

Marianne + Fidencio

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Dear Friend

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We feel truly honored that you would consider us as a family for your child. We may not know the circumstances that have brought you to consider adoption, but we understand this is not an easy decision. It takes incredible strength, courage, and love to consider what may be best for your child during such a difficult and emotional time.

In our hearts, you are already a mother because mothers make hard and selfless choices out of love for their children. We hope you are surrounded by people who are supporting, encouraging, and praying for you throughout this journey. We both come from loving families who fully support our decision to adopt and are ready to welcome a child with open arms. Through difficult seasons and hard choices in our own families, we have learned to rely on God, trust His guidance, and support one another with love and faith.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to connect with you and become part of this journey. Please know that you will always be an important part of your child's life, and your child will grow up surrounded by family and friends who will provide unconditional love, support, stability, and faith. Our hope is to honor the love behind your decision, love your child wholeheartedly, and raise them knowing how deeply loved they have always been. We pray that God guides all of us and brings peace, comfort, and clarity throughout this journey.

With love and prayers,

Fidencio + Marianne



Our wedding reception at Hearts Home Farm





Our engagement session in Fallbrook, CA



Us at my God daughter's 16th bday party

Our Story

Fidencio and I met in 2011 at a friend's wedding. We noticed each other during the ceremony, and later at the reception, he asked me to dance. After having such a great time together, he asked for my phone number. I hesitated at first, but decided to take a chance. When he told me his phone was in the car with a dead battery, I jokingly thought, "Great, this guy doesn't even own a phone!" Thankfully, I still gave him my number. Our first date was at Milano's Pizza, followed by a second date at Irwindale Speedway, where Fidencio introduced me to his love of cars and racing. I quickly realized there was something special about him. His honesty, respect, and vulnerability made me feel comfortable being myself, and we began building a relationship based on trust, openness, and faith. We married in 2015 in Moreno Valley, California, and have since built a life centered on family, faith, friendship, and supporting one another.

Today, we live in Moreno Valley with our dogs, Floki and Patches, and are blessed to have our families nearby. We are especially close with our 13 nieces and nephews, and family gatherings are always filled with laughter, food, and love. Fidencio enjoys working on cars, riding motorcycles, drag racing, and tackling DIY projects, while I enjoy crocheting, caring for my plants, and creating things for our home. Together, we love camping, slowing down with a cup of coffee, and talking about life and the future. Throughout our marriage, we have learned that family means choosing one another every day, communicating honestly, supporting each other through difficult seasons, and trusting God when life does not go as planned. Our faith is at the center of who we are, and we are grateful for the guidance God has given us throughout our relationship, marriage, and journey toward adoption. We are thankful for the life we have built and look forward to sharing that life and love with a child.



meet MARY

I grew up in the small city of San Jacinto, California, with two brothers and three sisters who were about 8–12 years older than me. My parents created a home that was both structured and loving. My dad is loving and firm, always encouraging us to do our best, but he also loves to joke around and have fun with us. My mom is a caring and devoted mother who always makes sure we have what we need. She is naturally quiet and gentle, but incredibly patient and has such a kind heart.

Because my siblings were older, I eventually had special time with my parents after everyone else had moved out. Some of my favorite memories from that time are watching movies with my mom and dad, playing games together, spending Sundays with extended family, and celebrating holidays. Even when my siblings had families and commitments of their own, we always made an effort to spend as much time together as possible. Having everyone together, even for part of the day, made those celebrations especially meaningful.

During my teenage years, some of my siblings had children at a young age, and a few of my nephews lived with my parents while I was still at home. I became very close to them and loved playing games, taking them on trips, exploring together, and seeing how much fun they had. Those experiences helped me develop a natural connection with children that has stayed with me throughout my life. Now that my nephews are older, and some even have children of their own, we are still close. I'm especially grateful that they feel comfortable calling me, joking around, and spending time together.

I also loved spending time with friends growing up. We had sleepovers, stayed up late watching movies, making CDs of our favorite songs, and talking about the boys we liked. Looking back, those simple moments are some of my favorite childhood memories. My experiences with my nephews and other children also gave me the confidence to volunteer at my church in San Jacinto. I continued serving at my church and other churches until 2023, and serving others has always been important to me. It is a value I hope to share with my own children.

I have always loved being creative and try to make time for crafts whenever I can. Some of my favorite activities are crocheting, journaling, and cross-stitching. One day, I would love to learn how to sew so I can make clothing for my children. I look forward to sharing my creativity with them, working on projects together, and creating special memories of our own.

In Fidencio's Words

What I admire most about Marianne is her kindness, compassion, and love for her family. She has always been the glue that brings her family together. Even as the little sister, she has a special way of keeping her brothers and sisters connected through her humor, vulnerability, and willingness to put others before herself. When there are misunderstandings, she is often the one who works to bring everyone back together because she genuinely values those relationships.

Marianne brings light into almost any room with her playful sense of humor and warm personality. Her brothers and sisters adore her, and her nephews absolutely love being around her. Watching the patience, affection, and joy she shares with them has given me a glimpse of the mother I know she will be. She is thoughtful about knowing when to listen, encourage, or simply bring some laughter to a difficult day, and she naturally goes out of her way to help others without expecting anything in return.

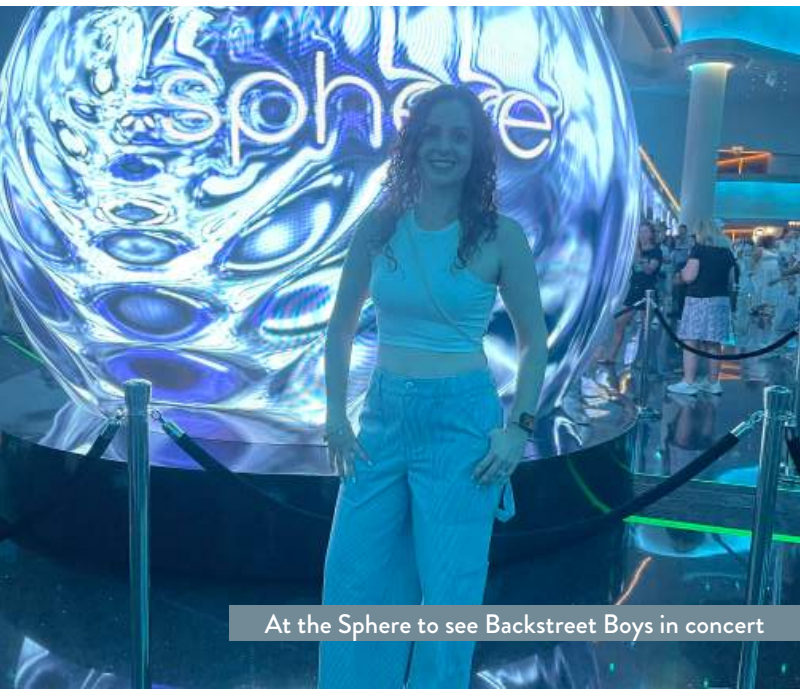
I know Marianne will be a wonderful mom because she will bring that same patience, compassion, humor, and love into our family. She will create a home where our child feels safe, supported, and comfortable being themselves while teaching them the importance of family, kindness, and caring for others. More than anything, I look forward to watching her become a mom. She loves deeply and makes the people around her feel valued, and I know our child will always be able to turn to her for comfort, guidance, laughter, and unconditional love.



Mary at Disneyland



Mary at 123 Farm in Beaumont, CA



At the Sphere to see Backstreet Boys in concert





meet FIDENCIO

Growing up, family was always at the center of my life. I was raised in a rough neighborhood in South Central Los Angeles, but my family was always present. My dad was a strong but caring man who put family first, my mom was the glue that kept everything together, and my siblings and I always looked after one another. Watching my family work through difficult circumstances taught me to be self-reliant, work hard, and never let where I came from define where I could go.

I started working at 16 and began helping my family financially. While attending college, I worked three part-time jobs to pay my way through school. I eventually became the first in my family to graduate from college and later the first to buy a home. Those accomplishments mean a lot to me because they reflect the values, sacrifices, and examples my family gave me.

I have always enjoyed working with my hands and figuring out how things work. Cars have been a lifelong interest, and today I enjoy working on my cars, riding motorcycles, drag racing, and taking on projects around the house. I enjoy the challenge of starting with an idea, working through problems, and seeing something come together.

As I have gotten older, I have come to appreciate even more the importance of family, faith, hard work, and the traditions I grew up with. I want to be a dad because I want the opportunity to pass those values along while creating new traditions with Marianne and our child.

More than anything, I hope to be the kind of father my parents taught me to be: strong when needed, caring always, and committed to putting family first. I want our child to know that I will always be there to guide, encourage, support, and remind them that their circumstances should never limit what they believe is possible.

In Mary's Words

I fall in love with Fidencio more each day. He was the missing puzzle piece I didn't even know I was missing. I continue to see him grow as a man, a husband, and a friend—not only to me, but to the people around him. He is a natural leader who leads with empathy, encourages others, and helps those around him see their own worth and let their light shine.

When I am struggling with something, Fidencio is always there to help me. He doesn't get upset or make me feel bad; instead, he takes the time to help me understand why a situation may not be good for me and talks through it with patience and understanding. His support gives me confidence in myself and in our marriage because he loves me for who I am while always encouraging me to become the best version of myself.

The way Fidencio loves and supports me gives me so much confidence in the kind of father he will be. I know he will be gentle and patient with our children while also providing the firm and loving guidance they will need as they grow. He will stand up for them, respect their individuality, encourage their dreams, and love them deeply and unconditionally.

Watching the way he loves me makes me even more excited to see him become a father. I feel incredibly blessed to have a man who loves me for who I am, encourages me to grow, and will bring that same love, patience, and support to our children. I truly could not ask for a better partner or a better father for our family.



Fidencio at the Great Wall of China



Fidencio on our Wedding Day



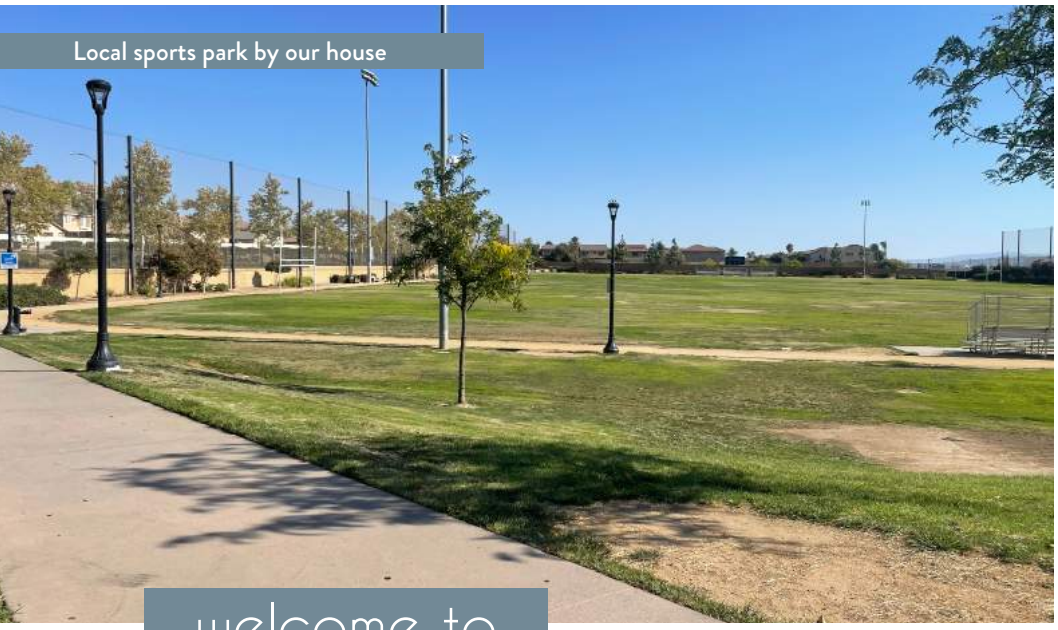
Fidencio at Joshua Tree, CA



Fidencio in Santa Barbara, CA







Local sports park by our house



Touring lights near our house

welcome to

OUR HOME

We live in a peaceful, family-oriented community where we can picture raising our child and creating lasting memories together. Our home is a place where we enjoy slowing down, spending time together, and welcoming family and friends.

Our favorite space is the backyard, which we are currently renovating with a patio and entertaining area where we can relax, barbecue, and enjoy time outdoors. We look forward to watching our child play, celebrating birthdays and holidays, and filling the space with laughter and family memories.

Our community offers parks, playgrounds, walking and hiking trails, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. We are especially close to Lake Perris, where we enjoy camping, boating, swimming, fishing, and hiking, as well as local fairs, museums, sporting events, and other family-friendly activities throughout the year.

More than anything, we love that our home provides a peaceful and welcoming place to build our family, and we look forward to filling it with even more laughter, traditions, and everyday moments as our family grows.



Patches



Floki





Our Pets

We have two dogs named Floki and Patches.

Floki is a black Australian Cattle Dog who enjoys vigorous activities and loves his favorite treats. He is very smart and picks up on things quickly.

Patches is a white and brown Chihuahua and Jack Russell mix. He loves affection, being petted, and going on walks.

They both love the outdoors and sometimes come camping with us.



Both sides of family



Christmas at Mary's Sister's house

Our FAMILY

Family has always been an important part of our lives, and we feel very fortunate to have a strong support system surrounding us. Our extended family, close friends, and church community have supported us throughout our adoption journey, and we know they are excited to welcome and love the newest addition to our family. We look forward to watching our child build meaningful relationships with grandparents, cousins, extended family, and friends while celebrating birthdays and holidays, playing outside, and creating the memories that come from growing up surrounded by people who love and support one another.

Our faith community is also an important part of our lives, and we look forward to the day when our priest can introduce and welcome our child into our church community. We hope to raise our child surrounded by people who will encourage, guide, support, and celebrate them as they grow. We feel incredibly fortunate knowing our child will be welcomed into a family and community filled with people who are ready to love them and be an important part of their life.



Fide's mom and sister



Mary with her dad, sister, and best friend



Mary's brothers and sisters



Fide's sister's family



Fide and his siblings



Mary's sister's family



Mary's family

Our FAITH

Our faith is the foundation of our family and guides the way we live our lives. We strive to put God first, trust in His plan, and show love, forgiveness, and compassion to those around us. Our journey through infertility strengthened our faith and reminded us that even during life's most difficult seasons, God is faithful. That experience has shaped our hearts and deepened our appreciation for the gift of family.

We value spending meaningful time together and creating traditions that bring our family closer. Whether it's gathering around the table for meals, celebrating holidays with loved ones, attending church together, or simply enjoying everyday moments, we believe the memories we make together are what matter most. We hope our home will always be a place where everyone feels welcomed, supported, and unconditionally loved.



Mary's mom and dad



Stepmom Karen and her daughters



Fide and his godson



Camping at Vail Lake in Temecula



Fide with nephews

Hobbies + Fun!

We love camping, going on motorcycle rides, and simply getting away from the busy pace of our work lives. One of our favorite ways to start the day is sitting together with a cup of coffee, talking about our dreams, making plans, and sharing what we hope to accomplish that day. Those quiet moments together help us slow down and start our day right.

We also love taking our dogs with us on walks and hikes and enjoying the outdoors together. At the same time, we believe it's important to have our own time to enjoy the hobbies that make each of us happy. Fide enjoys working on his cars and going drag racing on the weekends, while Mary loves being creative through crocheting, cross-stitching, and paper crafts with her Cricut.

More than anything, we cherish spending time with our family. When our family can join us for camping trips, game nights, or other adventures, it makes those experiences even more special. We love creating memories together, sharing laughter, and building traditions that we can continue for years to come.

For us, life is about finding a balance between adventure, creativity, family, and simply enjoying the little moments together. Whether we're sitting around a campfire, taking a motorcycle ride, working on our hobbies, or enjoying a quiet morning coffee, we're happiest when we're making memories and enjoying life together.



Camping at Lake Hemet



Family Christmas



Mary posing with Fide's Nova



Spring Training for the Dodgers



Christmas crafts & games



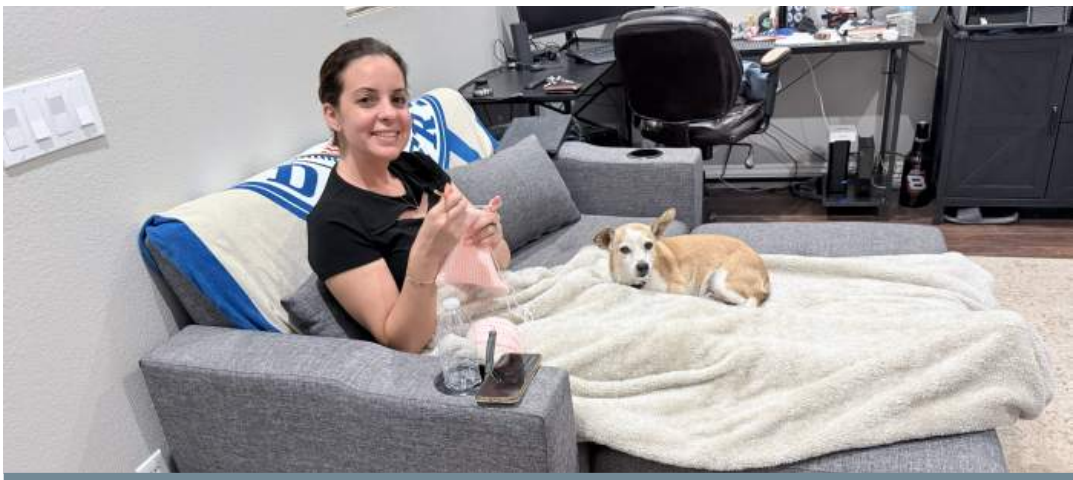
With Mary's brother's family at Dodger's Game



5K with Mary's Brother



Fide Drag Racing



Mary Crocheting



Halloween Party



Christmas Games



Hiking with Mary's sister



We believe every child should be loved, respected, and celebrated as the unique individual they are. We want to make sure this child always has love, support, guidance, and forgiveness and knows they are valued and accepted for exactly who they are.

Our faith in God is at the center of our lives. We strive to be the best individuals we can be and to live our lives with kindness, patience, compassion, and love. By doing our best to live these values, we hope to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing home for this child.

We believe embracing different cultures and backgrounds is what makes a family truly special. Bringing together everyone's unique experiences, traditions, perspectives, and ways of thinking allows us to learn from one another and grow together. We want this child to know and appreciate where they came from and celebrate the beautiful culture and heritage that is a part of who they are.

We are not meant to go through life alone, and that includes you as the birth mother. We want you to know that you are not alone in this journey. Through the beautiful child you have given life to, we believe we are becoming one family, connected by love, respect, and a shared commitment to this child's future.

We know that family isn't about everyone being the same. It's about bringing different hearts, backgrounds, cultures, and experiences together and choosing to love, support, and grow with one another. We feel incredibly blessed by the opportunity to build our family through this beautiful child and look forward to all the memories, traditions, laughter, and love that lie ahead.

Family + Adoption



Father's Name:
Fidencio

Occupation:
Director of Engineering

Education:
Bachelor's of Science Mechanical Engineering

Religion:
Catholic

Date of birth:
1981

Hair Color:
Bald

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
5' 9"



Mother's Name:
Marianne

Occupation:
Administrator Assistant

Education:
Associate in Arts, Behavior Sciences

Religion:
Catholic

Date of birth:
1987

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

Height:
5' 5"

Family Information

Date of marriage: 10/17/2015 **Children:** No children at this time.

Interest and hobbies: We love camping, motorcycle rides, hiking with our dogs, and enjoying quiet mornings together over coffee. Fide enjoys working on his cars and drag racing, while Mary loves crocheting, cross-stitching, and creating crafts with her Cricut. Most of all, we enjoy spending time with family, whether we're camping, playing games, or simply making memories and creating traditions together.

Home: Our home is a peaceful, cozy place where we love slowing down and spending time together. We have worked hard to create a warm and welcoming space where family and friends can gather and make memories. One of our favorite spaces is our backyard, which we are currently renovating to make it an even more inviting place for our family. We are creating a patio and entertaining area where we can relax, barbecue, celebrate special occasions, and enjoy time outdoors. We look forward to watching our child grow up in our home, filling it with laughter, celebrations, traditions, and the everyday moments that make a house feel like home.

Pets: We have two dogs, Floki and Patches, who are an important part of our family. Floki is very active, loves his favorite treats, and is incredibly smart. He picks up on things quickly and always keeps us entertained with his personality. Patches loves attention, getting pets, and going on walks. He is happiest when he is close to us and getting plenty of affection. Both Floki and Patches love being outdoors and enjoy joining us on our adventures. They sometimes come camping with us and would be excited to have a little one join in on the fun someday!

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: We have always had a desire to adopt and began talking about growing our family through adoption even while we were dating. After experiencing challenges with infertility and exploring different options, we took the time to pray, reflect, and discuss what would be best for our family. We also explored foster care and completed the required training, but ultimately felt that domestic infant adoption was the right path for us at this time. We are excited to welcome a child into our family and provide a loving, stable, and supportive home where our child can grow and thrive.

Openness to birthparent(s): We've spent time praying and thinking about what an open adoption could look like for everyone involved. We understand that every adoption relationship is different, and we want to be intentional about creating one that feels comfortable, healthy, and genuine. We would love to keep in touch through pictures, letters, emails, phone calls, and other updates as the years go by. We would also welcome opportunities to get together in person when it feels right, whether it's for a birthday, holiday, milestone, or simply a chance to spend time together. As your child grows, we want them to have the opportunity to know their story and understand the people and experiences that helped shape their life. We believe having that connection can help them grow up with a strong sense of identity and appreciation for their beginnings. We also know that openness is something that can grow and change over time. Our hope is to communicate openly, respect each other's boundaries, and always keep what is best for the child at the heart of our relationship. We would be grateful for the opportunity to build a connection that continues to grow naturally as our family grows too.

Childcare plans: Mary will be the primary caregiver for the child.



BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE

Thank you for the love you carry,
For the courage that you show,
For making one of life's hardest choices,
And trusting where it may go.

Thank you for the life you've given,
For the dreams you hold inside,
For loving your child so deeply
And putting their needs before your own needs aside.

We may not know each other yet,
Or know what the future brings,
But we hope you always remember
The difference your love can bring.

Your child will know their story,
And the love that brought them here.
We will speak of you with kindness,
With respect, with love, and without fear.

We promise to love and protect them,
To encourage them to grow,
To celebrate who they are
And all the dreams they come to know.

And as our families come together,
We hope you will always see
That the beautiful child you gave life to
Has brought a new family to be.

Thank you for trusting us
With something precious beyond words.
We will never take for granted
The gift of being their parents.

With Love,
Fidencio
+ Marianne

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