith, love, integrity, respect, forgiveness, being kind, having empathy, generosity, having courage, and being responsible.





### Thank you for considering our family as an option for your baby.

It would be an honor to get to know you and the hopes you have for his or her future.



We promise to love your child unconditionally and provide them with a safe, stable, happy life filled with adventure. We will encourage them, support them, and walk with them through life. We will encourage imagination, learning, activities and hobbies that make them happy. We will encourage them to follow their dreams and follow their heart. We promise to provide your child with every opportunity to accomplish her or her goals and passions.

We would be honored to share an open adoption with you; including sharing photos, videos, updates and visits at your comfort level. We will always respect you and your decisions. We promise to share their adoption story and make sure they know how loved they are. We promise to always speak of you with love.

We are so excited to grow our family through adoption. Know that we are praying for you and your sweet baby and that God will fill you with peace in whatever decision you make.

Family Information



FATHER'S NAME: VICENTE

OCCUPATION: OPERATIONS MANAGER

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

**RELIGION:** CHRISTIAN

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 9/1/1983

HAIR COLOR: BLACK

EYE COLOR: BROWN

**HEIGHT:** 5'7"

MOTHER'S NAME: HEATHER

OCCUPATION: CLAIMS AUDITOR

EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

**RELIGION:** CHRISTIAN

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 1/12/1985

HAIR COLOR: BROWN

EYE COLOR: BROWN

HEIGHT: 5'1"

#### Date of Marriage: 1/14/2006

**Interests & Hobbies:** We enjoy spending time with our sheep, chickens and dog. We love spending time with family, camping, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

**Home:** We live in a rural established area of our city, on an acre of land that we love. Our home has 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and an open living space.

**Pets:** Daisy is our 14 year old teacup poodle. We have 8 sheep: Steak, Chicken, Savannah, Riley, Harley, Quinn, Raven, and Lucy. We also have 9 hens (that we're still naming) and 1 rooster named Ty.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We've always wanted to be parents and imagined having children. While infertility prevented us from expanding our family, we felt called to adoption. We attempted embryo adoption, however, we were unable to continue due to Heather being diagnosed with uterine cancer. We were so lucky to have found it accidentally and in it's beginning stage. We knew the domestic adoption program was meant for us and would help us fulfill our dreams of having a child/children.

**Openness to Birthparent(s):** We are open to what the birth mother would prefer, as she is giving us the greatest gift and one that we cannot give ourselves. We envision staying in contact and sharing updates back and forth and making sure our child knows that they grew in our heart and in their birth mother's belly.

**Childcare Plans:** Heather works 4 days a week at home which will allow her to provide in-home care for our child, along with both of our mother's who are retired and eager to help. We also plan to utilize day care further in the future to incorporate social skills, education and play time with other children.

