

MARIAM & CONNOR



Hello! We're excited about the possibility of welcoming a child into our family through adoption. We're grateful for the opportunity to connect with you on this journey.

For us, this isn't just a decision; it's the start of a relationship with you and the beautiful child who would become a cherished part of our family. Throughout this journey, we're dedicated to building a relationship with you based on honesty, respect, and understanding. We are open to staying connected with you through letters, pictures, and visits.

We are committed to providing a loving, nurturing, and grounded life for your child. Thank you for reading our profile and we hope you get a sense of our heart and who we are as you go through it.

ABOUT US

We met online 8 years ago, have been married for 3, and can't imagine life without each other. Our relationship has evolved as we've gotten older, but the same values that brought us together remain: directness, intentionality, honesty, stability, doing the right thing, having fun, and always growing.

We've consistently made time for ourselves through weekly date nights, dancing, staying active, and enjoying our shared appreciation of music together. We've grown individually and as a couple and feel that a learning mindset is important for us as we think about parenting and growing our family. We don't shy away from difficult conversations, and we think being honest with each other and our future child is an important part of building a strong family.

We believe that love isn't just a feeling; it's also a decision to put the effort in. As we built a stable and enduring life together, we found ourselves wanting to be able to support, teach, and love a child. We can't have children biologically, but we think family is more than genetics, and our extended support system is a constant reminder of that.



MEET CONNOR

I studied Computer Science in college and have worked as a software engineer for 12 years. Currently, I work from home for a tech company. I enjoy that there's always something more to learn, solving problems with other people, and the magic of incremental changes over time.

If you were to ask Mariam what I'm like, she'd say I never fall short of loving, and that I'm trustworthy, patient, driven, and consistent. I love food, soccer, and learning. I enjoy being outside in the woods and I go on backpacking trips a couple times a year.

I relax by playing video games, watching movies and TV shows, working on household projects, and listening to podcasts. I appreciate simple pleasures in life like sunsets, hugs, and eating popcorn.



MEET MARIAM

I studied psychology and physical therapy in college. I've dedicated most of my career to working in the physical therapy field with elderly people. Recently, I've shifted my focus to working from home for a health technology company, providing tech support for elderly clients. I'm passionate about health and wellness and committed to providing quality care for the people I work with.

If you were to ask Connor what I'm like, he'd say that I'm the engine of the family, a hard worker, an advocate, incredibly reliable, and someone who enjoys laughing and dancing.

I find joy in anything related to music, staying active, watching basketball, and trying new things. Playing the trombone and singing have been hobbies of mine for many years, while recently, I've enjoyed learning how to knit. If you were to take a look at my music playlist, you would see that it's filled with mostly upbeat songs, with Afrobeats being my top music genre. If there's one meal I could eat every day, it would be a combination of chicken, rice, and veggies. Small things excite me, and those who know me understand my love for giraffes and that I would never turn down a donut!



CONNOR'S FAMILY

My brother, sister-in-law, and their young daughter live close to my mom and grandma in the country, within an easy day trip drive. My family loves the outdoors, gives great hugs, enjoys doing puzzles, and eating fresh food from the garden. Depending on the year, we'll either have big get-togethers during the holidays with extended family from Michigan and Washington D.C., or we'll have a bunch of smaller visits with folks. My late father was adopted, and we learned a lot about how important having access to birth parents is by watching him try to learn about medical history and where he came from later on in life.



Visiting mom/grandma with my cousin



Mom, niece, and brother visiting us



Helping my mom move to Ohio with my brother, niece, and sister-in-law



Thanksgiving with my mom (not pictured), grandma, brother, niece, and sister-in-law



Visiting my cousin, uncle, and aunt in Michigan



Family event with my brother and cousins

MARIAM'S FAMILY

I come from a big family where close family friends are cherished like aunties, and aunties are like second mothers. I am the second youngest out of six kids. Most of my close family members live in Ohio, including my parents, siblings, and nieces/nephews. Family gatherings are festive, welcoming, and always include delicious foods. My family enjoys connecting through laughter, sharing meals, and storytelling.



Labor Day at my brother's with my aunt, mom, and sister



Christmas with my sister and cousins



Fall fun with my sisters



Mother's Day dinner with my siblings, niece, and mom



Surprise birthday party for my mom with my siblings



Christmas with some family



Attending my nephew's concert with my brother-in-law, sister, and nephew

LIFE & HOME



We like doing a variety of activities throughout the year. When we go out, we enjoy hiking, visiting friends and family, attending stand-up comedy shows, experiencing live music, and watching basketball and soccer. We like going on trips throughout the year to visit new places. In the last couple of years, we've spent time on the dunes of Michigan, eaten delicious food in Toronto, played with cousins on the National Mall in Washington DC, explored the coast of San Diego, and much more. We are excited to show a young one how vast and varied the world around us is.



We live in a beautiful older home close to a school in a very walkable and family-oriented area. Our home is clean but has character and feels lived-in. Our favorite part of the house is all the natural light we get and how open and bright it feels. We value feeling safe and calm in our home but appreciate how accessible places around us are. Walking around our neighborhood is one of our cherished daily activities. Every time we travel, we feel a sense of comfort and relief when we open our door and are welcomed back to our own space. We have a room set aside for a baby, and space for when they get older.

THANK YOU

This is a glimpse of who we are individually and as a family. If you believe our family might be the right fit to embrace this journey together, we're open to exploring different options based on your comfort and preference. Thank you for allowing us to share our story with you. We recognize that this is a difficult decision, and we hope you feel supported as you consider your options.

Best,

Mariam and Connor