



**Rusty  
&  
Annalisa**

# Hello!

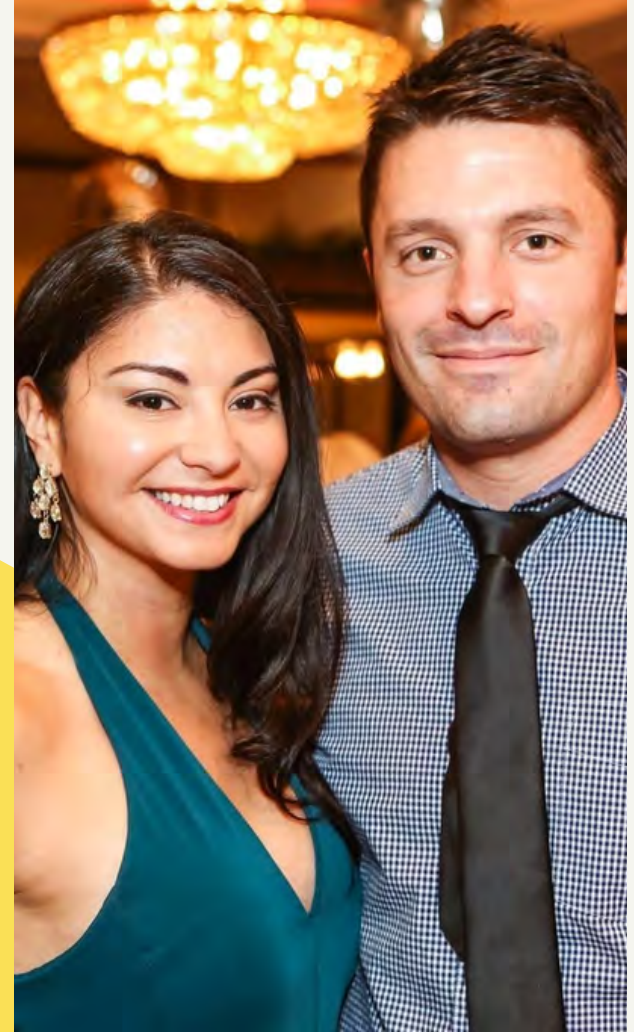
First, we want you to know that you are strong and courageous in contemplating adoption for your precious child. We are so grateful you took the time to learn more about us.

Adoption has been a part of our family story growing up, our son (Ira) was adopted, and we hope to continue building our family through adoption.

In the following pages, we hope you get a glimpse of the loving family and community that we would love to invite a child into. Please know that no matter your choice, we wish and pray for the best for you and your child.

We look forward to meeting you!

*Rusty and Annalisa*



# Our Love Story

**We met in 2002 during a church youth group trip to Six Flags and immediately became smitten with each other and have been inseparable ever since!**

We attended the same college together and got to experience so many new things together as we grew into adults. After college, we married in 2008 and started living together in Northern California. We spent the next decade traveling the world and building our careers. We are partners in every sense of the word and root for one another endlessly.

## Fast Facts

- Married 15 years
- Live in Illinois
- Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona



# Our Promise



## **To Honor You.**

We would love to have a relationship with you going forward if that's something you want, and no matter what you decide we will always honor you and your story in our family.

## **To Encourage Adventure.**

We can't wait to do so many awesome activities together as a family: trips to the park, birthday parties, trips to the zoo and Disneyland, holiday traditions, and fun family vacations!

## **Lots of Love, Laughter, and Security.**

We want a child to grow up in a happy and well-balanced environment where hugs abound. A place where “I love you” is said daily and where he or she can feel secure and confident in who they are and who they are yet to be. Above all, we can't wait to wrap our future child with unconditional love.

Love,

*Rusty & Annalisa*

# Meet Rusty

**Age:** 38

**Occupation:**  
Humanitarian  
Non-Profit

**Favorite place:** Chicago

**Can't live without:**  
Musicals

**My Perfect Day:**  
Just a weekend at home  
relaxing, going to parks,  
and hanging out as a  
family



# About Rusty

*by Annalisa*

"He is the most loving person and cares for others in the most incredible way."

-Annalisa

Rusty is driven to change the world for others and believes faith can move mountains. He loves dad jokes, making people laugh, and trying every day to be the best husband and father possible.

**His work.** Rusty got his degree in Pastoral Ministry, and now works for a global humanitarian organization to raise funds for vulnerable children and communities around the world.



# Meet Annalisa

**Age:** 36

**Occupation:** Human Resources

**Favorite place:**  
Laying in the sand in San Diego

**Can't live without:**  
Tacos

**My Perfect Day:**  
Spending a morning at the beach and an afternoon at the zoo.





# About Annalisa *by Rusty*

"She brings laughter into our home and wraps us all in love."  
-Rusty

Annalisa is the person that brings friends together and makes everyone feel loved and at ease. She loves our son so well, giving him extra morning cuddles and singing all his favorite songs at night.

**Her work:** Annalisa is a Human Resource Director at a consulting firm where she works with brilliant people who go to her for help in excelling in their career.



# Meet Ira

**Age:** 2

**Ethnicity:**  
Mexican &  
Native American

**His favorite things:** anything that involves water, tigers, the movie Coco, or the zoo





Ira loves playing with other kids and takes part in lots of fun activities like swim class, toddler gym, music classes, and most recently playing soccer. He's very silly and makes us laugh constantly. He's very well tempered and has been around lots of young babies his whole life thanks to a vibrant friend group.

# Rusty's Family

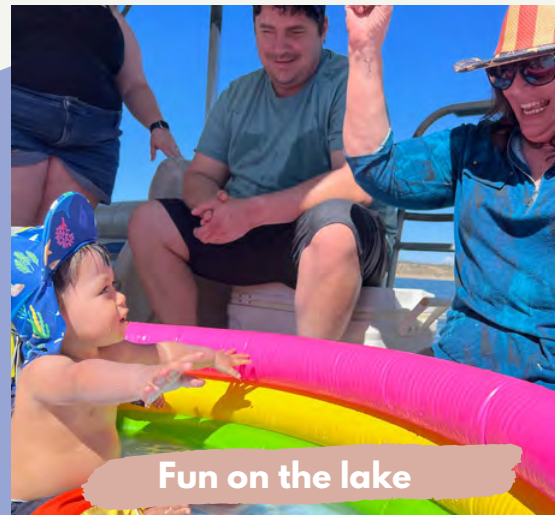
Two of Rusty's incredible siblings were adopted, and he knows first-hand the beauty and love of a family built through adoption. His family is filled with love, laughter, and support for each other. They love laughing (mostly at themselves), singing even though they can't carry a tune, camping, and loving on Ira and his baby cousin Taylor!



Grandma and Grandpa



Rusty's Family



Fun on the lake



Camping with Grandpa

# Annalisa's Family

**Annalisa is the youngest of 3 siblings in a tight-knit Hispanic family that loves group texts, traveling together, and making the occasional ridiculous music videos.** Her parents have been married for over 48 years and are a beautiful parenting and relationship example for her. Her whole family loves our son so well and spoils him immensely with love, quality time, and of course, toys.



Abuela and Abuelo



Family adventures at the zoo



Tio and Tia with Ira



Fun with Tia and Ira

## Our Community:

We live in a vibrant city and have an incredible group of friends. We train for marathons on the lakefront together, go to barbecues in the park and have fun exploring our city. Our friends love our son so much and often come over to hang out with him and bring him goodies. They are incredible role models for children, and we are so lucky to have friends that have truly become family.



Anna's Birthday Dinner



Running with Friends



Fun at Weddings

## Our Home:

We live in an incredibly family-friendly neighborhood with great schools and a park on every block. We live close to the zoo, the lake, and many museums we frequent often. Our home is a beautiful townhome in the heart of the city with a nursery and playroom to make many memories in. We also have a back patio that always gets used for all summer fun activities.



Annalisa and friends at Ira's first birthday



Back Patio



Nursery



Playroom



Front Porch

# Our Adventures





**We love holidays and never miss an opportunity to celebrate something and make traditions together.**

We love going to the zoo and aquarium in the afternoons, as both are within walking distance from our house and have beautiful gardens to run around in.

Whether cruising on a boat, picnicking at the park, or building sand castles at the beach, we treasure making new memories with our little family and can't wait to make more with another child.



# Thank You!

**We thank you so much** for taking the time to read this and hope you've gotten a glimpse into what your child's life might be like if you choose us to parent them. We cannot even imagine all of the different emotions that you must be experiencing. Whether you choose us or not, know that we're holding you and your journey in our hearts and saying prayers for you daily. We trust that you are the one who knows what's best for your sweet baby, and we are so supportive of your needs and concerns. But, most importantly, we think you are brave and courageous to consider this option for your child. We are grateful for your selfless decision and hope to connect with you soon!

All our love,

*Rusty & Annalisa*