

Hopeful Adoptive Parents: Natasha and Sikandar



Basic Info

- **Sikandar**
- Age: 39
- Race/Ethnicity: Pakistani
- Religion: Muslim
- **Natasha**
- Age: 27
- Race/Ethnicity: White (Danish descent)
- Religion: Muslim

Work & Education

- **Sikandar**
- Education: Doctor of Medicine and Masters in Statistics and Research.
- Profession: Doctor
- **Natasha**
- Education: Masters of Science in Nursing Education
- Profession: Nurse

Environment

- Country: USA
- State: Utah
- Relationship: Married

- **Neighborhood:** Suburban
- **Years Together:** 1 to 5 years
- **Residency:** House
- **Pet(s):** 2 Dogs
- **Children in Home:** No children
- **Sexual Orientation:** Heterosexual parents

Post Adoption Contact / Level of Openness

- **Open** (open to all contact, phone calls, an in person visit before adoption placement, sharing photos and letters after placement, visits at a neutral location after adoption placement etc)
- **Semi Open** (open to an in-person visit before adoption placement, phone, email, sharing pic/letters after placement)
- **Closed** (no contact after placement)

Preferences for a child

- **Age:** Newborn
- **Gender:** Either
- **Multiple Children:** All, Twins, Triplets or more, Sibling groups
- **Race/Ethnicity:** All, African American (Full), African American (Half), Caucasian (Full), Caucasian (Half), Hispanic (Full), Hispanic (Half), Asian (Full), Asian (Half), American Indian (Full), American Indian (Half), Pacific Islander (Full), Pacific Islander (Half), Other
- **Special Needs:** Open to discussion, Smoking exposed, Drug exposed



What do you know about adoption?

It is a wonderful addition to our family with life-long learning and love (just like any other type of parenting).

How will adopting change your life?

Drastically because we will have a baby. Life will change in big ways and in small ways.

We would welcome an open adoption where we would consider the birth mother family if that is also desired.

We are now responsible for this tiny human and to show them how to live in this world.

How does your extended family feel about your plans to adopt?

They are very excited and supportive. They understand it is because we have seen that there are many children in the world, we do not need to have one biologically. This child will be ours and we will do our very best as parents.

How will adoption be discussed in your home?

Openly. We will discuss the child's story frequently and in-depth depending on the development of the child but we will not ignore or hide adoption from the child.

What are your thoughts about open adoption?

I would love to have an open adoption. I think the extra love and connection from the birth family will only make a positive impact on our child.

What are your thoughts and feelings about birth parents?

I would love for both birth parents to be involved in our child's life. To the extent that both sides are comfortable and give love to the child.

Do you have concerns about your ability to love and be loved by a child not born to you?

Definitely not. I have so much love in my heart already for our future child.



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What do you know about adoption?

Growing up, I was always very keen on adoption. In the past 5 years, I have gained knowledge about the documentation involved in the process of adoption in USA. I have read a few books on adopting in America and what adoption means to the adoptee.

The love and bravery of this decision will never be lost on us. You will bring us our greatest joy.

How will adopting change your life?

We will become a family of 3 with more responsibilities. Less sleep in the earlier days but being parents will bring us great joy.

How does your extended family feel about your plans to adopt?

They are very supportive and excited. My parents look forward to moving here so they can be more involved.

How will adoption be discussed in your home?

Adoption will be discussed as the process of bringing a child into our family with emphasis on not using negative words or phrases.

What are your thoughts about open adoption?

In the right scenario, may be the right way to adopt, answering many questions for the adoptee and giving them a more complete life.

What are your thoughts and feelings about birth parents?

They are a crucial part of the child's life. In scenarios where they will be a positive influence on the child then they should be a part of their life.

Do you have concerns about your ability to love and be loved by a child not born to you?

I do not have concerns, I feel love does not come for biological birth alone. It comes from being a parent and being involved in their lives.



Childhood:

I grew up in Utah, going on many family trips either road trips to other states or camping.

Personality:

I am organized, driven, and an adventurous person who works very hard for what I want. I consider myself an outgoing introvert.

We promise your child will have a safe and peaceful home surrounded by love. Your child will be nurtured, respected, and given great opportunities, including an excellent education.

My weaknesses include desserts and puppies. Being a nurse is part of my identity because I prioritize compassion and kindness.

Interests and Hobbies:

My interests are family, friends, travel, music, and my dogs. My husband and I love checking off countries on our bucket list and experiencing new cultures. We also love a trip where we can include our dogs. I enjoy skiing and snowmobiling in the winter and water sports or hiking in the summer.

Goals:

Personal life short term goal: enjoy cooking more.

Personal life long term goal: adopt a baby and become a mom.

Employment short term goal: make the most out of my time as a nurse in the ICU.

Employment long term goal: Complete my MSN and start teaching.

Family short term goal: continue to support my family as much as I can.

Family long term goal: raise my kids and have our parents become involved grandparents.

Spirituality short term goal: be grateful, praise mother nature and thank the universe daily.

Spirituality long term goal: raise my kids to be well-rounded, kind people.

Spouse's Personality:

My husband is the humorous and calm balance in our relationship. His priority is his family. He is a dreamer, yet practical. His strengths include being an incredible listener, reliable, and empathetic to everyone. His weaknesses include being overly critical of himself and watching our TV shows without me.



Childhood:

I grew up in Karachi, Pakistan. It was warm and welcoming. I also loved living by the ocean and playing cricket with my friends.

We can only imagine the decision facing you and we are so grateful for your consideration of us as adoptive parents to your child. We won't let you down.

Personality:

Easy going, punctual, work and family come first. Strengths: not afraid of hard work, committing and keeping to deadlines. Weaknesses: unable to sleep in no matter how late I go to bed and I need to do a better job of planning vacations.

Interests and Hobbies:

Gym, trying to get into running, playing 90's rock on the guitar, taking the dogs outside for hikes. I also really enjoy cooking Pakistani dishes and smoking meats, especially brisket.

Goals:

Personal short term goal: run a marathon

Personal long term goal: improve work/life balance

Employment short term goal: promotion to associate professor

Employment long term goal: more involved in publications and medical device development

Family short term goal: adopt a baby

Family long term goal: adopt another baby to have a family of 4 and help my parents move to USA

Spirituality short term goal: be more in control of my own happiness on a day to day basis

Spirituality long term goal: raise my kids to value religion as being kind. I want them to be educated in every religion and see that each one is equal.

Spouse's Personality:

She is very loving and caring. At the same time goal-oriented and is not a procrastinator. Strengths: planning anything in this whole world and patient.

Weaknesses: cannot tolerate spicy food and gets attached to ideas and gets disappointed when they do not

Favorites:



We love taking the dogs to the park by our house.



From Sikandar..! We enjoy home projects. Here, Natasha is staining the fence in our backyard.



Natasha is a very caring person, she is family-oriented and very dependable. She always is very good about including close friends and family in day to day plans and especially in times of celebrations. As a friend, she is always there to lend a helping hand and in times of need for family members. She is very passionate about her career with strong work ethics.

She will be an amazing mother, with lots of love to share with her future children, and will be a perfect role model for them. I can't wait to raise a family with her.

As An Expectant Mom, You Have Loved Them First....



You gave them life. "And now whenever I wrap my arms around him, I am reminded all over again of that first time she placed him in my arms. The love and bravery and heartbreak it took for her to do that will never be lost on me." @born.from.my.heart

With your struggles, cravings, and conversations you have with your baby in your belly - we would love to be a part of your pregnancy. We know your sorrow will be our greatest joy and we PROMISE to love your child and uphold your relationship with the child, however you want that relationship to be.

Here is a picture of one piece of art that hangs in the nursery. "Kindness is magic"

I Can't Wait To See This Guy Become A Dad.



Sikandar is funny, practical, and so kind. He has puts others first and is the most reliable friend and family member. His friends respect him since he is the best listener. Sikandar is creative and his smile is contagious.

He loves talking to others about how he looks forward to being a dad and all the things he wants to do with his kids.

Our Dogs:

Winston is a 4 year old Aussiedoodle



Sherru is a 3 year old Great Dane



Both are very sweet and loving to everyone but especially to babies.



Our Families:

Sikandar's parents, siblings, niece, and nephew



Natasha's dad and siblings



Our Friends:

We have a wonderful support network of many friends we consider an extension of our family.



Our Home:



Backyard where we can get together with friends and family. The pups love it here. We also have beautiful views of the mountains nearby.



Almost done setting up the nursery!