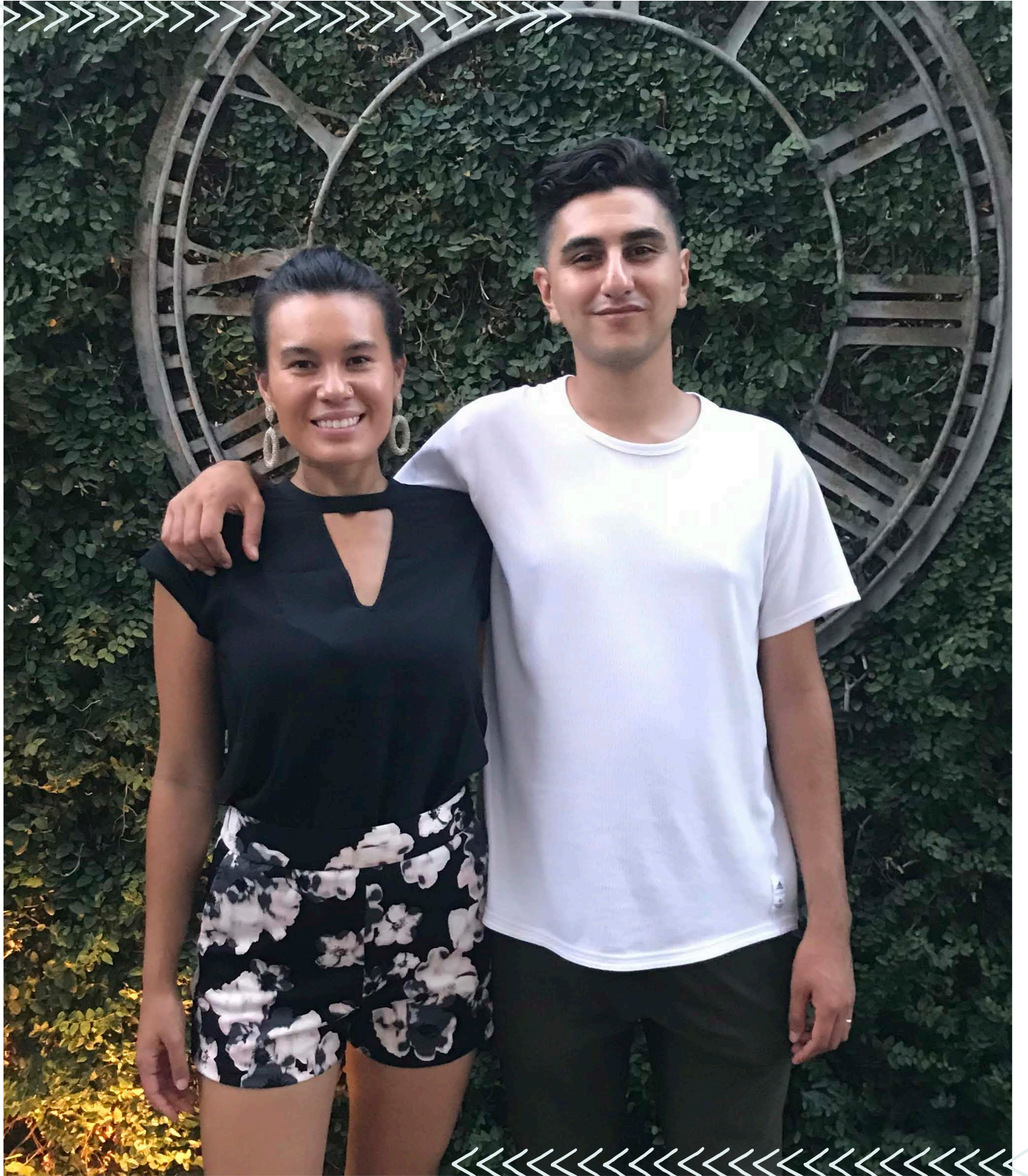


ANTHONY & JILL





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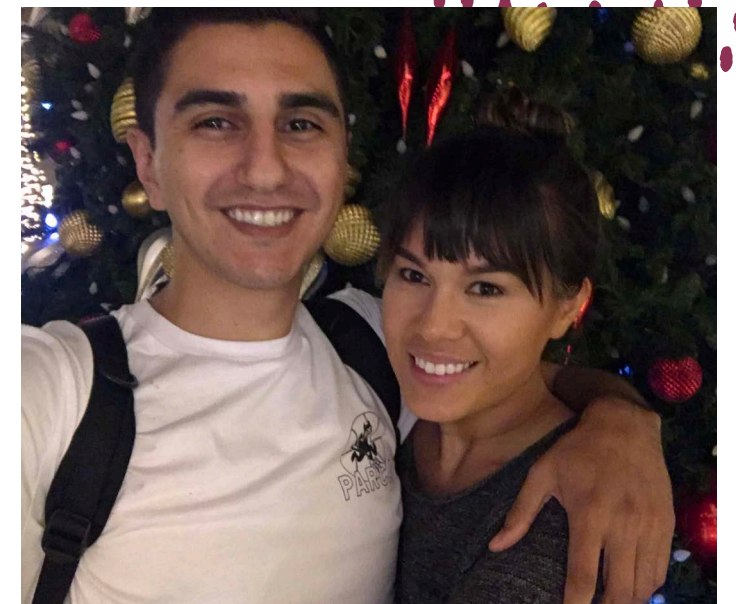
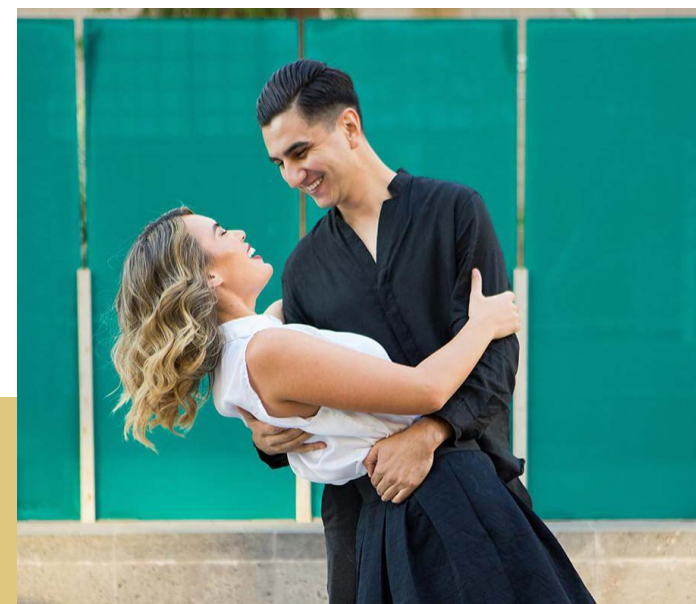
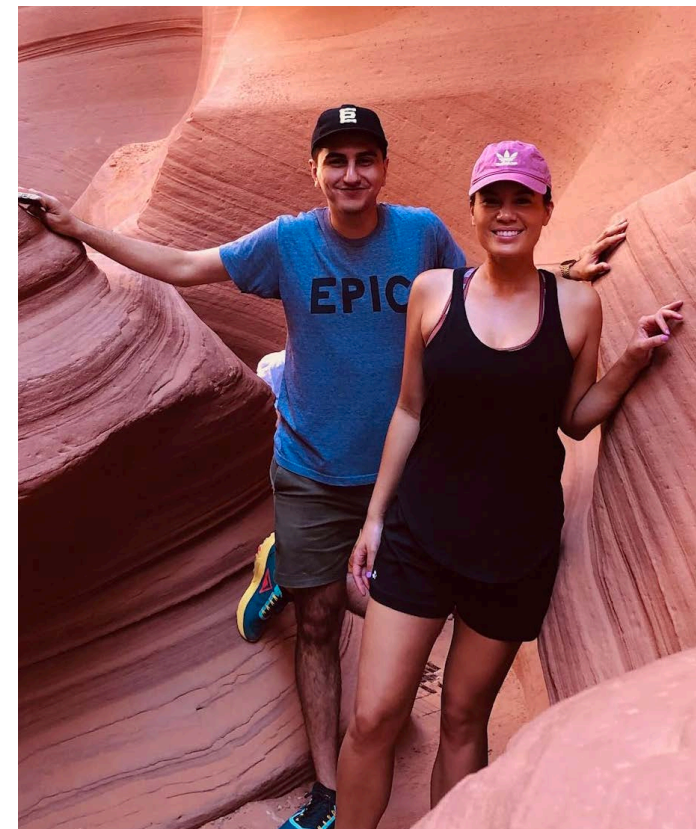
Hello, we hope you are well as you read this. We are emotional and excited to be considered by you. While we will never understand, first-hand, what you are going through, please know that we are awestruck by your courage and bravery in considering adoption for your child. You are heroic and selfless and words cannot describe our admiration of you. We acknowledge the sacrifice you, an expectant mother, are making to give your child a bright and loving future.

We recognize you have a big decision ahead of you and you want to choose the right fit for you and your child. We would be forever grateful to you for making our dreams of becoming parents come true. We think highly of you and, if chosen, we would forever speak lovingly of you to our child and to all who learn about our adoption journey. We take this opportunity seriously and with great respect because without a birth mother's self-sacrificing devotion to her child, a couple like us may never have the opportunity to become parents.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read about our family.

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“More than anything in the world, we desire to raise a child. We have so much love to give.”



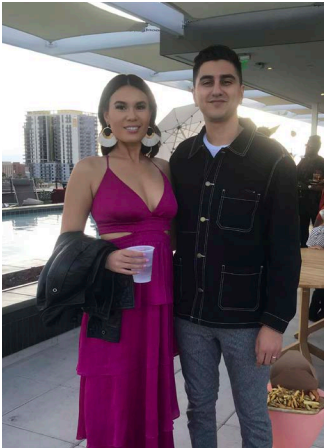
Our Story



We met in our middle school band class in 2002 where we both played drums. We quickly became friends and enjoyed making each other laugh, playing jokes on our fellow percussionists, and making lots of noise. Anthony was too shy back then to confess his undying love for Jill, who hadn't a clue. We lost touch when we attended separate high schools. However, just before college winter break in 2011, Jill sent Anthony a casual Facebook message. This led to our first date which included thirteen hours of catching up on the previous seven years, eating mozzarella-tomato-basil sandwiches for lunch, visiting a record store, watching Space Jam, Anthony teaching Jill to Dougie (like we said, it was 2011), breaking Anthony's roommate's couch, eating midnight breakfast under the stars, and going for a long walk downtown. We fell in love. Ten years later, this is still a typical day in our life together, random and absolutely delightful.

Our relationship survived two years of long distance, career changes, and each of our individual growth. Anthony, a freelance artist, transformed into a business owner. And Jill, a social worker, transformed into a public interest attorney. Our marriage is strong and filled with laughter. We are committed to channeling 100% of our energy into providing a stable and loving home to our future child.

We are nondenominational Christians who believe the best way to serve God is by loving others.



“After being together for 10 years, there is truly no one else either of us would have married.”



ABOUT
Jill



“Jill lifts up others with encouragement and laughter.”
– Anthony

Occupation: Lawyer
Favorite Place: Mountain tops
My Perfect Day: Waking up before the sunrise, hiking with the whole family, eating a homemade breakfast, drawing pictures and playing cards with my nephews, and lazily watching movies into the nighttime.

IN ANTHONY'S WORDS

Jill is as smart and charismatic as she is kind and empathetic. Her ability to make people laugh and feel important is rare. Her parents, family, friends and I can rely on her spirit to help get through even the most difficult times. She has a way of making things look so much easier than they are. Jill is extremely resilient and never gives up at the first sign of trouble. She prioritizes the needs of her family above her own and she is committed to being the best aunt to our nephews and niece. Jill will stop at nothing to make sure our child is raised in a positive, healthy environment.



Cuddling with my nephew

ABOUT
Anthony

IN JILL'S WORDS

Anthony is as loving as he is loveable. Time passes quickly when you are with him because he is simply a fun person to talk to and spend time with. He is wonderfully creative, musical, artistic, and imaginative. But also, he is a closet-jock who is shockingly good at nearly every sport. He will be a father who embraces his child's dreams and works tirelessly to help them achieve everything they set their heart on. To him, no idea is too crazy and no dream is too big.



Meeting my newborn niece



“Anthony loves deeply and unconditionally.”
– Jill

Occupation: Graphic Designer / Business Owner
Favorite Place: Muir Woods National Monument (The Redwood Forest)
My Perfect Day: Going for an early morning hike with family, stopping at Starbucks, thrift shopping, eating Grandma's eggplant parmesan, going to a basketball game with family, and swimming at night.

FUN FACTS

ABOUT US



Jill's parents have a tremendous garden of rare Asian fruits, vegetables, peppers, and herbs.



Anthony's father makes an incredible pasta recipe every Christmas from family in Sicily, Italy.

Most of our family members on both sides look unrelated as we are both multi-racial.



We love to hike and set a date at least once a week to hike somewhere near our home.

We have a goal of visiting every national park in the country and are excited to bring the baby on the remaining 51 parks.

Every Valentine's Day, we bake the same chili relleno recipe.



Jill's mom and nephew



Anthony's Cousins

Anthony's extended family is committed to each of the children's extracurricular activities including garage band concerts & football games.

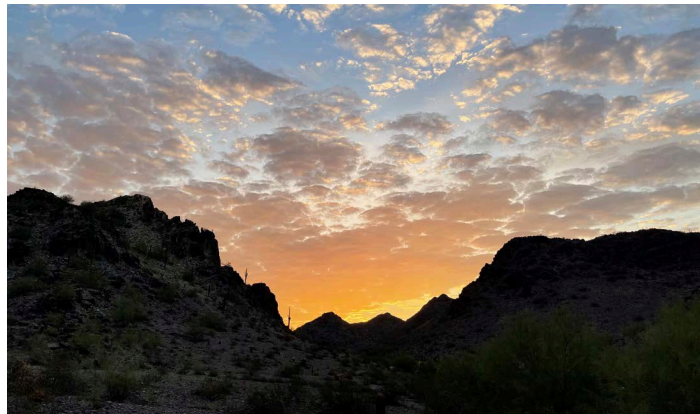
OUR Home



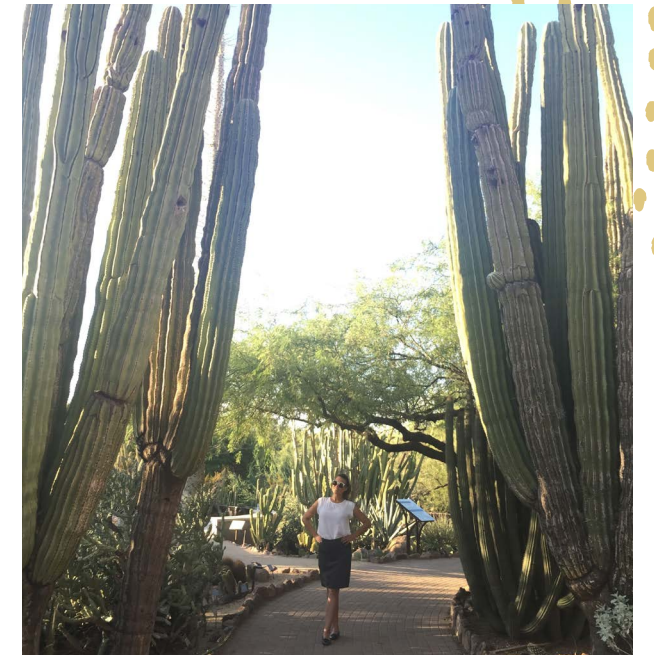
We live in a family friendly, tucked-away community in Arizona near the mountains in the center of the city.

Our house is a warm, three-bedroom, two-bathroom Spanish-style home with arched doorways, wood beamed ceilings, and a roof deck with 360 views.

Our neighborhood has numerous walking and hiking trails filled with friendly people of all ages, babies in strollers, children on bicycles, and lots of pets. One of our favorite places to walk to is a large neighborhood park that has a playground, picnic areas, sports fields, and a lake filled with ducks and fish. We live a quarter mile away from a highly rated elementary school, which caters to students of all abilities. The school features a Spanish Immersion Program, which aims to create bilingual fluency as early as kindergarten.



OUR Community



WE LOVE THE
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OUR HOME

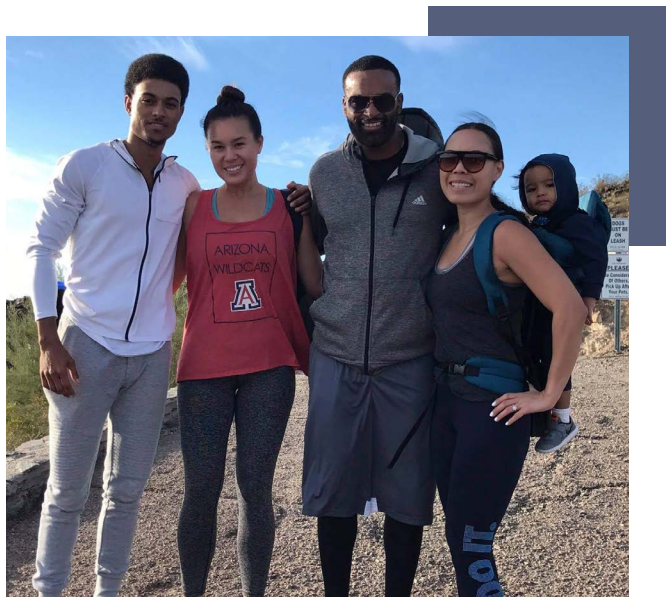


OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

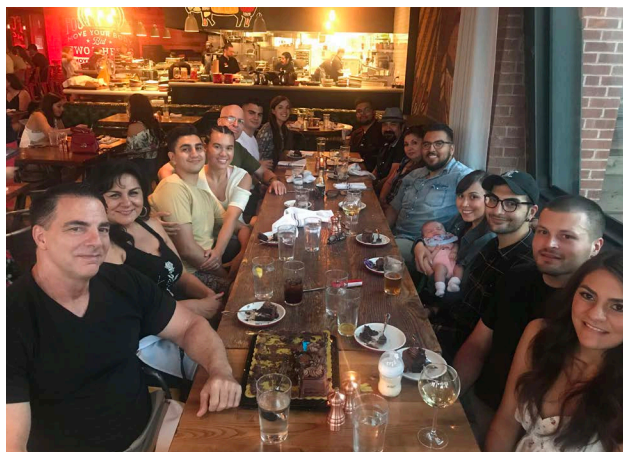


Anthony's immediate family includes a 1st generation Italian dad, and a mixed Hispanic mom that speaks several languages (English, Spanish, French and American Sign Language). Anthony is the oldest of 4 and his siblings include 2 brothers and 1 sister. They are his best friends. We have 1 niece and 1 nephew from my sister that are both under 2 years of age. There are plenty of uncles, aunts, and cousins in the same state to make sure our baby will be surrounded with love and protection. Our family loves to get together for big gatherings.

Jill's immediate family includes a mom from Vietnam, a dad from Montana, an older brother, and an older sister. Her brother has 3 sons and her sister has 1 son. So our baby will be loaded with adoring boy cousins on her side of the family! Jill's immediate family is extremely close as they all live within the same city, some only a couple miles away. They are heavily involved in each other's lives, constantly teasing each other, but also serving as pillars of support. They cannot wait for a new family member.



Thanksgiving hike with family



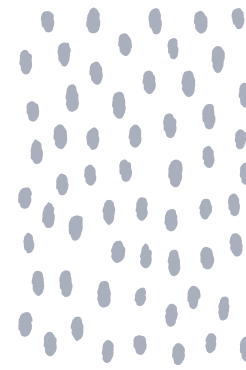
Anthony's brother's birthday dinner



Jill's parents and nephews



Anthony's family in Italy



Anthony's immediate family



Jill's family at wedding



Football game with family



Jill's sister and nephew

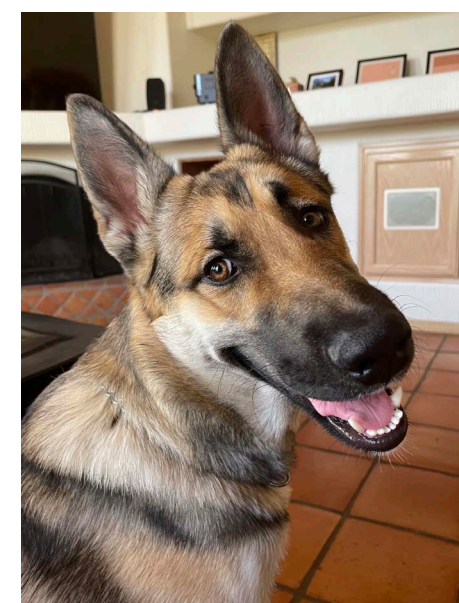
OUR DOG



Enzo is a German Shepherd/ Husky mix who loves long walks, human food, and meeting new friends. He dislikes losing his toys under the couch and taking baths. He is good with children, thoroughly sniffing them and delivering the occasional lick on the head.



Enzo with our nephew



Enzo is always smiling

OUR FRIENDS



We are blessed to be surrounded by numerous friends of many cultures including friends who were adopted. Anthony was fortunate to grow up in a youth-centered church with a large Nigerian population. His life-long mentors are the pastors who married us. Anthony and his friends bond over everything from the intersection of art and technology to sports. Jill's friends are the goofiest yet most gentle, public servants who bond over music, food, and second-hand fashion.



Basketball game with friends



Best friends since childhood



Anthony's lifelong mentors



Friend's birthday barbecue



Anthony's friends from high school



Our friend was adopted too

WE PROMISE



- > To love our child forever and unconditionally, no matter what challenges life brings
- > To continue to seek support from trusted friends who were adopted
- > To preserve our child's culture by educating ourselves and incorporating it into our lives
- > To zealously seek out services to address whatever physical, mental, and emotional issues may arise throughout our child's life
- > That our child's identity will not only be supported but celebrated

WHY ADOPTION?



We wish to adopt so that we may expand our family. We both have amazing parents who truly love being mothers and fathers and make it their first priority. We want that joy for ourselves. Jill has felt drawn to adoption since high school because she had friends who were adopted. Anthony shared this passion from a young age as well as he watched numerous family members including his mom, sister, and cousins work as social workers to provide permanency and stability solutions for children.

As a couple, we have always agreed that our family would be expanded through adoption. Recently, we have felt particularly motivated to begin the adoption process since learning that it would be difficult for us to conceive biological children naturally. After only a few months of pursuing fertility treatment and profusely praying for God's direction, we both felt medical intervention was not for us. We are excited to adopt, not as a second choice, but as THE choice.





THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read about our family and for considering us to be adoptive parents. If you choose to trust us with your child, you can be confident that we will devote our lives to giving them the best love, care, and opportunities that we possibly can. We sincerely hope you select us, but more than anything, we want you to feel comfortable in your decision whatever it may be. We wish you peace and blessings.

With Love,

ANTHONY & JILL