



Rahim
+ Eliza



Hello!

We are Rahim and Eliza. We live in California with our adorable dog Harry. Thank you so much for taking the time to check out our profile. We know that you have a very important decision to make, and we hope that our book shows you how much we love each other, and how that love will extend to our growing family.

Should we be lucky enough to have you choose us to be the parents of your child, you can rest assured they will be embraced by a family that is filled with endless love, caring and acceptance. We promise to always be sensitive to and supportive of the very unique person your child is.

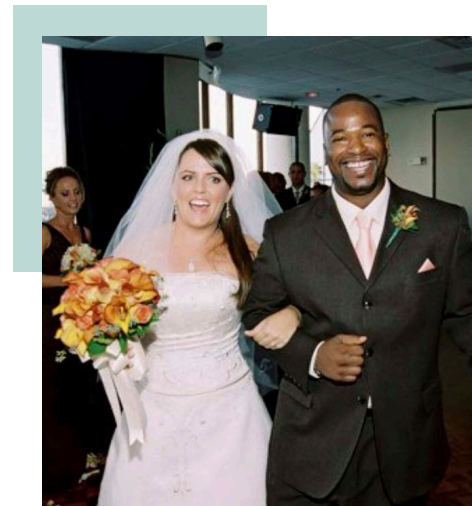
We are honored that you are choosing to view our book and learn about us and our desire to grow our family. We hope to have the opportunity to get to know you soon!

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our story



We were introduced to each other eighteen years ago by a mutual friend. On our first date (at Island's, a local hamburger joint!) we quickly realized we had many, many mutual friends and that we had actually been born and raised in adjacent neighborhoods. As corny as it may seem, it wasn't long before we realized we were meant for each other, and we became engaged a year later!

We have been married for sixteen years and feel blessed to still be very much in love, as well as being one another's best friend. The only missing piece in the life we have made for ourselves is a child. We are now beyond thrilled by the prospect of adoption and becoming parents to a son or daughter. We definitely have an abundance of love to share as we include a child in our "happily ever after" story!

Meet Eliza

by Rahim

Eliza is my best friend. She is very loyal and believes that everyone deserves to be treated with love and respect. Eliza believes in the beauty of kindness and always does her part to make the world a better place. She has a great laugh, and one of my favorite things to do is listen to her laugh with her younger sister as they share stories about their day.



OCCUPATION Elementary School Principal

FAVORITE MOVIE "Love Actually," because I love holiday movies that make me laugh & cry.

FAVORITE PLACE Kauai, because the beauty, calm and slow pace of Hawaii life makes it the perfect vacation spot; and my own backyard, because its beauty, calm and privacy is the perfect place to relax & unwind!

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT My family, my puppy, pizza, and the students in my school.

MY PERFECT DAY It would start by asking Alexa to play some music while I make pancakes; then maybe watching my nephew play baseball or my niece perform in her latest play; next, attending a high school football game coached by my husband; topped off by a family BBQ at home, along with more of our favorite music that encourages some of us (all of us?!) to break into our favorite dance moves!

Rahim

"Eliza has the greatest laugh."

-Rahim



Our niece Lily found the magic egg!

Meet Rahim

by Eliza

Rahim is the most patient person I know. He is an excellent listener, gives great advice, and always knows the right thing to say. Whether it is an old friend or newer acquaintance or a student of his, wherever we go Rahim always seems to find someone he knows! One of the things I admire most about Rahim is how important he makes everyone feel.



Rahim and his nephews



OCCUPATION Teacher and Athletic Coach

FAVORITE MOVIE “Ali,” because Muhammad Ali is one of my role models and heroes. I enjoy real-life stories that not only deal with familial and social issues, but also provide insight to the African-American experience.

FAVORITE PLACE I love the ocean. As a child I spent a lot of time with my family at the beach, and so it always brings back good memories.

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT Sports, family, my faith, and music.

MY PERFECT DAY It would start with a delicious home cooked meal, followed by a day out in the sun with friends and family.

*“Rahim makes everyone
feel important.”*

- Eliza



Football camp fun!

our Families

We are both very close with our extended families. Eliza has two sisters and a brother, and Rahim has three sisters and one brother. Between the two of us, we have fifteen young nephews and nieces. Both of our families, including our moms, live close to us, and we get together regularly for Sunday dinners, game nights, sporting events, and lots of birthday celebrations!



Rahim, his mom and sister



Rahim and our niece, Lily



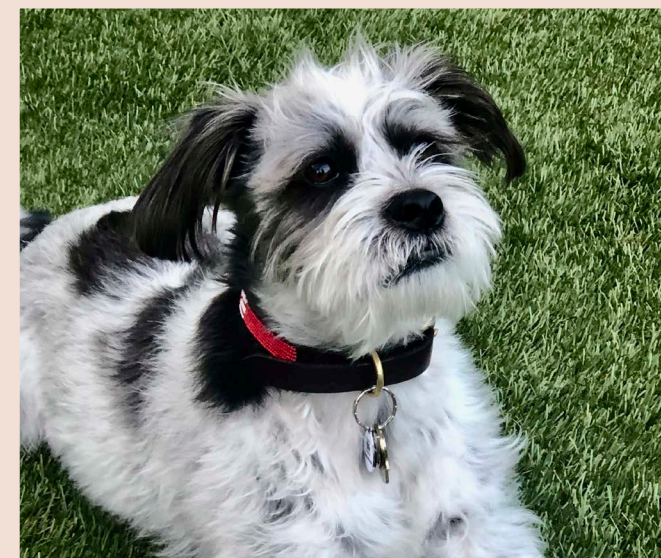
Christmas cookies with Grandma



Spring Break vacation

Our Dog, Harry

Harry is quite the adored puppy! He is a very popular dog with everyone because of his gentleness and playfulness and is a big hit with the neighborhood kids. He loves being cuddled.



Congratulations Rahim!



Sibling love



our Home & community

We live in Southern California in a very kid-friendly neighborhood. We are surrounded by nearby family and friends, as well as our city's best schools, parks, sports and cultural venues, and, of course, SoCal's beautiful mountains and beaches!

Our neighborhood is in close proximity to just about everything we love to do. We can be at the beach in about fifteen minutes, to Eliza's sister's house in about ten, and major sports events and concerts are within just a few miles. We love that parks and fun trails are close enough to visit every day. Our neighborhood is full of young families and lots of kids! The best thing about our community is its diversity.



Rahim gardening in the backyard



Annual garden fair

Our Friends

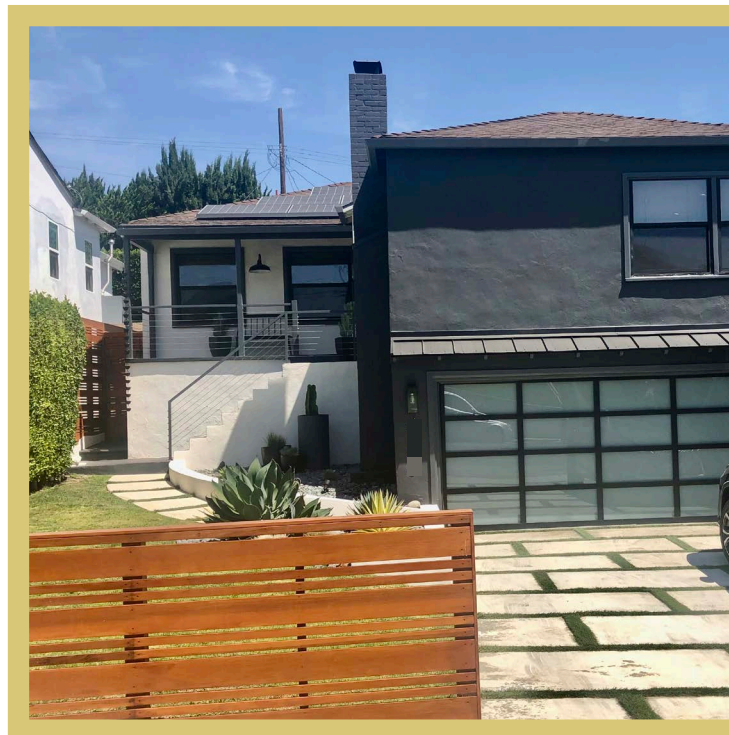
We are lucky enough to have a very loyal and close-knit group of friends. We are grateful that each of our friends is excited and supportive of our decision to grow our family through adoption.



Walk with Harry and our friend's dog Kona



Christmas Eve gumbo dinner



Our front yard



Friends since Middle School



Cookie decorating with my best friends' kids

FUN FACTS

about us



We both believe that the beach has the power to make everything alright.



We spend lots of time at sporting events! Rahim loves football and Eliza's favorite is basketball.

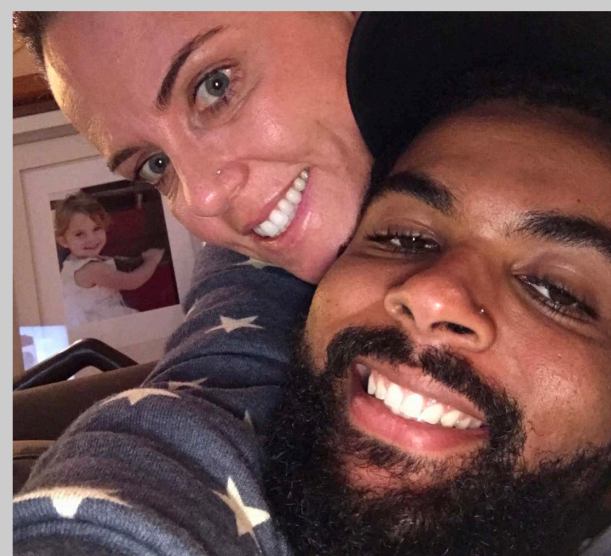


Rahim loves seafood! He could eat shrimp, crab and salmon for breakfast, lunch, and dinner!

why we are adopting

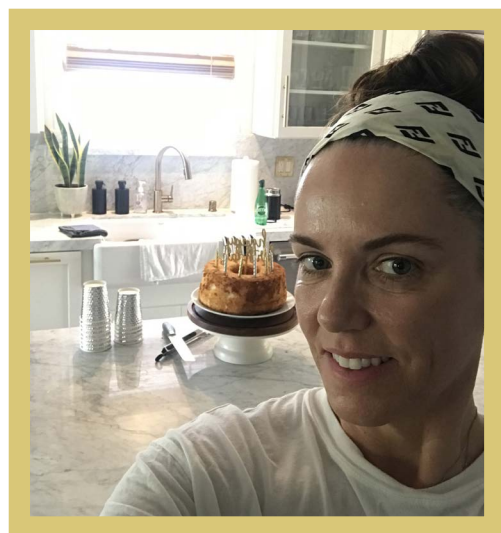
Adoption is a path to parenthood that we have always been drawn to. After years struggling with infertility, adoption seemed to be the best path to grow our family. Eliza's brother was adopted as a newborn and we are looking forward to growing our family in the same way.

Eliza and her brother, Dimitri



We Promise To...

- love your child unconditionally
- respect who they choose to be
- encourage them to be their best self
- teach them the importance of kindness



Eliza loves homemade angel food cake and has had one at every one of her birthday celebrations since she was a little kid.



We make stacks of pancakes every Sunday morning.



Thank
you



Thank you so much for taking the time to check out our profile. We know that you have a life changing and life enhancing decision to make, and we hope that our book has shown you that our future child will be welcomed into a family that is filled with endless love and acceptance.

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