



**CHRISTINA
AND FRANK**

OUR STORY

Hello, we are Frank and Christina! Thank you for taking the time to view our profile and find out more about us.

We met online in 2009, talking for about one month via email before meeting in-person that October. We were both intrigued by each other and began dating. As our relationship grew naturally, we spent our weekends together playing mini-golf, going to the movies, attending Phillies games, and spending time with our friends. Before we knew it, we were flying to Italy to meet Frank's extended family, visit Christina's father's hometown, and to get engaged. We were married in August 2014, and had a big, beautiful, fun Italian wedding!

We knew from the beginning of our relationship that we wanted to have children. After a year and a half of trying, we found out that we are unable to conceive. We truly believe it is a part of God's plan for us to adopt and bring a child into our loving home. We are so excited to become parents and can't wait to start this new chapter of our lives!



Visiting the Vatican in Rome



The Grand Canyon



Dinner and a show at Medieval Times



Dancing at our wedding

ABOUT FRANK



Honeymoon zip-lining!



Playing at a festival with his band

I grew up as the youngest of three children in northeast Philadelphia. My parents were both Italian immigrants, and watching them work so hard throughout their lives instilled in me the value of hard work, love, home-cooked meals, and family time.

My life was largely shaped by battling Leukemia at just four-years-old. I learned to persevere and live life to the fullest with resiliency and optimism. I became fascinated with the medical field and started my journey towards becoming a registered nurse. After graduating in 2007, I worked in pediatrics for 13 years.



Frank in his Scooby-Doo scrubs with our puppy Thor on Halloween



Working at the family deli with his uncle

I love kids and wanted to pay forward the love and care that I experienced during my treatment. I am still in the medical field, but now work in a kidney dialysis center which allows for more flexibility and a better work-life balance.

I have always had a love for both listening to and playing music. I picked up the bass when I was 16 and haven't put it down. I've been playing with bands ever since and going to concerts is one of my favorite activities. I also enjoy adventures like roller coasters, zip lines, dirt bikes, and go-carts. On any given weekend, you can probably find me with my friends and family doing things like sharing a meal, bowling, attending sporting events, going to the theater or just hanging around the firepit. I can't wait to share these interests with a child and teach them to appreciate music!

MORE ABOUT FRANK

ABOUT CHRISTINA



Enjoying a butterfly exhibit!



On the merry-go-round
at an amusement park

I grew up in Philadelphia, later moving to the suburbs with my family and staying in that area when we were married. Family has always been at the center of my life, and I am grateful that we live near both of our families. I love seeing my nieces and nephews so frequently!

I always played with my mom's adding machine as a child, so I knew from an early age that I wanted to be an accountant. I worked in public accounting for a few years and obtained my CPA license in 2010.



Christina with her
hand-decorated wreath

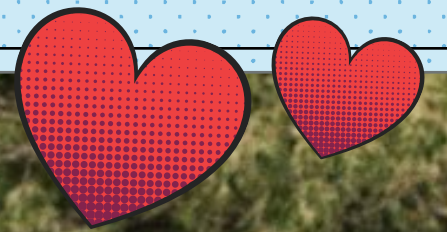


Having fun painting with her sister

Knowing I wanted children one day, I left that lifestyle for something that provided a better work-life balance. I now work for a company that provides the flexibility I was looking for and I am very happy there. I am eager to share my love of numbers with a child someday!

In my free time, I love painting, making jewelry and wreaths, and gardening. Creating something out of raw materials is very satisfying to me and gives me a sense of accomplishment. Teaching and sharing the beauty of one's imagination is something I am excited to share and encourage in children!

MORE ABOUT CHRISTINA



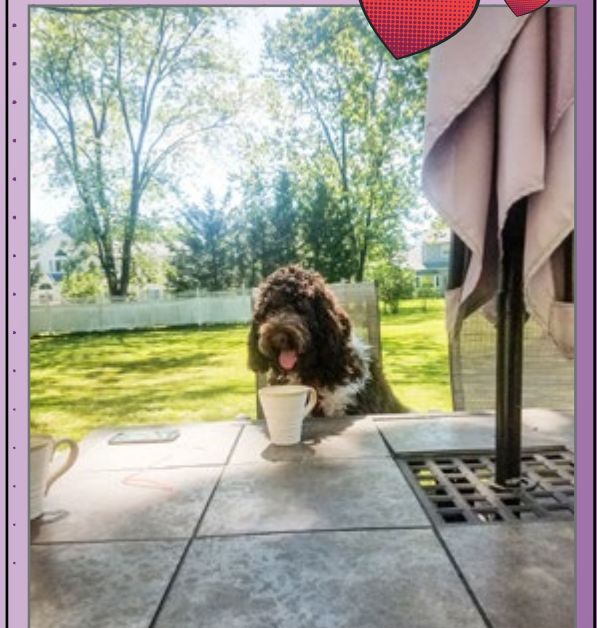
OUR HOME



Christmas in our home



Playing baseball in our backyard with friends



Thor enjoying the spring weather

It was important to both of us to settle in an area that was a short distance from our families. Our home is in a perfect location, only 30-40 minutes to both Christina and Frank's family and also Philadelphia.

Our home has four spacious bedrooms, one of which we have begun to prepare for a child. We recently updated our hall and master bathrooms and are currently working on preparing our basement to be finished for a playroom. We enjoy entertaining and hosting Thanksgiving dinner each year, so our home is always decorated and inviting!

Most of our neighbors are the original homeowners, with whom we have become friends. We are all ready to lend each other a hand when needed and stop to talk when we see each other on walks or driving by. Each year, we gather around Christmas to celebrate the holiday, meet any new neighbors, and catch up.

Our community provides various resources such as an excellent elementary school located in our neighborhood, shopping centers, and recreational parks. We have a community center that offers various activities for kids, along with movie theaters, bowling centers, and shopping centers within a 15-minute drive.



Our family room

Mangia - Italian for "eat!" Sharing meals together has always been at the root of both of our families.

Frank is the youngest of three children. Having all worked at the family deli, they formed strong bonds with extended family that would stop in for Italian delicacies. They often would all gather for birthdays and holidays around home-cooked meals. Frank's mother still has family in Italy, and Frank is fortunate to keep in touch with them through social media, with visits every 5-10 years. Frank is godfather to his cousin's daughter.

Christina is very close to her older sister and is godmother to her son. Growing up, Christina's family celebrated every birthday, holiday, and small achievements with a family dinner. She often saw her cousins as well and shares close bonds with her extended family.

Our families live close, so we see them very often for birthdays and holidays, keeping our early family traditions. We have three nephews and one niece, who we love to play with, spoil, and watch them grow and learn! We cannot wait to introduce them to a new little cousin. Our parents are eager to become grandparents again and join us in welcoming a child into our family!

OUR FAMILY



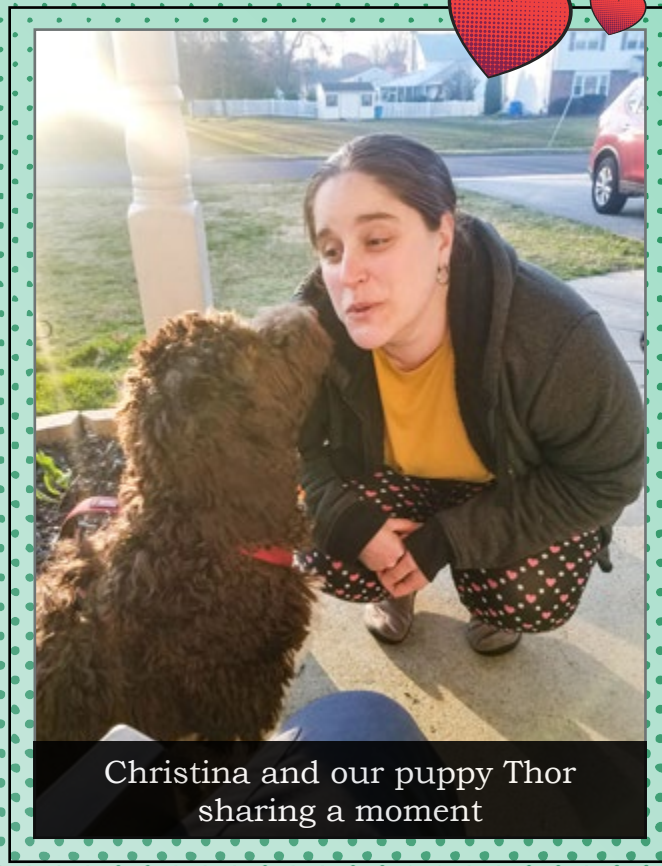
Frank with his immediate family



Frank's Cinco de Mayo birthday!



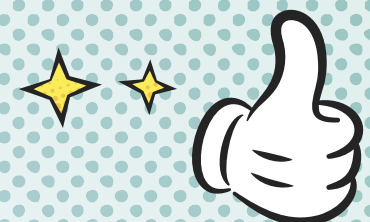
Christina with her family at her MBA graduation

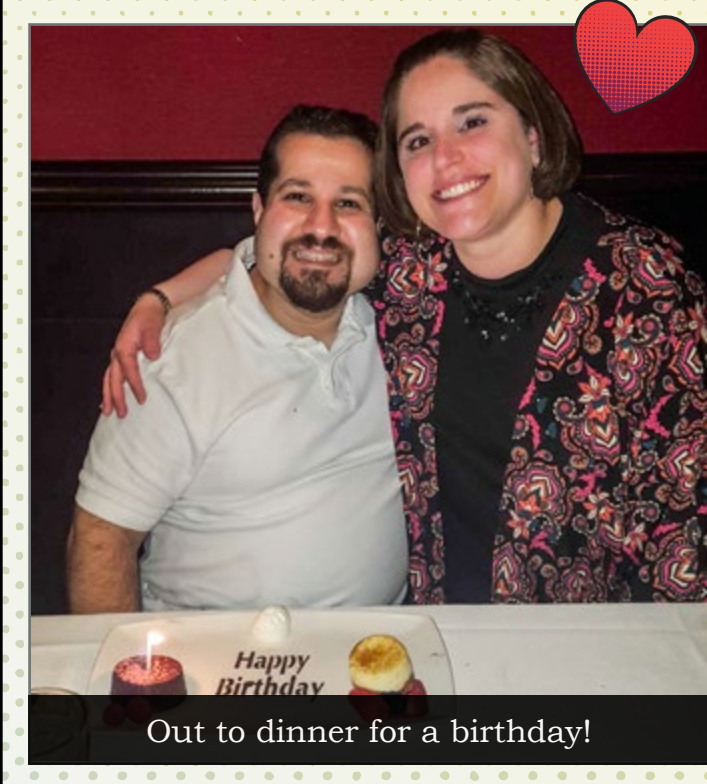


Christina and our puppy Thor sharing a moment



Enjoying time with family





Out to dinner for a birthday!

HOBBIES, INTERESTS & TRADITIONS

Ever since he picked up the bass at 16, Frank has loved writing and listening to music. He is a very hands-on person and also likes to build and fix things. Christina, on the other hand, loves to craft. Everything from hand-crafted jewelry to seasonal wreaths, if she can see it, she can make it.

Together, we love going to concerts, movies, Phillies games, and restaurants. We encourage healthy habits in each other by practicing individual meditation, workout routines and attending Sunday mass. During the summer, we enjoy friendly competitions of mini-golf and ping pong, with the loser paying for ice cream! Other fun adventures have included going zip-lining, horseback and ATV riding! We also just love walking our dog, Thor, and playing fetch and tug-of-war with him.

Our heritage has always been important to us. We attend annual Italian festivals, celebrate the Christmas tradition of the seven fish, bake holiday cookies from family recipes, prepare homemade cured meats in the winter and make fresh pasta for special occasions. We also host our annual Thanksgiving dinner with our families.

We stay connected with our friends, all of whom are now parents. We get together for dinner when schedules allow, as well as for the kids' birthdays. Our friends, and their kids, are all excited for us to adopt and can't wait to meet this child!



Christina showing one of her creations



Frank preparing to play ping-pong



Horseback riding in St. Lucia!



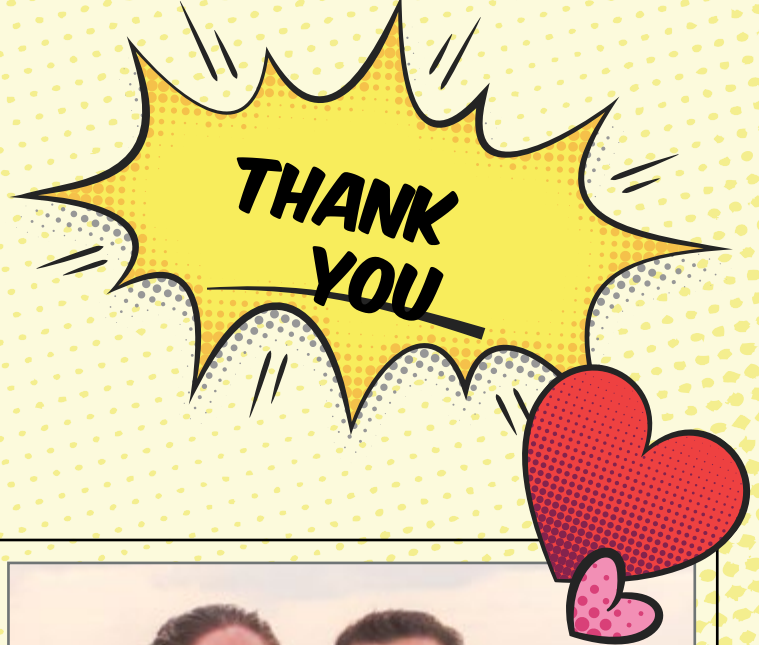
Having fun with our friends

We are so thankful for you taking the time to learn more about us, our backgrounds, and most importantly for wanting to give your child the greatest life possible. Coming to the decision to place your baby for adoption could not have been easy, and we admire your courage, selflessness, and the love you have for him or her. We want so much to be parents and cannot wait to hold, love, and adore a baby!

If chosen as the adoptive parents, we promise to provide your baby the best life we can offer with a loving, safe, and nurturing home! Warm, home-cooked meals and a large, loving, inviting extended family are waiting for them. We will provide them with the best education to reach their full potential and we will always give him or her constant love, support, and encouragement. Regardless of your level of openness that you choose to have with us, we promise to share with the child his/her unique story of love, sacrifice, and how they are a miracle that came to complete our family.

We wish you all the best as you make this decision and we hope to meet you soon!

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