

David &
Janine

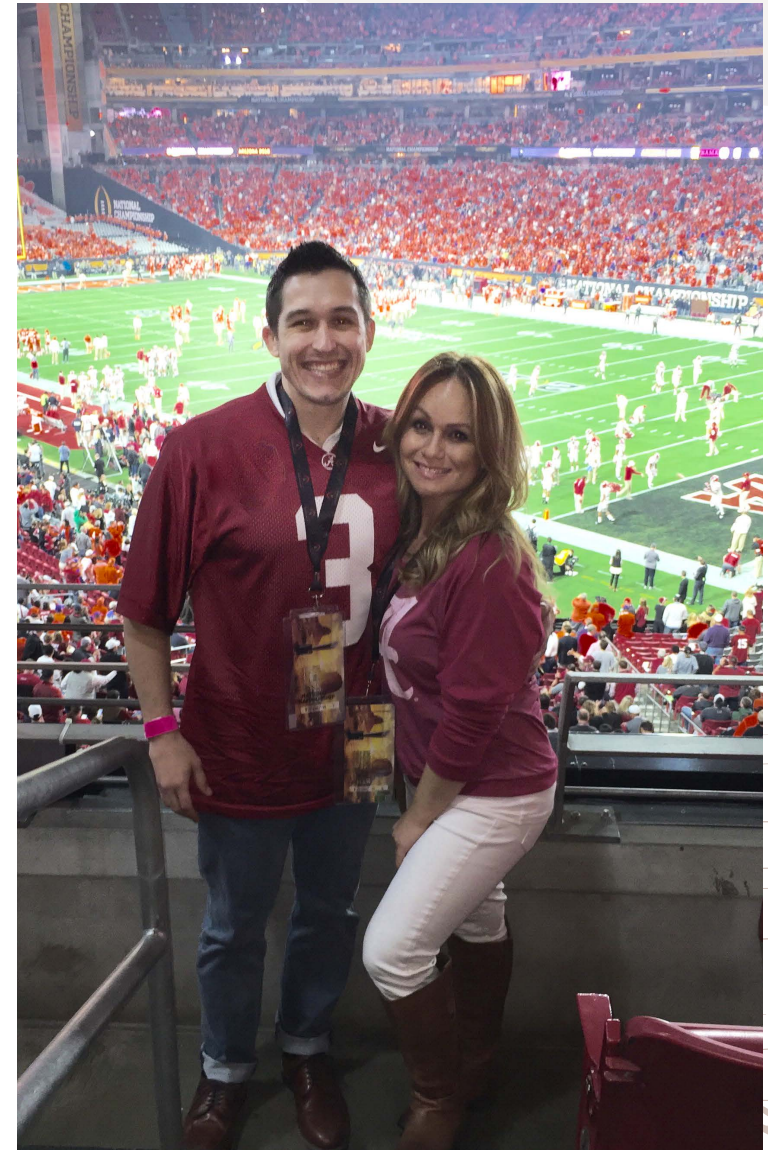




HELLO THERE

We are so grateful to be a part of your journey, no matter how big or small our part may be. We realize adoption takes a lot of courage and consideration. Adoption has always been part of how we imagined growing our family together. David was adopted and he recently met his own birth mother and we have seen first-hand how important these choices can be in our lives. We've built a strong relationship together and we are excited to continue our journey to become parents and grow our loving family together. We want to thank you for considering adoption, it is truly a kind and selfless act. We promise to love your child unconditionally and make sure they have a life filled with love, kindness, opportunities and fulfillment. We are blessed that we get to start our family through adoption and would be honored to be part of your adoption plan.

*David &
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“Our family is a place where everyone is welcome, there is always laughter, and above all else, there is always unconditional love.”

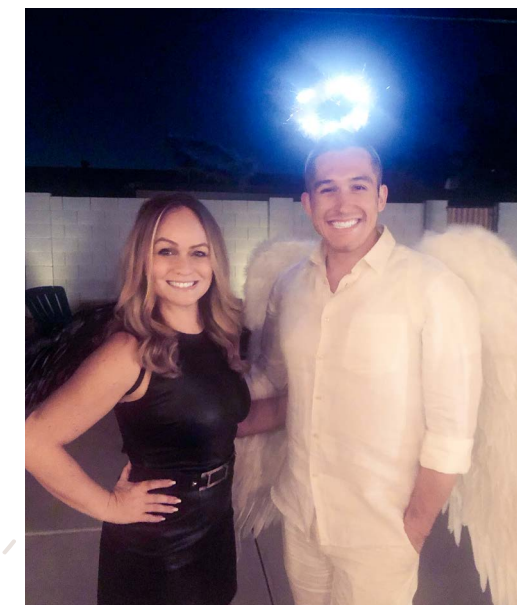


OUR STORY



Our names are David and Janine. We met 8 years ago at a football game. From the moment we met, we locked eyes, held hands and haven't let go since. Both of us knew we had met the person that would love and care for the other, no matter what. We were married two short years later and have spent every moment since talking about what our family life will look like. Our connection was instantaneous, probably because of how similar our families were growing up. We were both raised with big

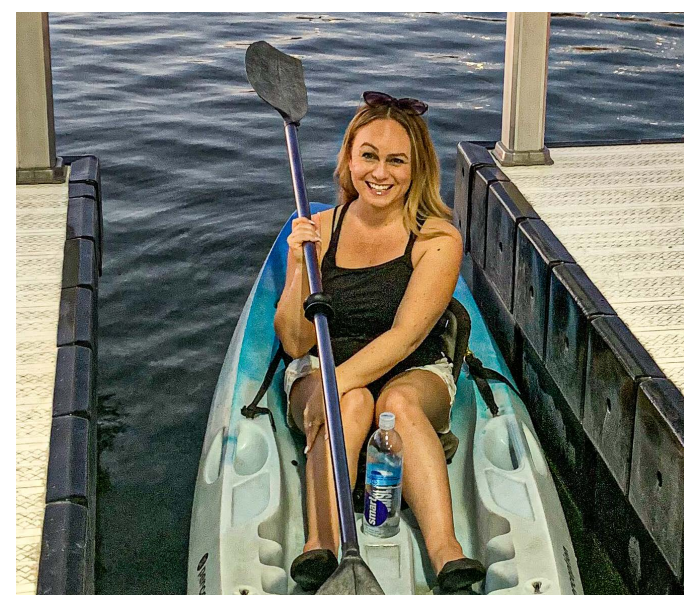
extended families, taking trips to some of our favorite places, a lakeside cottage and a mountain cabin. Long family chats taught us to be open minded, value learning, and to always be adventurous. To this day, we still spend most of our free time in our childhood homes, skiing or boating or just cooking together and hanging out with our families. The things we differ in have become the best parts of our relationship, because we each offer something that the other needs.



MEET JANINE

as told by David

Janine has meant so much to me and has been an inspiration since we met 8 years ago. She is my best friend; I cannot think of doing anything without her. She is the perfect mix of fun and responsible, which is great because I definitely have the fun part mastered! We've grown together, she makes me better each day, and I strive to do my best for her and our family we hope to have soon. Janine is the most caring, intelligent, and hard-working person I've ever met. She has really taught me patience, kindness, and how to love more than I ever thought possible. I know one day she will make the best mother any child would ever want and need.



MORE ABOUT

Janine

OCCUPATION: Pharmacist

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK: The Missing Piece

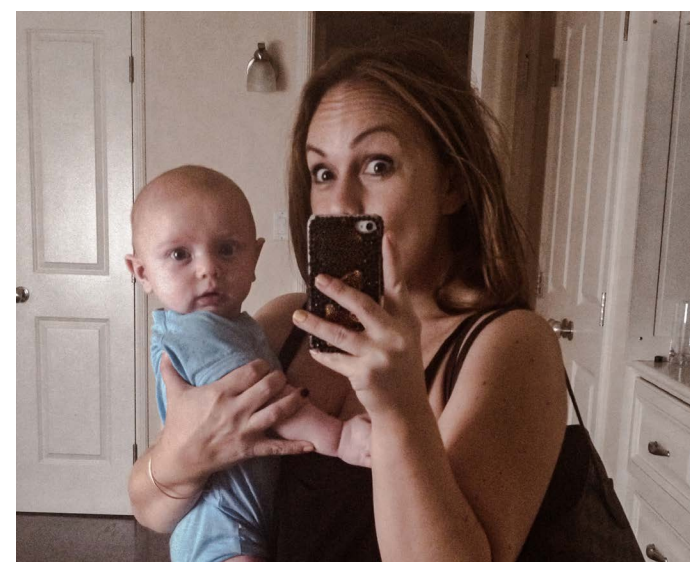
FAVORITE PLACE: Any warm beach

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Sunshine

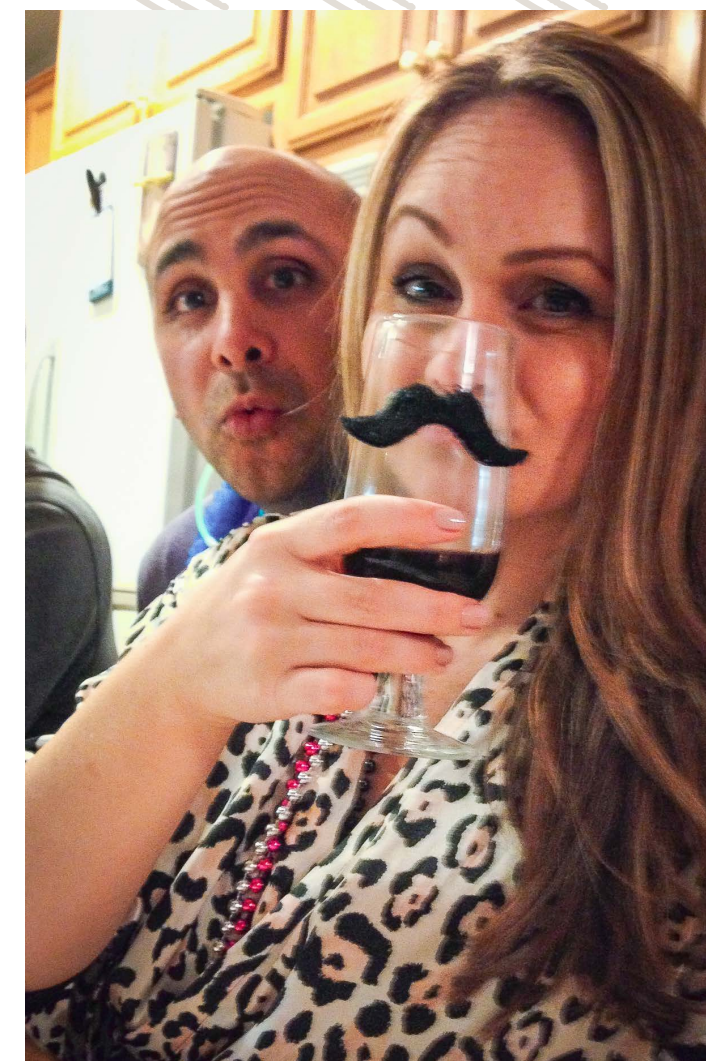
MY PERFECT DAY: When I get to visit my family that live in other countries, cooking with them and listening to their stories about growing up in other countries.

“*Janine is the person I trust the most in the world, she will always be my better half and she will always feel like home to me.*”

-David



First grandbaby in the family



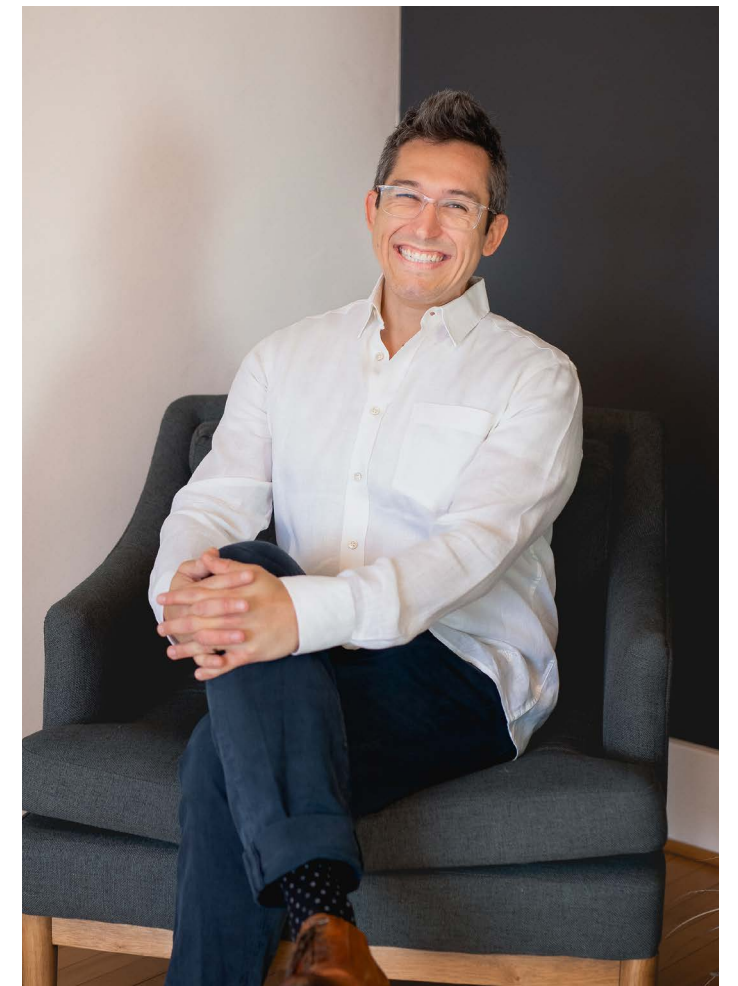
Cousin pajama party



MEET DAVID

as told by Janine

David is a social butterfly, first and foremost. He loves meeting new people and he is absolutely the best listener you could ever imagine. He lives to be a better version of himself every day, from going back to school last year just to finish his degree, to learning to cook with me, to challenging himself on his own viewpoints. I remember the first time I took him skiing. He was awful. But by the end of the day, he was so much better than me and he and my dad have been attached at the hip hitting the scary slopes ever since, while I'm still trying to master the bunny slopes. I love him because of how deeply he loves and how openly affectionate he is. He loves my family as much as I do, and he has loved them unconditionally since the day I met him.



“David is the kind of person you meet once in your life and never forget, and I'm grateful to have met him and get to do life with him!”

- Janine



MORE ABOUT

David

OCCUPATION: Sales

FAVORITE MOVIE: Anything silly but especially Tommy Boy

FAVORITE PLACE: His hometown near a lake in NY

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Sunshine

MY PERFECT DAY: Waking up to the sun shining, drinking a nice cup of coffee on our balcony and listening to the news. It would definitely include a trip to the lake so we could boat all day, then we'd head out at night out for a very large Italian dinner.

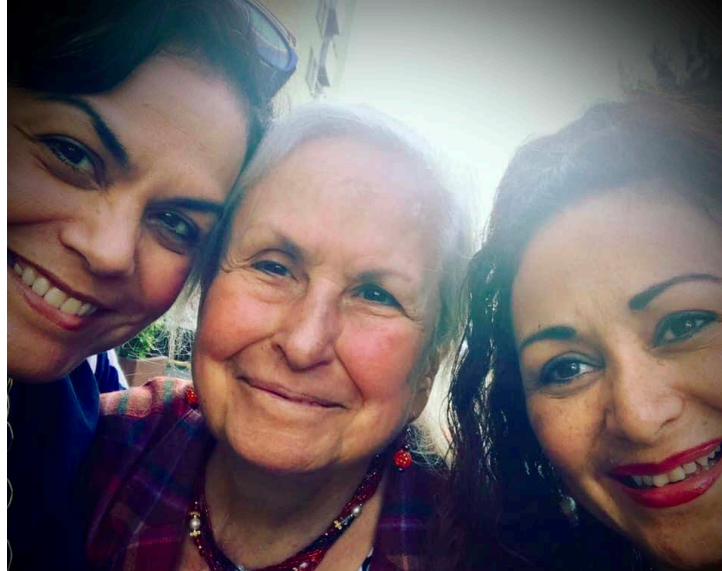


Crab night with my nephew

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Janine's extended family

Janine is first generation American. Her mom is from Ecuador and came to the states when she was 10, the oldest of 4 siblings. Her dad is from Lebanon and came to the states in his 20's, the youngest of 8 siblings. Janine and her sister grew up spending every weekend with her cousins, with aunts and uncles cooking together for dinner while grandma and the kids danced to Latin music. Weekends and holidays often look the same but now there is a generation of grandkids and great grandkids that join the fun. Families from both sides were always visiting and she spent many summers traveling to visit her dad's extended family that migrated to France. It's a tradition that is kept every year.



My loving Aunts in Paris



Skiing with my cousin



Grammy visiting for graduation



Cousins visiting from Australia



Basketball time!



Celebrating with my sister

David's extended family

David grew up in a very large, very loud Italian family. His parents always had friends over and they'd be treated to David and his sister's dance routines and other performances. He and his sister always went to 'summer camp' with lake trips in town, and now his nephew goes to the very same camp! David became very involved in sports and his parents were at every single sports meet he had. It's a tradition he loved and he is excited to carry on in his own family.



Walks and talks with Dad



Our favorite lake in NY

OUR HOME LIFE

& Community



Always laughing together

When we aren't traveling or visiting family, our home life is filled with making each other laugh. We keep a simple home and enjoy our time to rest and recharge with each other. We love to cook and perfect our dinner recipes, play card games and read books together. Our friends are as diverse as our families are. Almost everyone we know speaks another language or was born in another country. We enjoy traveling and

have met so many interesting friends over the years that have stayed in our lives. We live close to the local university so we get to walk to basketball and football games, walk to the theatre for plays and musicals, and have our friends over for board games and potlucks and a walk around the lake. Many of our friends are recently married and have new babies or babies on the way, which has been a fun addition to our circle of friends.



Our Family Lake House



Summer boat trips



Post marathon celebrations



Movie night with friends



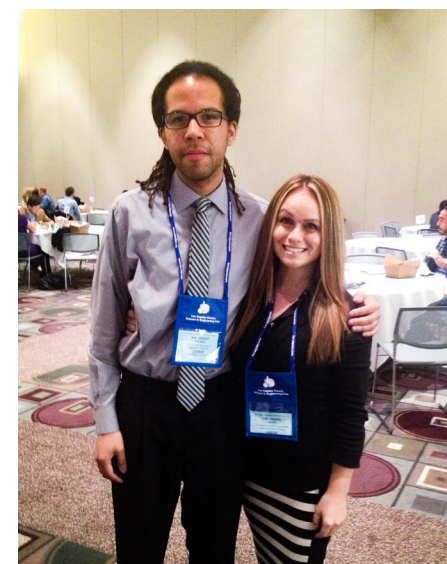
Dinner date at home



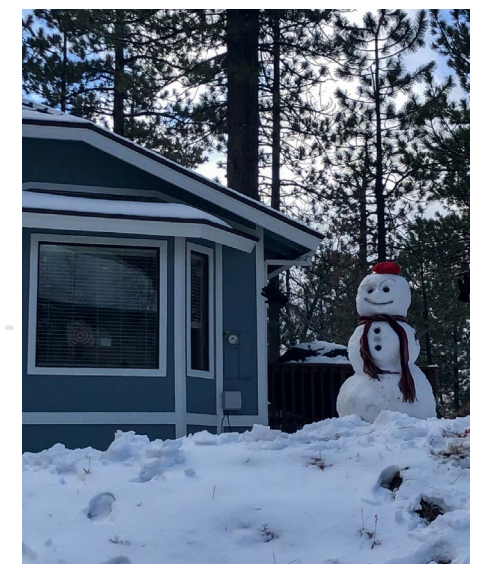
Living room views



Excited for the sunshine!



Judging our 11th Science Fair!



Our Mountain Cabin

WHY

ADOPTION

by Janine

I've always wanted a big family. My family has been so fun to grow up in with different cultures and traditions, and stories from families visiting from around the world. I always imagined having a blended family, with biological and adopted children. When I found out that I wasn't able to carry a baby, I think the hardest part was feeling like a choice was being taken away from me. But my family reminded me that just

because things might be different than you expected, it doesn't mean you aren't already on the path you were meant to follow. Meeting David and learning about his own adoption story and talking to his birth mother made me realize how blessed we both are that adoption was part of his life. And that adoption is a beautiful choice that can be the beginning of us becoming a part of each other's life story.



My half siblings and birth mom



Dad, me and my birth mom



by David

Having my own personal experience with adoption, from the start my parents always told how much they loved me and that I was their biggest blessing. They told me that my birth mother loved me so much that she wanted me to have every opportunity and also help my adoptive parents have a family. I always knew I was adopted, and my adoptive mom always instilled in me that it was a blessing to be adopted. One time in school, maybe around age 6 or 7, one of my friends tried to tease me about being adopted. But it never phased me, my heartfelt response was "you only have one family that loves you, I have two!" I've since met my birth mom and actually have two half siblings too! My dad cried when he met her (we have the same tendency to emotionally cry a lot) and thanked her for bringing me into their lives. I want to adopt because I know Janine and I will be those same loving and supportive parents I was blessed with.

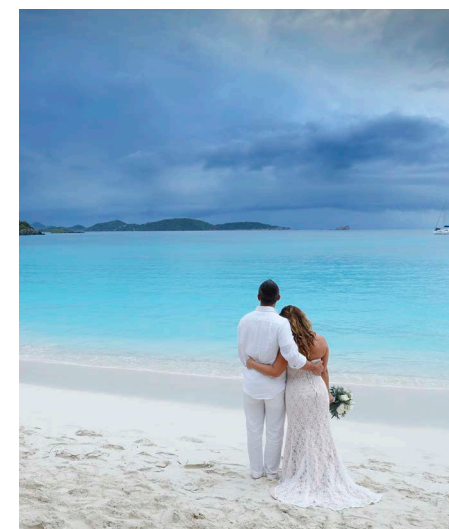
FUN FACTS

ABOUT
*David
& Janine*

- >> Every year we spend our summer with David's family on the lake in NY and our winter with Janine's family in the mountains in California
- >> Janine worked at a daycare throughout college and has changed at least 20,000 diapers and still loves silly songs.
- >> We eloped on the two-year anniversary of our first date, at sunset, on a beautiful beach in the Caribbean
- >> David has successfully made it to the second round of Jeopardy tryouts!
- >> We love discovering new hiking spots together



Sunset in the California mountains



Our beautiful beach wedding



Hiking in AZ

OUR

PROMISES

- >> To be kind
- >> To be supportive
- >> To keep an open mind and an open heart
- >> To learn about what is important to your child so we can do our best to provide everything needed in their journey
- >> To be willing to be flexible and adjust when needed
- >> To be the person they can always count on, no matter what



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn about us and why we are so excited to grow our family through adoption. Although there is so much we don't yet know about you, we do know that you must have a lot of strength and love in you to have started this journey. We are here to provide all the support and love you may need along the way.

David and Janine