

ANDREW & SHAMIRA

Dear Birth Family,

Adoption is a complex process but we also see adoption as an extraordinary blessing! Two families in need come together to create a beautiful future for a child. We know you want the very best for your child so we feel honored that you are reading our story. Children are life's greatest blessing & responsibility. Words cannot express our longing for a family or the joy we would feel if you chose us. We would care for your child with every bit of love we have.

We've found that openness is a big key to a child's well-being & we are very committed to openness. We want to do what is best for your child & we also want you to have as much peace of mind as possible regarding the future. We believe honest communication is vital. We want your child to understand your love & the commitment to them that led you to make an adoption plan. We would really like to get to know you & stay in touch with letters & photos. We are open to growing our relationship and possibly doing visits as well. Aside from emotional health, other goals for your child would be healthy physical habits, excellent education & strong character.

We value family, laughter, exploration, creativity & giving back. We want your child to experience all the wonderful things life has to offer. The defining aspect of our life is our faith. We are Christians & believe the best way to teach love is to model it. It is very important that children see examples of integrity, grace & faith at home every day not just on Sundays. Having a solid set of values will help them cope with issues as they grow up & give them a foundation for becoming happy adults.

Another benefit we can offer is diversity. We have many biracial marriages in our family (Puerto Rican, Caucasian, Native American, African American) & friends from all backgrounds. Equality is a cornerstone. Your child would not feel out of place in our family because we see people as people, not DNA. Family is where love grows & we are ready to develop ours. We hope to meet you soon!

Sincerely,
Andrew & Shamira



FUN FAMILY FACTS

Views on Adoption

We decided to adopt because it is in our hearts to be parents. We struggled with infertility for years & believe family is life's greatest investment. Even though the process has been difficult, we know the joy a child will bring is worth the journey. We have spent a lot of time learning about adoptive parenting & are prepared to give your child happy home. We also have a great support system because several of our close friends are adoptive parents or adoptees.

A Little Background

We met after college & have been happily married for 5 years. We enjoy our careers as a Leasing Manager (Andrew) & Teacher (Shamira). DIY projects, spending time outdoors & caring for our pups are some of the things we like to do together. We also love movies & taking road trips.



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Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

The most important thing any child needs is love & stability. We are committed to meeting both of those needs for your child in years to come. We are very patient & communicate well; those things will help us be great parents. We plan on using age appropriate consequences like time outs & grounding. We also believe praising positive choices is the best way to enforce good behavior. Education is a huge deal to us. In fact, we've already started a library of children's books.

Family Life

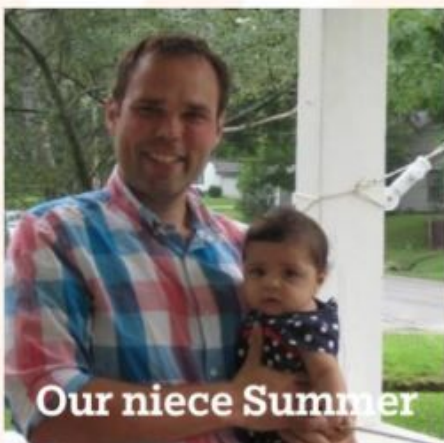
Our family is very close. We hang out on weekends, vacation together & talk daily. If we could describe our family in three words we would choose: loyal, hardworking & generous. Our parents & extended family live in town or a few hours drive. They are all very supportive of our decision to adopt & can't wait to start spoiling a little one. Andrew has a twin brother, Aaron & a sister, Leah. Shamira's younger siblings are Nadia & Angelo. Many of our happiest childhood memories are from holidays. Holidays are very important to us because we spend them together. We so look forward to creating more special moments for our future family to share.



Shamira's dad & siblings



Our mothers Tonia & Donna



Our niece Summer



Andrew's dad, siblings & sisterinlaw

Our Home

We own a three bed two bath house with a spacious yard. Our neighborhood is peaceful & there is a beautifully renovated park, library & hospital all in walking distance.



Childcare

Along with maternity leave, Shamira's teacher's schedule is ideal with summers, holidays & weekends at home. Our church also has a certified child care center.

