

Obie + Erica



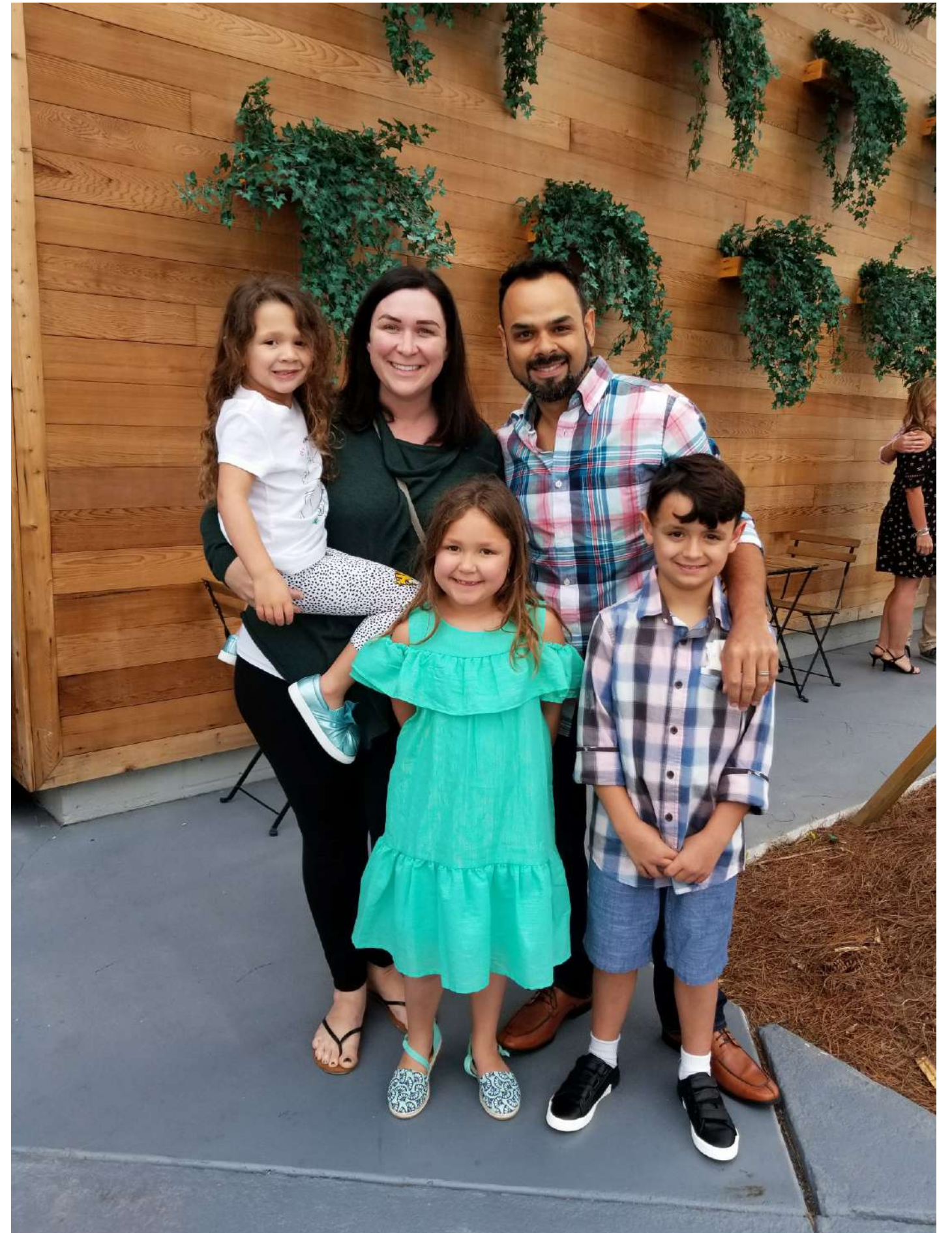
(and Zackary, Kennedy, & Presley, too!)

You, my friend, are a gift.

We don't know your story up until this point. We don't know what you've been through, but we are certain of three things: You are courageous. You are loved. And you love this baby so, so fiercely. It's only because of this love that you can step into the beautiful story of adoption.

We know this, and we respect this, and we are so proud of you. We hope we will get to tell you all of this in person one day, but until then, we wanted to start this conversation by saying you matter. Your story matters. And this decision matters.

We are Erica and Obie. Our family is loud and fun and active and sometimes messy and silly and supportive and honest. But something's missing. We have room in our home and our hearts for more love, more mess, more laughter. We hope that after you read a little more about us, you'll consider placing your baby in our family where he/she will be loved beyond all measure.



how it all began



We'd love to tell you that Erica was walking down a rainy street in NYC and slipped, almost fell in a puddle, and Obie dove to rescue her, dodging speeding taxis in the process. That everything stopped, and they gazed lovingly into each other's eyes. But that's not how it happened. The first time they met, Erica was a dancer for the Orlando Magic, and Obie just happened to be a judge for a dance competition. Their paths crossed a few times

after their initial meeting, and the chemistry between them was undeniable, but the timing was just never right.

Then, finally, six months after their first interaction at the dance competition, they made things official. Fast forward five years later, Erica and Obie got married in a peaceful outdoor ceremony, right on the water, under the stars and fireworks.

A little more about us

Erica is the type of mom that cheers loudly on the sidelines of her kids' sporting events, finds joy in planning exciting vacations to give her children memorable experiences, and creates a home that is a safe place for growth.

She owns one of the most successful real estate businesses in the city and is an

active part of the community. She hustles, she's a force to be reckoned with, and she is the definition of female empowerment and the entrepreneurial spirit. But she'll also give you the shirt off of her back, stay up all night to nurse a sick kid back to health, and go out of her way to help someone who needs it.



While Erica leads the charge when it comes to organization and scheduling, Obie takes his role as the spiritual leader of the family very seriously. Each night, he sits with all of the kids and prays over and with them. He sees it as an opportunity to build a foundation of faith, as well a chance to hear what is weighing on their hearts and stand by them as they navigate through it.

As a popular radio show host, the love and appreciation for theatre, music, and the arts run deep in Obie's DNA. It's not uncommon to find Obie and the kids sitting at the piano, creating music

together, or cuddled up on the sofa with a big bowl of popcorn for a classic movie marathon. When he's not showing them around the radio station, Obie is fostering a love for nature in each of his children, taking them camping, fishing, hunting, and exploring whenever possible. If Obie's got headphones in, chances are he's immersing himself in audiobooks and podcasts dedicated to personal development and leadership. He takes the information he learns about motivated and world-changing leaders and focuses on fostering these traits in his children. He is passionate about raising good, kind, people who love God and love others.

We balance each other out because Erica is detail-oriented, organized, and a master-scheduler and Obie is flexible, accommodating, and laid back. In the chaos of work and life, we get each other. We support each other's dreams and goals, we laugh all of the time, and while we have very different hobbies and interests, we agree on one thing:

Our children are our greatest gift and our grandest adventure.

Our kids

One of the most important gifts we can give to this baby is a life with three adoring, rambunctious, and active siblings.

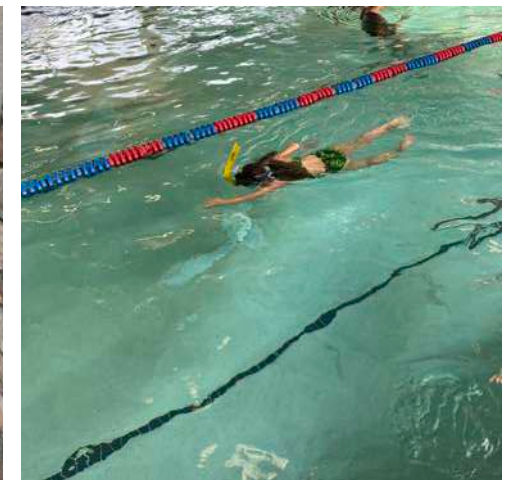
This child will always be protected and loved by a soccer-loving oldest brother who has a heart of gold and can find joy in the smallest things. This child will be welcomed by a smart, bold, and determined sister, who is a gifted dancer and loves all things music. This child will find a permanent best friend in a free-spirited, hysterical, sister who loves the water and loves to read. This child is already loved by so many. We are excited to take our family of six on grand adventures and to teach them the value and importance of family. Our children are so excited to meet their new sibling. As parents, we understand the power of a bond between siblings and know there is no deeper friendship than between brothers and sisters.



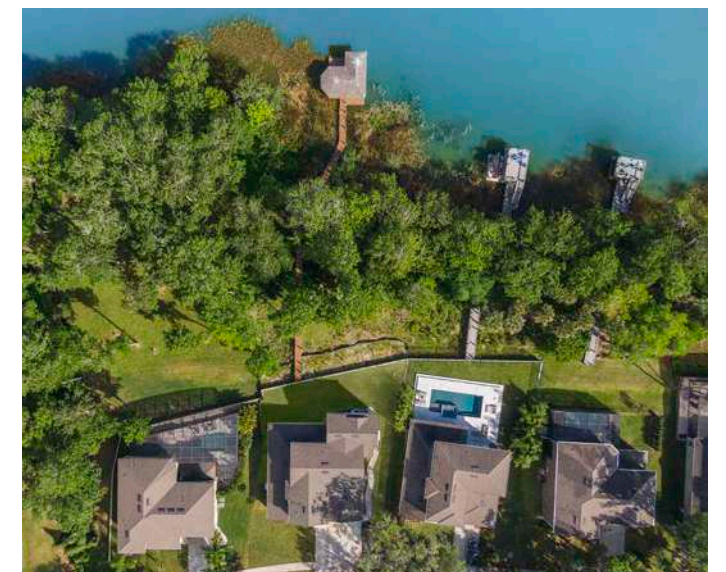
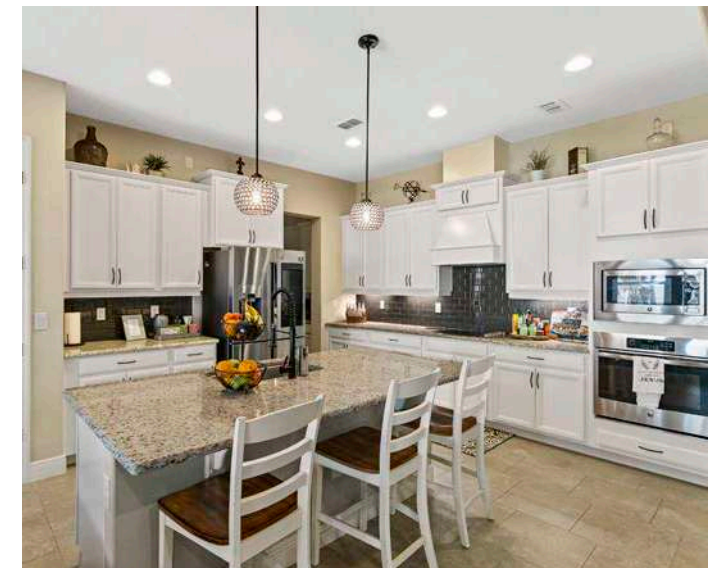
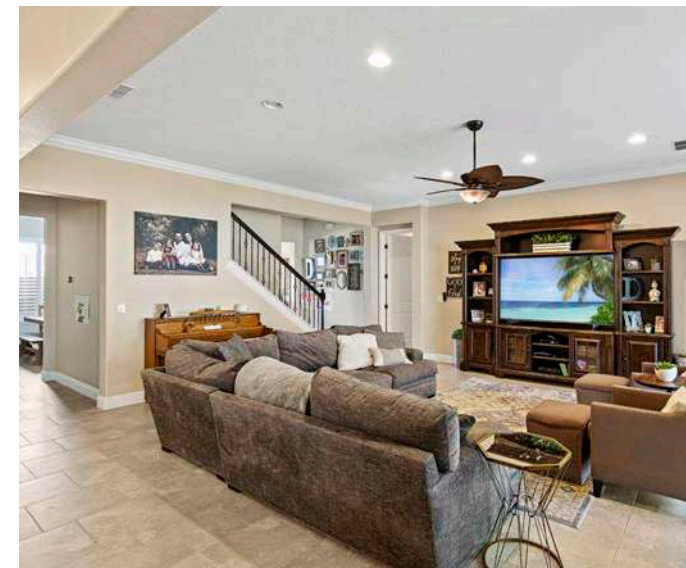
Kennedy

Presley

Zackary



Our home



Our families & friends

Whether is holidays, meals together, or just hanging out, we love to spend time with our families & friends!



A Final Thought

We know this is a big decision. Probably the biggest one you've ever made. You've chosen life for this baby. You've chosen a chance and a future for this baby. Now, we hope that you'll choose our family to be part of this child's story.

We are Erica and Obie, and we are so ready to give your baby, this baby, a life of laughter, adventure, and love.

