

A Note to You

Thank you for taking a moment to read our story. We can only imagine the care, strength, and love that have brought you to this point, and we are grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves. It is our hope that these pages help you get to know us and the family, friends, and community that would surround a child with love and support.

Our Story

We met in the wood shop at college, where we were both studying architecture. Through mutual friends, we became close over the years — and we were friends first, long before we were anything else. We think that's what makes our bond so strong.

Marrying your best friend means we're incredibly lucky. We support each other through the hard times, and we love the simple things together — long hikes, evening walks, bike rides. Our days are full of the kind of easy companionship that comes from really knowing someone.

Our family already includes Canelo, our puppy, who adores kids and is just as excited as we are for our family to grow.



Our Path to Adoption

We were friends first, long before we became a couple — and after building careers we love, we finally married and started dreaming about a family. Life had a different plan for how that would happen, and we couldn't be more excited that adoption is our path to it.

Meet Our Family

About Venesa:



My name is Venesa, and I'm an architect and professor of architecture, currently teaching at a university in New Jersey. After several years working at an architecture firm, I made the switch to teaching so I could have more balance in my life — especially summers and winters free to spend with family. Outside of work, you'll usually find me dancing, swimming, biking, or baking something in the kitchen.

About Franklin:



Hi, I'm Franklin. I work at an architecture firm and enjoy staying active through soccer, hiking, and biking. I'm a hands-on person who loves fixing things, whether it's a home project or working on a car. Before architecture, I worked in the restaurant industry, where I developed a passion for cooking, especially Italian meals. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends and relaxing with a good Marvel movie.

About Us:

We love walking our dog and heading out on hikes together. A few years ago, we started a garden, and every spring and summer we look forward to watching it grow and enjoying the harvest. We're always up for a good movie night, and we love to travel whenever we can.

We've settled into a cozy house with a cherry blossom tree out front and a spacious backyard, where you'll usually find us relaxing in the hammock, tending the garden, or grilling out. Our neighborhood is wonderfully walkable, with a string of parks and a creek that runs through with a small waterfall — we walk it with our dog almost every day when the weather's nice.



We're also lucky to have family and places we call home away from home in Puerto Rico and Ecuador, and we can't wait to share the places we grew up with our family as it grows.

Our Extended Family & Friends

Our extended family includes two grandmothers and one grandfather. One grandmother splits her time between Ecuador and New Jersey, while the other grandparents live in Queens, NY and visit often. We're a close-knit family who gathers regularly for holidays and family events.



Franklin comes from a close-knit family. His sister is married and has two sons who are starting college this year. His brother recently married, and most of his family lives in New Jersey.



Venesa is an only child, but has 2 aunts and 2 uncles and lots of cousins that enjoy gathering for family functions. Here they are at their wedding.



Friends:

We're lucky to have a large circle of friends we've known since college — many of whom have watched their own children grow up alongside us. We can't wait for them, and their kids, to become part of our growing family too.



What We're Looking Forward To

We look forward to sharing our lives and growing our family with love, patience, and a good sense of fun. We want to raise our child to stay humble, to truly enjoy life's everyday moments, and to know the joy of building things together, whether that's a garden, a family tradition, or just a really good fort.

A Personal Note to You

Thank you for taking the time to read our story. We know whatever choice you make comes from love and courage, and we don't take that lightly.

If you choose us, your child will be welcomed into a family built on love, friendship, and strong relationships. They will be cherished by parents who are each other's best friends, supported by loving grandparents, and celebrated by a close-knit community of family and friends. Their days will include simple joys like growing fresh vegetables in the garden, creating lasting memories, and coming home to a place filled with laughter, comfort, and warmth.

We'd be honored to raise your child with openness, and to make sure they always know how loved they were from the very beginning. Whatever you choose, we wish you peace and so much love.

Thank you for considering us.

– Venesa and Franklin
