



Carly and Dan





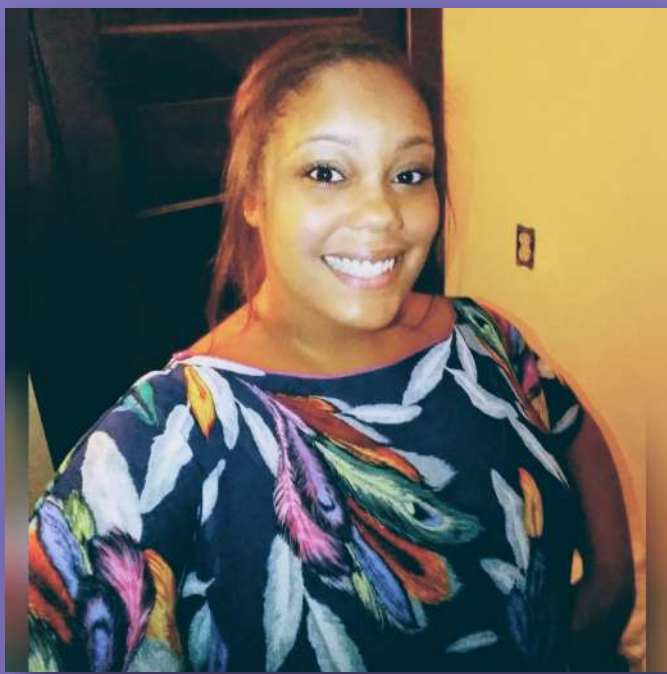
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We have been married for 7 years and known each other for 12 years. We started out as best friends for many years and began dating a few years later. We've grown much over the years, through joy and suffering. We are still best friends and make a great team and have a great marriage filled with a lot of love and laughter. It is really important in our family that we

laugh together. We find that familiarity and forgiveness are much more common when we practice daily laughter together. So we really strive to take joy in the little things. We enjoy watching movies together, cooking and baking, spending time with friends and family, playing games, walking our dogs , George and Ellie, listening and finding new music and sharing it with each other. We are an interracial couple and we often discuss race and social structures that we observe around us. We highly value our diversity and are not shy to speak about it, we celebrate our differences and we strongly believe our differences give us shared strength and perspective.







**Carly:** I am 32 years old and work as a dental assistant in pediatric dentistry. I have worked in pediatrics for 10 years and I enjoy it. Once we bring a baby home I will become a stay at home mom. I am laid back and try to go with the flow. I enjoy spending time with friends, listening to music, going on walks as well as attending church and a small women's bible study. I have many friends who've had babies over the past few years and I enjoy babysitting their children or just getting to spend time with them.

**Dan:** I am 30 years old and I am a school counselor for a city high school. I have worked in education for 8 years and I love working with youth as they transition into adulthood and navigate new life choices. I studied Spanish as an undergraduate so I love any opportunity to work with people from other countries and I get to utilize my Spanish often! Carly and I strongly value our friendships, many of whom are part of our church community. I like sports (watching and playing), music (old hip hop, reggaeton, some classic rock, jazz, some blues, and soul), cooking out, spending time with family, short road trips, street food, and board games. I also like reading and movie nights, I'm a big Star Wars fan!







We live in a cute Cape Cod style home in Columbus, Ohio with a fenced-in backyard. We have awesome neighbors! Our neighbors across the street have a 1-year-old son, and we've been able to build a relationship with their family. Our neighborhood has many families and lots of children. Our home is an open door to our friends and family and we enjoy hosting dinners and get-togethers for people.

## OUR PUPS

George is an 8-year-old beagle lab mix who acts mostly like a goofy lab. He is very sweet, loyal, and very fluffy.

Ellie is a 4 year old Beagle Whippet mix. She is small and likes to sleep and cuddle. She loves babies.

Both of our dogs are very kind and have never shown signs of aggression towards adults, children, or infants.



**THANK YOU** for taking the time to read through our story and for considering us. We know this is not an easy decision and we are praying for you and your baby. We are committed to loving a child and teaching them love and kindness.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at

Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510