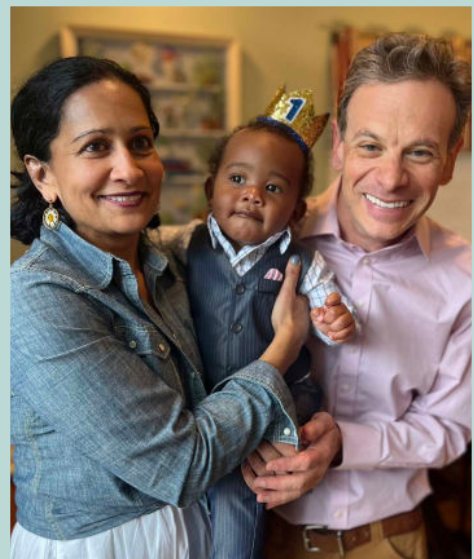




Ben  
+ Mona





# dear friend!

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We understand that you are faced with the most challenging decision a mother can make - placing your child in someone else's arms. We want you to know that if chosen, we will love and support your child unconditionally. As a bi-racial, multicultural family, we embrace the idea of expanding our family's cultural or ethnic make-up. We want to exchange family traditions, share our faith, and make memories with your child, while at the same time, celebrating your child's birth family and culture.

When the time is right, we will share with them the incredible story of the courageous woman who carried and brought them into this world. Your child will always be aware of the tremendous decision you made and the trust you placed in us to provide them with a nurturing environment to pursue their dreams and seize every opportunity. We would cherish the chance to talk with you, as we know you may have questions for us.

Sending you peace and love.

Ben + Mona







# about US ♡



We got to know each other when a mutual friend invited us over for a potluck dinner party back in 2013. Ben was immediately struck by Mona's confidence, smile, intellect, and gentle demeanor. He knew he couldn't leave that night without knowing when he could see Mona again. And Mona couldn't help but feel the same about him. We have been in love ever since! Adoption has always been in our hearts even before we met. In 2022, we welcomed our son, Ishaan, into our lives through adoption.

We have an amazing life together, surrounded by a loving extended family and incredible friends who are like family

to us. We enjoy cooking, going for walks and hikes, and tending to our garden & plants. Sometimes, we'll go out to dinner for our favorite Thai food or pizza, but nothing beats a home-cooked meal, prepared by Mona, who can make almost any cuisine. Traveling is another passion of ours, whether it's camping in a state park or immersing ourselves in other cultures abroad. As a family, we frequent local parks, playgrounds, and our beloved children's museum. We are fortunate to have the unwavering support of both our families throughout our adoption journey.



# Meet @Mona

by ben

Mona is the most kind, empathetic, generous, patient, and loving person that I have ever known. Mona loves and supports Ishaan and me unconditionally. Mona's unwavering support and unconditional love never cease to amaze me. Our friends and family rely on her as a trustworthy listener during times of challenge or simply when they need someone with an open heart. As a mother, Mona is amazing. She teaches valuable lessons to our son, while filling his life with laughter and meeting his needs effortlessly. I consider myself fortunate to share a sense of adventure with Mona and she can also kick my butt in tennis! LOL. I am deeply grateful to have Mona as my life partner. Her happiness, intelligence, love, and wisdom make her an incredible partner and mother.



**OCCUPATION** Engineer

**FAVORITE MOVIE** Sound of Music

**FAVORITE PLACE** The mountains (anywhere)

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** My family and Indian food

**MY PERFECT DAY** My perfect day would include a workout, a fabulous home-made meal and time together outside as a family, visiting a park or walking trail.

**"She'll make you laugh so hard that your cheeks will hurt."**

*-Ben*

# Meet @Ben

by Mona

One of the things I love most about Ben is that I can talk to him about anything. He is not only a loving and supportive father, but also a beloved teacher who is still adored by his past high school students. He has committed his life to being of service to others with a commitment to justice and equality, and is now back to his first career, which is being a lawyer. He supports me in every aspect of my life and shares my sense of humor and laughs at all my jokes. Lol. He lights up when around children, whether it's our nieces and nephews or children of our friends, and it is inspiring to watch him play with them. He is an incredibly caring, loving, dedicated, and fun father!



**OCCUPATION** Teacher/Lawyer

**FAVORITE MOVIE** The Godfather

**FAVORITE PLACE** Northern Wisconsin

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** My family and music

**MY PERFECT DAY** Pancakes and coffee followed by reading then hanging out at a playground with our family.

**"Ben has one of the greatest (and loudest) laughs you'll ever hear."**

*-Mona*



# Meet Ishaan

Ishaan is pure joy and has an energetic spirit. Ishaan came to us through the miracle of adoption, and we are grateful and honored that his biological mother decided to entrust us as his parents. We keep in touch and visit Ishaan's birth family every year so he will always know who created him. He has an incredible sense of humor for a little guy and sprints to wherever he is going. He enjoys the outdoors and is fascinated by nature. Indoors, he plays with toy cars, reads books, and dances to music. Ishaan is outgoing and loves greeting people. We're excited for him to have a sibling to grow and play with. He will be a great brother!



## AGE 2

**FAVORITE FOODS** sweet potatoes, bananas and avocados

**SPECIAL TALENT** Imitating other people's laughter

**FAVORITE PLATGROUND ACTIVITY** The swing

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** Music-playing at ALL times

**FAVORITE TOY** Construction sites; trucks small and large

# our Home & community

We live in a very safe, family-oriented, wooded neighborhood in a cul-de-sac. Our home has 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms with plenty of indoor and outdoor space to play. We have spotted owls, hawks, and deer in our yard! Our neighborhood offers a children's playground walking distance from our home, and we go there almost every day. We have many local parks and an incredible children's museum that has 84 acres of science and nature experiences. Ishaan goes there multiple times a week!



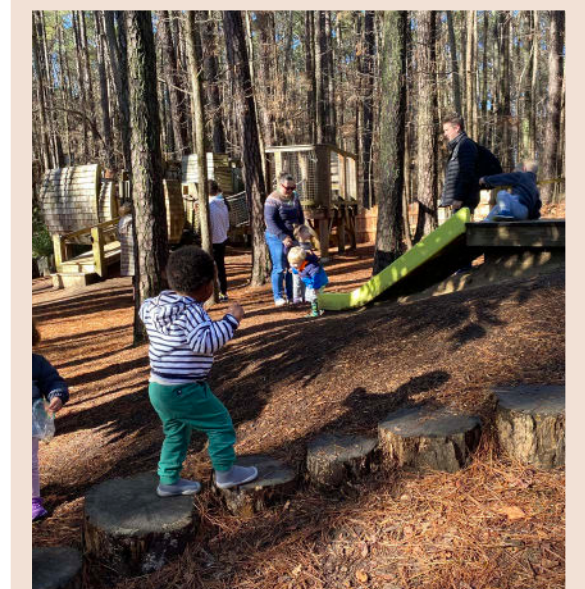
Playing in the family room



Our home



Visiting a local park



Fun at our Children's Museum



# our Families

Despite the distance, we make family a priority. Mona's parents and sister's family live in Alabama, and her brother lives in Europe. We manage to come together 2-3 times a year, going on vacations and celebrating holidays. Mona also maintains a close connection with her extended family in India; Ben got to go for the first time a few years ago and had an incredible experience! Ben's



Mona's brother and sister

parents are in Wisconsin and frequently visit us here, in North Carolina. Ben's brother's family is in Houston, while his sister's family resides in Denver. We try to get together as much as possible and we talk to them over FaceTime. They love to be able to watch Ishaan grow and are very supportive of our adoption journey.



Mona's parents and sister's family



Ben's brother's family



Ben's sister and brother-in-law



Ben's parents



Mona's close girlfriends



Family friends

# our Friends

As they say, "it takes a village!" So, we are grateful to have an amazing group of loving, supportive friends who have become more like family and keep our spirits high. We are fortunate to have friends who are local as well as spread across the US (from California to Washington, D.C.) and around the world. Our worldview is better because of our friends.



Close family friends



# FUN FACTS

about our family



We love outdoor adventures!



Ishaan loves being outdoors and can spend hours in the swing.



Ben loves dogs.

Mona was a Division I collegiate tennis player



Ben finds an unusual sense of satisfaction with vacuuming. And Ishaan loves to "help".



While Mona loves to cook, she's trying to work on her baking skills. We primarily make home-cooked meals of various cuisines, from Thai to Indian to Mexican to Italian.



Mona has jumped out of a plane!



Being a multicultural, interfaith family, we enjoy celebrating our different holidays and traditions such as lighting the menorah for Hanukkah.



Weekend mornings are typically enjoyed with pancakes.





# Why we are adopting

Adoption has always been in our hearts and the parenthood path we wanted to pursue to create a family. Because we met later in life, we also knew that it would be difficult to have biological children. We tried anyway and, even with the help of fertility doctors, we were unable to get pregnant. Adoption brought us our son who has given us so much purpose and joy which we could have never imagined. We are excited to expand our family again through adoption and can't wait for our son to have a sibling.



**"An invisible red thread connects those who are destined to meet, regardless of time, place, or circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle, but it will never break"**

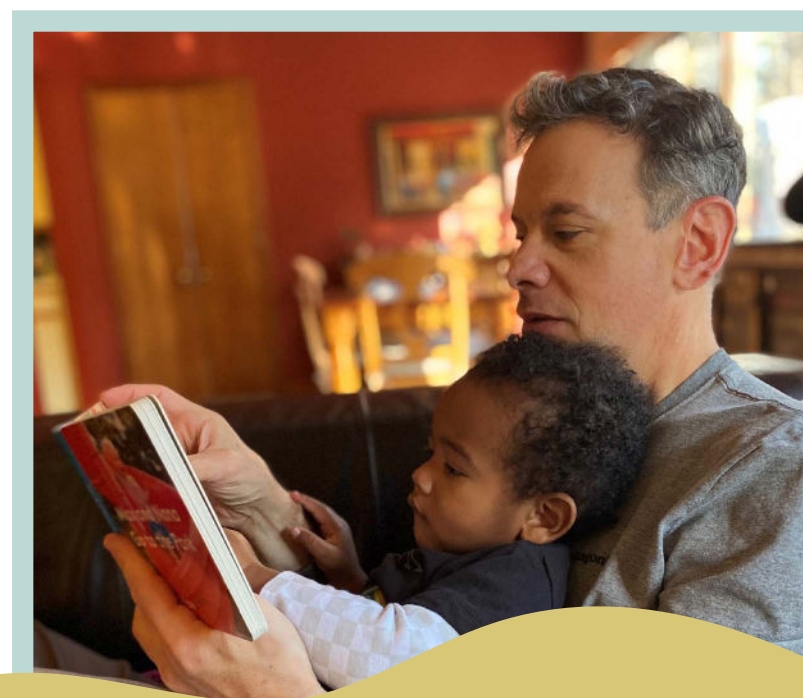
**- Ancient Chinese proverb**

## Our Promise to you:

- We promise to be open and honest, from the beginning, about your child's adoption, their story, and your story. This is because we want him/her to understand the courageous choice you made and the love you have for them.
- We promise to love your child fiercely and unconditionally, every day of their lives.
- We promise to provide your child with a stable, safe, and loving home, a place of joy, laughter, and good food.
- We promise to instill strong values and develop faith in family and community in the heart of your child.
- We promise to provide support and guidance for your child to pursue their dreams.
- We promise to always treat you with respect and love!



Visit with Ishaan's birth family







Thank  
you

We appreciate you taking the time to read about us, and hope it provides you with some insight into the life we will help create for our children. We can only imagine how difficult of a decision this must be for you. You chose to bring your child into this world and offer them a chance at life because of the love you have for them. We know you would be doing one of the hardest, yet strongest, things any woman could do, and we would make sure that your child knows of your strength and courage.

Love,

Ben + Mona