



# CIERA + SHANA

**We are so honored that you are taking the time to learn about us and the life we are building together. In our lives, we have built a chosen family and we would be so excited to bring a child into our village. We promise to honor you in our lives; we want to know and understand the hopes and dreams you have for this child so that we can do our very best to help make those dreams come true. We are committed to helping our future child(ren) embrace their culture, and always understand where they come from. Thank you for being a part of our journey as we expand our family, there are not words to express our gratitude.**







We initially met at a friend's graduation party in 2012 and thought we would never cross paths again. Fortunately, on July 4th of 2016 we met again because of that same friend, and the rest, as they say, is history. We started dating in early 2017 and were engaged by the end of the year. After moving into our first place together, we got married on the beach in North Carolina with our closest family and friends attending in 2018. Our love and respect for one another continues to mature and it is now time to share that same love and respect with a child.



**Ciera's Favorites:**  
**Movie:** A League of Their Own  
**Candy:** Reese's Cups  
**Place to Travel:** Chicago  
**Activity:** Puzzles/Board Games  
**Holiday:** Christmas Eve

**Shana's Favorites:**  
**Movie:** The Sound of Music  
**Candy:** Butterfingers  
**Place to travel:** The beach  
**Activity:** Reading  
**Holiday:** Thanksgiving



Ciera is the kindest person I have ever known. She is always there to listen and comfort others, and is a fierce protector of those she loves. She is extremely intelligent and never fails to make me laugh with her terrible jokes. Ciera stands strongly for what she believes in, most importantly helping anyone in need. She previously worked as an EMT and currently helps people who are struggling with insurance issues as they navigate some of the hardest days of their lives. Ciera fills life with joy, love, and endless laughter. She is the best friend and partner I could ask for, and I can't wait to see her grow as a parent.



Shana is above all else, the most generous person I have ever met. She does not know a single stranger, and we commonly joke that she is the Mayor of (insert place we are located). She has the kindest soul, and the best partner at cards. Her passion for helping others is at the forefront of her mind in every action she takes, both at home, and at work as a nurse. Her greatest gift is being able to meet people where they are in their journey, and walk through it with them. I can't imagine a better life partner or a better partner to have a family with.





MERIBEL

## OUR HOME

CLEO

We purchased our home on Halloween day in 2022 and one of our first purchased items was candy for Trick-Or-Treaters! We live in a small neighborhood outside of the city surrounded by farmland. We are lucky to have a park right behind our backyard complete with a basketball hoop, swing set, jungle gym, and a gazebo that is perfect for family gatherings. We love seeing all of the neighborhood kids playing in the park and can't wait for our future child to join them. We also have two cats! We adopted Cleo in 2018, and adopted Meribel in 2020. They each have their own unique personalities and bring a lot of laughter and love to our home.

Shana's mom also lives close by and her home almost becomes our summer home. She lives on a lake and has a pontoon boat that we love to take out, listen to music, and enjoy the water with friends and family

## OUR CHOSEN FAMILY

We strongly believe that blood does not define family, and your family are those who love you for who you are, and accept you fully. We are very close with both of Shana's parents as they have endlessly supported us in our relationship, our marriage, and our personal goals. Shana has a younger sister and Ciera has two older brothers.

Ciera's oldest brother has three children who love watching movies with us, playing video games with us, and spending holidays with us. We love to host holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas; it is so special to us to have a space where everyone can gather, play games, eat, and enjoy our time together. As our chosen family of friends has grown with the addition of children, we have loved being a part of their lives from when they are toddlers, to teenagers, and into their adult lives. We cannot speak more highly of those we choose to surround ourselves with. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and any child who becomes a part of our family will be surrounded by love.

We are extremely lucky to have two young men who were adopted by close family friends, and understand the blessings that adoption can provide, not only to your child, but to us as well.





# OUR ADVENTURES



**We are very fortunate to be able to travel regularly! Shana's dad lives in Florida and has a pool, we love to travel there to relax and defrost from the cold Ohio winters. While in Florida, we enjoy going to Busch Gardens to ride rollercoasters, and also enjoy kayaking with the manatees. One of our favorite travel spots is Chicago! We love to explore the museums and eat the best deep dish pizzas the U.S. has to offer. In the last year we have traveled to Costa Rica and took an amazing trip to Europe where we had the opportunity to explore Spain, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Greece! Whether locally or internationally we love to see and do new things. We believe that experiences are the best gifts! We cannot wait to share our love of travel and to have a child embrace all different types of adventures.**





**We strongly believe that our differences are what makes us beautiful. Whether that be our gender, our upbringing, our religion, or the color of our skin, it is very important to us that we not only embrace those differences but that we honor them. As a Latina, Ciera faced many challenges growing up in a small town. We are passionate about our child understanding the beauty in their differences, and respecting and honoring where they come from.**

**Openness is another one of our core values. We are committed to an open adoption and will meet you where you are in your journey. We will share pictures, videos, and would love to have the opportunity to continue meet you in person at your comfort level.**

**We value the small moments. Game nights with friends, cooking together every night, and building Lego sets together. We love to spend our weekends with our friends and family, enjoying time together, and supporting each other through the good and the bad.**

**Our most important value is love. We read a bible verse at our wedding that says it best. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails". Please know that love is always at the front of our minds, and any child that enters into our lives will feel love, know love, and spread love to others.**







## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

**We promise to be supportive of any child who comes into our lives; supportive of their dreams, their culture, their growth, and the person they want to become. We promise to fill our home with laughter, safety, and peace as they grow and change.**

**We promise to be open with you at your comfort level. We promise to be honest with you at every step in this journey. We promise that our child we be loved, see love, and know love each and every day. Thank you for spending the time to get to know us, there are not words to express our gratitude.**

*Ciera and Shana*

