

INTRODUCING

*Alain
& Paulina*





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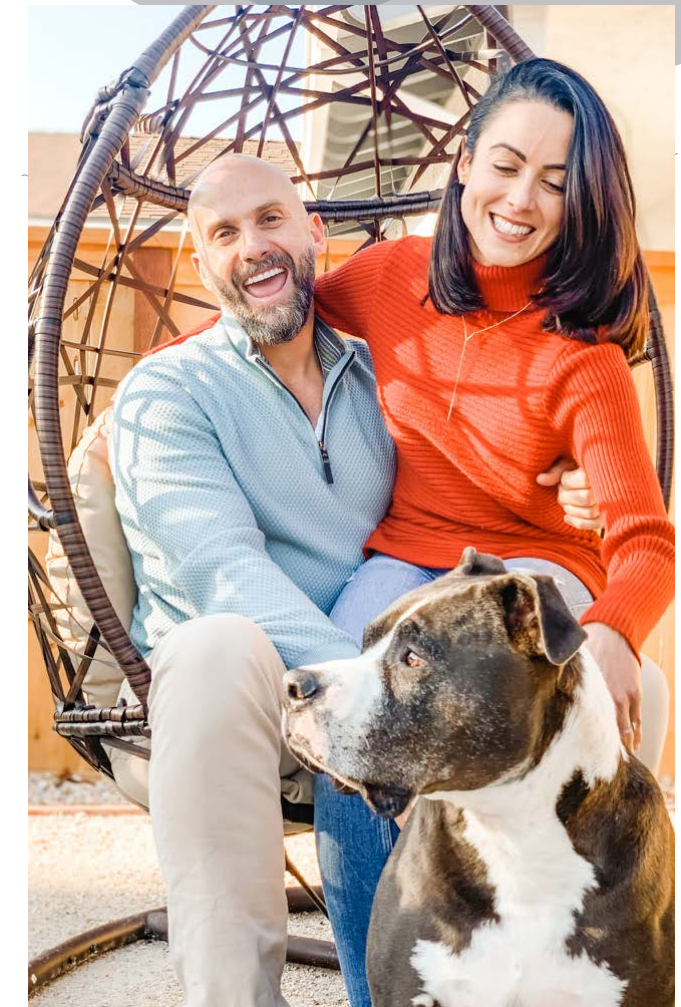
We wanted to express our gratitude for taking the time to review our profile before we tell you about the excitement of expanding our family. We know you have a lot of options in front of you, but we hope this book shows you the solid foundation we have built over the past 12 years—a foundation rooted in love, respect, open communication, and unwavering stability.

Should you choose to make an adoption plan and entrust us with the privilege of raising your child, we assure you that we will instill the same values that have brought our own family together. We are committed to providing your child with every opportunity we can to give them the fullest life possible. We promise to do that with grace and love!

Thank you once again for considering us on this path toward creating a loving and nurturing environment for your child.

With Love,

*Alain
& Paulina*



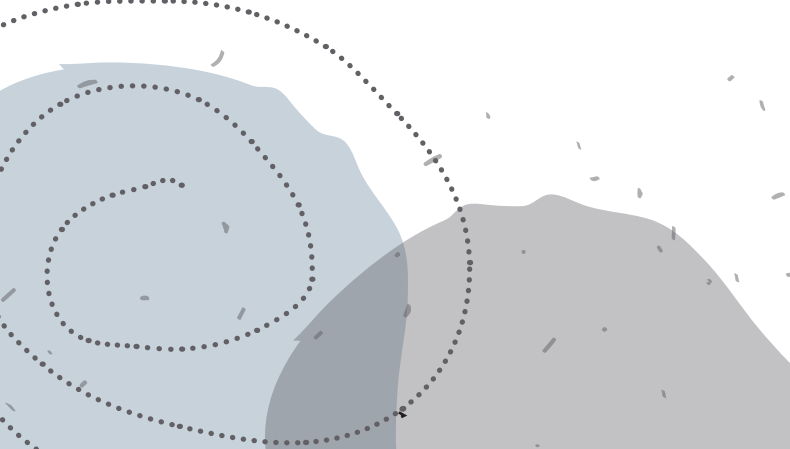
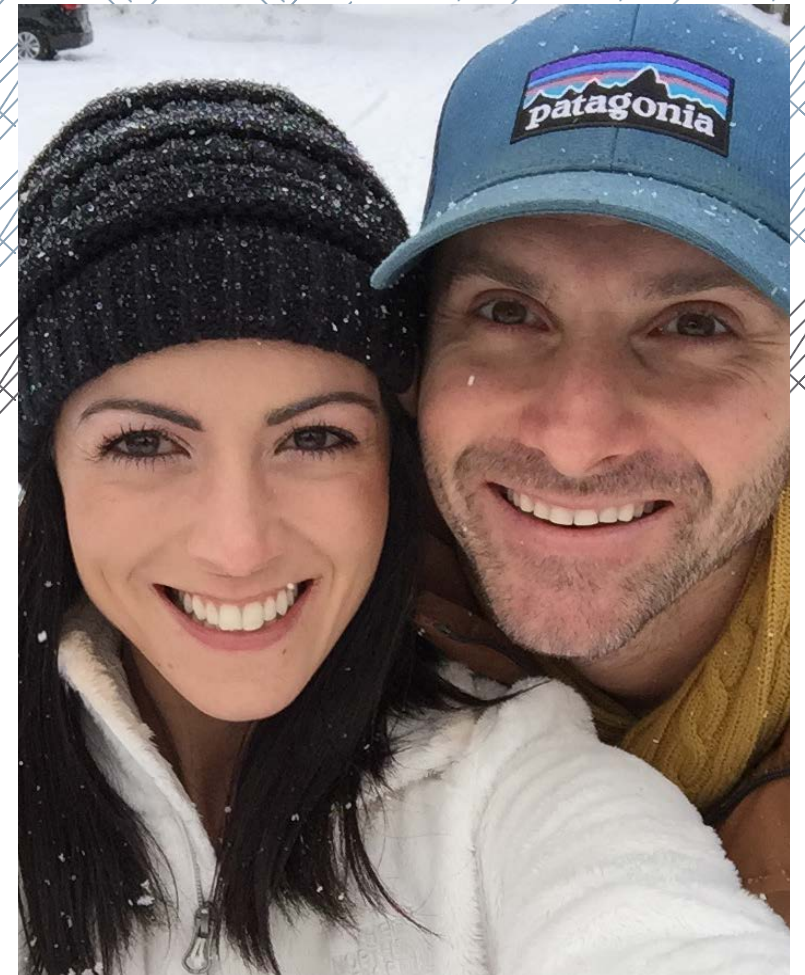
OUR STORY



Our story began on a beautiful San Diego beach, where fate brought Alain and Paulina together. Having recently moved to the city, Alain and his friends were eating tacos at a beachside taco shop after an exciting day at the Del Mar race track. At the same time, Paulina and her friends chose the same taco shop to celebrate her leaving for a study abroad program. Chance seemed to happen as they sat at the deserted bar next to each other, sparking a quick connection. Their conversation naturally moved toward their shared passion for travel and mutual experiences. Despite Paulina's having to leave in just three days, Alain couldn't resist inviting her to dinner before she left. Paulina agreed, leading to a beautiful four-hour dinner the following night.

In those early days, Alain showed his charm and thoughtfulness, even gifting her a journal to write her travel adventures. However, distance separated them after Paulina left. Yet, this didn't deter them, as they embraced modern technology to bridge the gap. Frequent Skype calls and heartfelt texts filled their days until Paulina returned to San Diego.

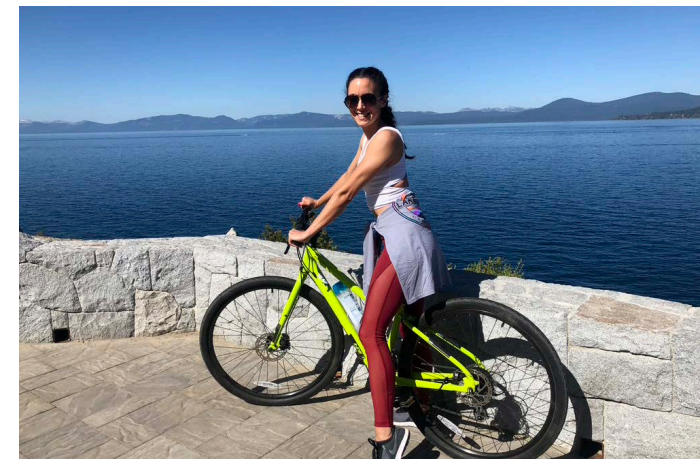
Their love story grew over nine years to a joyful marriage in 2020. Although they faced the challenge of infertility, they chose a different path to grow their family – adoption. Welcoming their daughter Isabella into their lives in 2021 was an unforgettable and deep moment. Hopeful to extend their family through adoption, they look forward to the beautiful journey ahead.



MEET PAULINA

by Alain

Paulina is one of the strongest people I have ever met. I know many people say this about their spouses, but it is true in this case. I have never seen someone face so much adversity and come away with such compassion for others. I guess that is why she became a nurse. She has a keen intuition and perception. She can look at someone and see their potential and help bring it out. She helped me become the person I am today. Paulina is caring, tender, energetic, and silly. Not only does she sometimes snort when she laughs, but her smile will make your heart skip. And those eyes. When she looks at you, you feel like you are the only person in the room. She lights up the room when she enters and to see her in her element as a mom...let me tell you. It will take your breath away. It does for me every time. I am lucky to be her best friend and get to be her partner in parenthood!



MORE ABOUT *Paulina*

OCCUPATION: Nurse

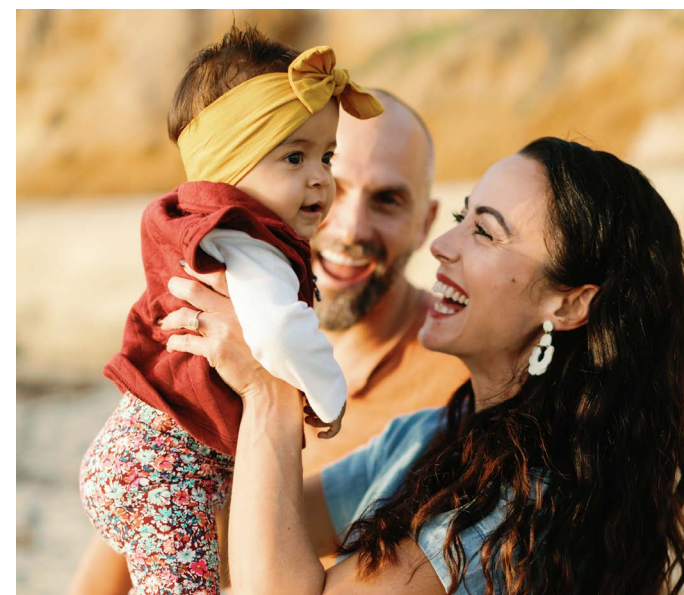
FAVORITE BOOK: *Man's Search for Meaning*

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Family Stone*

FAVORITE PLACE: The mountains

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family and dance

MY PERFECT DAY: Waking early, stretching/meditation, making tea, playing with the dog, going for a walk, tend to the garden, workout, dinner with friends, and reading before bed.

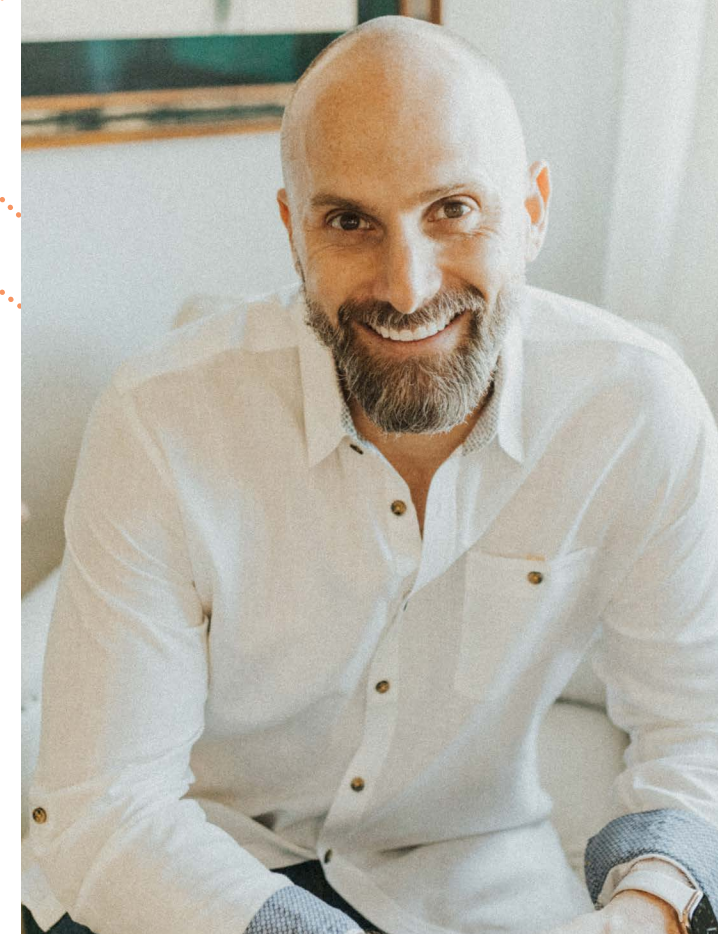




MEET ALAIN

by Paulina

Alain is the hardest-working, most dedicated and selfless person I know. He encourages me to do things I never thought possible. In our time together I have watched him overcome many of life's challenges, and I am continually amazed at his resilience. He cares deeply about the people in his life and would do anything for his family, including leaving his life in LA and moving to San Diego to take care of his mom while she was sick. Of all the things I have witnessed him accomplish, my favorite thus far has been watching him become a dad. The grace, love, and patience that he shows our daughter makes me admire and respect him even more. Alain is the guy who will chase a paper napkin down the street because he doesn't want to litter. I have learned so much from him, and he continues to inspire me every day.



MORE ABOUT *Alain*

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

FAVORITE BOOK: *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Star Wars*

FAVORITE PLACE: Sailing

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: My family and coffee!

MY PERFECT DAY: Reading books with my daughter and laughing in the morning. Taking her outside to tend to the garden and water the plants. Cooking dinner for Paulina and Isabella.

MEET ISABELLA

Isabella is building up her vocabulary every day! She likes to help make her scrambled eggs in the morning, the cracking of the eggs is her favorite part. She spends a lot of time reading books and when she wants to spend quality time with you, she brings you a book to read her. Her laugh is contagious, her spirit is adventurous, and her big hugs will melt your heart. When we go on family walks she likes to collect flowers along the way, bring them home and decorate her play area. She makes us laugh constantly and reminds us not to take life too seriously.

Isabella was adopted at birth and has brought so much joy to our life! We can't wait to watch Isabella with a younger sibling, she'll make such a great big sister!



MORE ABOUT *Isabella*

AGE: 18 months

FAVORITE BOOK: Umbrella - the story of a girl who chases the clouds away

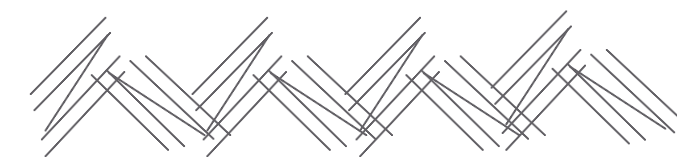
FAVORITE FOOD: Bacon. As of last week. LOL

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Playing her tambourine. She wants to bring it everywhere

FAVORITE THINGS: She loves to spend her days outside watering plants, tending to the garden, and playing in her mud kitchen!

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Alain has 4 brothers all that are married with 3 nephews and 2 nieces. We visit with them often and usually host big family dinners on Sundays at our house. Paulina's mother lives close by and is often over at the home spending time with Isabella and bringing us homemade cookies. Paulina's younger sisters come to visit every couple of months. We are very close with our extended families. We just finished making up the guest room so any family that comes has a cozy place to stay. Each year we have Thanksgiving with Paulina's family, usually renting a cabin somewhere cold to really enjoy the holiday spirit. We go sledding, do puzzles, and enjoy being together, watching movies and dancing all around the cabin. Then we enjoy Christmas with Alain's family to open presents, bring in the holiday cheer, and cook together which is our favorite. His whole family loves to cook, and boy do they make a lot of food!



Celebrating Isabella's 1st Birthday



Paulina and her sisters



Christmas PJs with our nieces



Isabella with her grandpa and uncle

OUR HOME

and community

We bought our first home three years ago and have had the most fun fixing it up. Paulina has always felt deeply connected to her home and enjoys creating a comfortable, inviting space for our family + visitors. We have a close-knit neighborhood where everyone knows each other and all the kids play together. We are in walking distance to the grocery store, coffee, and the rec center. There are 2 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and a high school all within a half-mile of our house. Our neighbors have young children, so there are always little ones outside playing ball, drawing with chalk, or playing dress up.



Our Friends

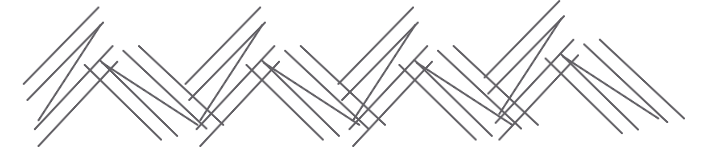
We have a great group of friends that have all started their families within the last few years. We enjoy their company most weekends and our home has become the place where we all get together. Alain is usually cooking and our friends are over and playing with Isabella. We are lucky to have a great group of friends that live really close together. We all enjoy going to the park and the zoo together!



Ski trip with friends



Out to dinner with friends



Paulina's birthday bash



Enjoying a summer sailing trip



Beach day with Paulina's friends

WHY ADOPTION?

We were interested in adoption long before getting married. When we had difficulty getting pregnant naturally, we chose not to pursue IVF or surrogacy. Instead, we wholeheartedly embraced the idea of adoption, igniting a spark of joy within us. With unwavering determination, we embarked on our adoption journey, and since making that life-altering decision, our smiles have never faded.

After adopting Isabella at birth, we have loved every minute of being her parents and feel so privileged that her birth mother chose us. We are so hopeful to grow our family through adoption again!



We promise to:

- » love your child unconditionally.
- » give them every opportunity.
- » explain their story with love and respect.
- » foster happiness every day.
- » teach them anything is possible.

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR FAMILY

- » We collect fridge magnets from all the countries we have visited.
- » Isabella loves anything space related and likes to go outside and look for the moon every night
- » Every year we celebrate the day we met by having a picnic.
- » Alain once wrote his nephew an entire children's story, just for fun. Pig Leaf and Zero Bug, The Search for the Strawberry Ruby!



- » Alain lived on a boat for most summers during high school learning how to sail and scuba dive.



- » Paulina is an amazing salsa dancer that has performed all over the world.
- » We have family dance parties in our kitchen every night





THANK YOU!

We want to thank you for taking the time to consider us. We are incredibly honored to be a part of this journey. We know when considering an adoptive family, we know you may be considering many different things about the families presented to you. We want you to know that for us, it is all about love. Love for your child, not born to us, but instead chosen. Above all else, we hope you feel at peace in your decision and that you choose a family that will love you, as well as your child. You have our love and admiration.

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