



THE BEST THINGS  
IN LIFE ARE  
THE *people* WE LOVE,  
THE *places* WE'VE BEEN,  
AND THE *memories*  
WE'VE MADE  
ALONG THE WAY



MEET  
NICOLE  
& PIERRE

hello



Pierre is loyal, hard working, fun and passionate man. Pierre is an Executive Chef at a restaurant in Missouri. He grew up and went to school in Missouri. While working at his parents restaurant, he decided he wanted to follow in his fathers footsteps and become a chef as well. This lead him to culinary school in Norfolk, Virginia. Pierre has traveled and worked in Arizona and Australia but always came back home to be close to family. Pierre has worked very hard to get to the position he is at now. The passion he shows in his work and food is only exceeded by his passion for Nicole, family and friends.

# ABOUT *Pierre*





Nicole is a strong, hard-working, caring and persistent woman. Nicole's family owned a business in the customer service industry. She grew up working hard while spending time alongside her family. This gave Nicole the drive to succeed in her career in the hospitality industry. Nicole attended Catholic schools then followed by college in Missouri, studying business and special event planning. She started working in hotel sales and event planning just following college and it truly became her passion. Now Nicole manages the sales and marketing department at a resort. She enjoys her career but wants nothing more than then to expand her family with children.



*Nicole*  
ABOUT



# The Story of Us



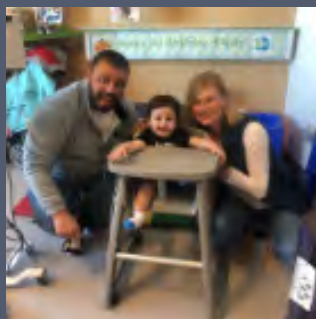
We met at a local social event at Nicole's resort. She was looking for a place to live and conveniently Pierre's brother was selling his home. This gave us an easy excuse to see one another again. We became friends and later started dating. After a few years, Pierre invited Nicole on a trip to London and France to see his family and attend a cousin's wedding. Following the wedding, we decided to do some sightseeing in London. At the end of a long day of touring the city, we decided to make one last stop at the London Eye. Even though Pierre is extremely afraid of heights, he waited until the very top to propose to Nicole. We were married on October 2, 2015 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic surrounded by many family and friends. We have purchased a home in Missouri and are ready to build our family! But for us that hasn't been an easy journey. Unfortunately, we have experienced a miscarriage. Since that time, we have done fertility treatments with no success. We feel strongly about having a family and would love nothing more than to grow our family through adoption.



# Elijah

We were lucky enough to be chosen to be sweet baby, Elijah Anand Torre's parents. When we heard the news that a mother had chosen us, life was about to change for us. Elijah was with us from March 19, 2020 to October 27, 2021. He filled our days with a joy that we could have never imagined possible. He loved to giggle, play with blocks, his toy taco, listen to music and snuggle.

We never thought we could have loved so much in such a short time. Elijah was taken from us far too soon from a very rare autoimmune disorder. However, we wouldn't have changed a second of the time we got to spend with our caring, loving, playful little boy. He will be remembered always for his bravery and kind soul.







## PIERRE'S FAMILY

I grew up in Missouri with my two brothers and parents. My brother Christophe and I were both born in Missouri while my oldest brother, Anand was born in Los Angeles California. My father Andre was Executive Chef at a resort in Missouri until the family decided to open our own restaurant, Andre's, in 1997. The restaurant closed down in 2009 due to our mother's cancer getting worse and eventually passing away in January 2011. We all worked side by side in the restaurant together. As a family, we all enjoyed our summers playing tennis, golf, fishing and swimming on a daily basis. We took family trips to see family over seas. My mom Anju was from Nairobi, Kenya with family living there as well as London, England. My dad grew up in Nimes, France. I am the youngest of the brothers. My brother Anand is engaged to Kourtney and has two kids Ellyana and Andre. The middle brother Christophe is married to Angela and has two kids Annika and Zoe. We enjoy spending as much time together as possible with weekly dinners, the niece's and nephews events for the week or watching the Chiefs play.







## NICOLE'S FAMILY

I grew up in a family of five; two sisters and two loving parents. We had a family-owned business for much of my childhood. We all worked a lot but also spent time having fun together as much as we could. Our family enjoyed boating on the weekends. Family vacations were taken snow skiing, canoeing or exploring areas in nature like Elephant Rock State Park and Johnson Shut In's. I am the middle of two sisters. We enjoy spending time together when we can. My older sister, Mandy and her husband Patrick, have two children, Lillian and Logan. My younger sister, Ann and her husband Sam have three children; Alex, Kelly and Alice. My parents have a beautiful property on the river. The entire family continues to enjoy spending time together boating, riding ATV's and fishing.







After searching for over a year for the perfect home, we found the one that we knew was it. We knew we wanted to raise a family here! Our home has a big back yard and is close to the neighborhood lake with access to fishing and kayaking. Our dog Easter enjoys the big back yard, woods behind our home and neighborhood walking trails.







# *Friends*

A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you just the way you are.







*Enjoying Life!*











# *Dear Birthparent,*

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for taking the first, brave step in considering adoption. Even though is a tough decision, we are so very thankful that you made it. Both your and our roads have been a tough one but we are here for the same reason—to give the best home and life to this child.

Our lives revolve very much around family. We want so much to provide a loving, nurturing home to a child. Our family and friends are very supportive of our decision to adopt. Our multitude of nieces and nephews are so excited for another cousin. The entire family looks forward to making memories with our child.

We spend many nights and weekends at family dinners, sporting events, boating, fishing, traveling, and just being together. Our families are very close and look forward to an addition to the crew!

We truly appreciate you taking the time to review our profile and hope that the information provided was educational but also paints a picture of who we are and where we want our future to lead—one with children that we can love, teach, nurture and watch grow into amazing individuals.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this opportunity to make our family complete.

Sincerely,

*Pierre & Nicole*