



Dear Birth Mother,



We are so thankful that you have chosen to view our profile. If you are seeking an adoptive family for your child, we want to be there for you. We are flexible to whatever level of openness you are comfortable with. We are pursuing adoption because we have both felt a calling on our lives to complete our family through adoption. We chose the domestic adoption route because we would like to support and encourage the individual making an adoption plan for her child and would seek to give her child a warm and loving home. Please know that you will always be valued and cherished in our home. As parents ourselves, we respect and honor the decision you are making for your child, it is truly an act of love. We are here to offer open-hearted support no matter what you decide.

Your child would never feel second in any way to the children we already parent. You would be extended family to us. We have hosted two foreign exchange students, one from Denmark (Signe) and one from Germany (Molly) and their family has become a part of ours and each girl has continued to visit and share their traditions with us, such as German potato salad and Danish aebleskivers.

We hope that you will see our children as a blessing to your little one and evidence of our ability to parent well. Our children are very excited to adopt, however, you have a right to change your mind at any time. At the end of the day, you must do what's best for you. We have prepared them for this possibility, and we are careful not to get them too excited. However, we do hope that you will choose us.

We will provide your child with wonderful opportunities and a great life. We are financially stable and have many things to offer. We both work remotely from home so that we can be available to our children. We are open to either gender or any race. We are committed to your child's cultural background. We are an intercultural and interracial family ourselves and value traditions and customs. We are open to and prepared for twins and young siblings. We will not change our mind if your baby has any unforeseen special needs. We do not consider ourselves to be perfect people. A motto that we live by is "every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day". We have tried to describe ourselves in an honest and accurate way within our profile and hope it helps you to connect with us.

#### WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION

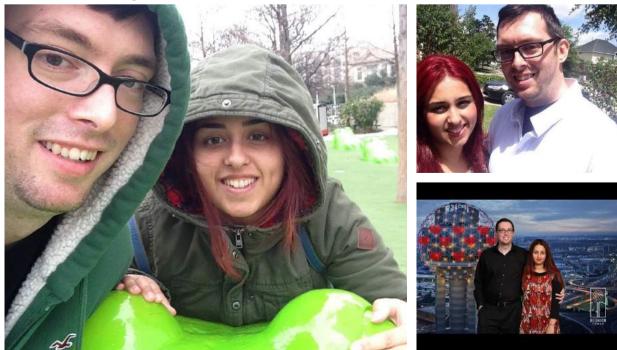
Maniel & Mawsfin



#### OUR STORY

#### We arranged our own arranged marriage!

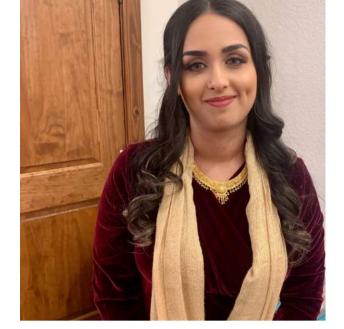
Daniel and I met online towards the end of 2011. I was attending the University of Texas at Austin and had created a profile on a marriage website with my mom for fun. Daniel sent me a "wink" and asked for my number. It took a few weeks for me to respond initially but then we started chatting over text and Skype. One day my mom read over our Skype messages where we had discussed getting married eventually (she and I are really close!) and decided to invite Daniel over to meet her, my dad, and my grandma. They fell in love with him and wanted him to join our family. They met him on Monday, February 6, 2012 and we were married on Friday, February 10, 2012. We knew we wanted to get married someday, but we didn't expect it to be so quick. We like to say we arranged our own "arranged marriage"! Since then, it has been a nonstop adventure as we have grown our family, continued our education and traveled together. We look forward to many more decades together.



# OUR LIFE, TRAVEL, AND TRADITIONS

We raise our kids in a nurturing environment always full of family, food and events. The kids stay busy with extracurricular activities, and we often visit the grandparents and cousins- mostly due to Nawshin's South Asian cultural habit of keeping family nearby. While out of state travel is not common for us, we make road trips throughout the state to see other extended family and various attractions. A common Saturday for us may involve going shopping as a family or going to a fun place to play, then going to grandma's in the afternoon to eat lunch and hangout, and finally going home in the evening to unwind and get ready for bed. We consider ourselves foodies, and love to have friends come over so we can cook a homemade meal for them from one of our favorite recipes. Nawshin loves to make crêpes on the weekends for the family while Daniel may prefer to cook an Italian dinner of grilled shrimp and Fettuccini Alfredo. Every fall we make it a point to go to the Texas Rennaissance fair at least once to see our favorite plays, shows and eat some fair food. In the summers we prefer to stay out of the Texas heat- unless the day is nice enough for a beach trip to Galveston. In the winter we may go see extended family in San Antonio while also seeing the various museums and attractions there. All in all, we are always doing something together and around family.

"FAMILY TIME IS SACRED TIME AND SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND RESPECTED." — BOYD K. PACKER



MEETManshin

Nawshin (No·shin) was born and raised in the suburbs of Houston, Texas. She is a compassionate and selfless mother and wife who loves reading, quilting and baking when she is not working as an Accountant. She went into accounting because she loves math, but her true desire is to retire early so she can spend all her free time with the kids! She has given birth four times and had difficult pregnancies. She has an enormous amount of empathy and respect for women facing the decision to place their child for adoption and hopes to be a source of support for the birth mother.

Nawshin was very close with her grandmother, "Nani," who passed away in 2019. She recognized that the strong grief she was experiencing was an outpouring of the love she had for her grandmother and now dedicates that love to her family in the same way it was given to her.





#### WRITTEN BY DANIEL

Every chapter of my life is filled with laughter and love, with Nawshin radiating so much of it for our family. Much of what she does in life stems from the sheer warmth and compassion she received from her late Grandma (that we call 'Nani'), who raised Nawshin with her parents in a multi-generational South-Asian household.

Nawshin is lovely, humble and loves to make people smile and laugh - especially with puns. She works very hard with the knowledge that every dollar we earn is to help our kids have a great education and life. All of her efforts and routines are made with love for the family in mind, and therefore she would make a wonderful mother for your child.



#### **SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES** Planning photo sessions and trips, reading, playing piano, quilting and baking.



#### WRITTEN BY NAWSHIN

Daniel is a wonderful husband and father. He is truly an equal partner in our marriage. We may not split every task down the middle but if he cooks, I'll clean or if I wash and fold the laundry, he'll put it away and vice versa. He's also a very hands-on father. Whether it's Girl Scout outings, Karate tournaments, or field trips, Daniel is always ready to volunteer. When our toddler was diagnosed with autism he immediately dived into research everything he could to help our son and our family navigate the diagnosis and he was the one to stumble upon the school our son has been attending which has been a tremendous help. When we were completing our home study he drove all over Houston to complete his physical, drop off paperwork downtown, and renew his passport which had been destroyed in Hurricane Harvey. He will always go above and beyond for his family and has already begun doing so for our future child.





## SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES

Fishing, reading, listening to music, playing PS4 games, gardening, and throwing pottery Daniel was born in Clear Lake, Texas near Space Center Houston. He is a loving and caring father and husband who enjoys spending time outdoors fishing and taking the kids on nature walks. He works as a Scrum Master for Kroger and is able to work remotely from home which allows him to help take care of the kids and handle pick up and drop off for school.

Daniel has always dreamed of becoming a father. He initially hoped for at least 2 kids but after becoming a father he decided that he wanted more. He is a very hands-on dad that enjoys helping to pack lunches, change diapers, give baths and reading books with the kids.

Daniel and his younger sister experienced the dissolution of their parents' marriage at a young age and navigating their circumstances caused Daniel to take on a guardian role of his sister at a young age. Because of his situation, Daniel is a very protective spouse and parent and works hard to maintain a close-knit family for his own children.

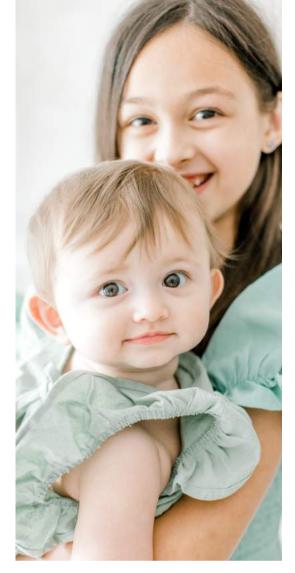
Daniel values individual time with each of his children and plans specific dates with them based on their interests. He and Aria like to go to their favorite fast-food restaurant for some quality time. He and Jennah love to enjoy ice cream dates together. He and Russell love to play on the swings and jungle gym at the parks and he loves to take Zahra for strolls around the neighborhood.

MEET Manie









## MEET OUR KIDS

Aria is 10 years old, attending Spanish Immersion at our local public school. It seems like everyone at the school knows her. She is an outgoing, artistic, driven and yet fun-loving girl. She always likes meeting new people and going to events Nawshin plans- as she has since she was a baby. Aria loves the younger siblings and sometimes acts like a second mommy to them. She loves to decorate with Nawshin and is considering working as an interior designer when she grows up. She has been a great help decorating the baby's nursery and is very excited to have a baby sibling to love on. Jennah is 7 years old. She is curious, smart and spunky. She plays piano and loves math like her mom. She excels in school and loves playing with Aria and her younger siblings. She loves drawing, playing card games and board games. She is naturally flexible, and she is considering joining gymnastics or cheerleading. She asks every night during her prayers when the adopted sibling is coming home. Russell is 3 years old. He is outgoing, active and loves animals, dinosaurs and reading. He currently attends preschool. Though he may usually be found cuddling up with a favorite book, he always likes to make sure we're around to play and run around with him. Zahra is almost one year old. She is a happy baby that loves to explore and is practicing her walking skills. Her favorite toy is a little stuffed rabbit she received from a family member. She also loves to learn by chewing. She babbles "momma" and "dadda" and loves to play with her siblings.



#### ARIA Favorite food: Salad Favorite activity: Tennis Favorite season: Fall Favorite color: Pink



## JENNAH

Favorite food: Rice Favorite activity: Skating Favorite season: Fall Favorite color: Blue



RUSSELL Favorite food: Cookies Favorite activity: Running 🖈 Favorite season: Summer Favorite color: Blue



# ZAHRA

Favorite food: Mango Favorite activity: Crawling Favorite season: Summer Favorite color: Red

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#### "HOME IS WHERE LOVE RESIDES, MEMORIES ARE CREATED, FRIENDS ALWAYS BELONG, AND LAUGHTER NEVER ENDS." - AUTHOR UNKNOWN

We live in a very safe and beautiful neighborhood with many amenities such as splash pads, community pools, kid-friendly parks and nature trails. The local elementary school is within walking distance and our community hosts events such as Food Truck Friday each month where we enjoy picnicking, taking pony rides, and jumping in the bounce houses.

Our home itself is very comfortable and child friendly. We intentionally sought to purchase a home with an open-floor plan for the little ones to run and play and also a secondary bedroom on the main floor so that the older children sleep near us. The home is located on a quiet street with many other young families. The kids love to invite the neighbors' children over to play on our backyard playground. Our home has four bedrooms plus an extra room that we currently use as an office. Our neighborhood has many pools, and our general area is surrounded by water as we live near Lake Houston. There are no bodies of water on our property. **Safety is a top priority for us as parents.** 





# OUR COMMUNITY

We are very fortunate to be a part of an amazing neighborhood and community. Our home is located in one of the best school districts and is walking distance from the elementary and middle school. The area is nestled in nature, featuring gorgeous parks, Lake Houston and walking trails.

We are part of a strong community and non-denominational religious organization. We attend regularly and have made strong friendships that have developed as extended family that have loved and prayed for you and your child along with us. Our future son or daughter will be welcomed and grow up among other children and families with strong values.

Our hearts are open, and we teach our children to respect and embrace others. Everyone's God-given human dignity must be respected, regardless of his or her faith, race, ethnic origin, gender, or social status.





# MEET OUR FAMILY

Daniel and I were married on May 9, 2012, just shy of my 19th birthday! We have been blessed with 4 children (1 boy and 3 girls), and our foreign exchange girls that we consider our bonus children. Molly from Germany is 17 and Signe from Denmark is 21. We also have a 10-year-old tabby, Sunny. We love having a large family and with it comes a strong support system and community for our future child. We look forward to visiting Europe as the kids grow older and attending major life events for Molly and Signe. Nawshin also has a large extended family. Her parents are each one of eight and nine children which meant several cousins on both sides of the family. Daniel's family has many diverse members. He has a Mexican-American half-sister, black stepfather and Japanese cousin-in-law.

#### We feel very fortunate to have such a diverse family.



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We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such incredible friends and family. They are immensely supportive of our adoption and have shown so much love for our future child already. Our family lives less than 10 minutes away and couldn't be more excited to be a part of our new baby's life.

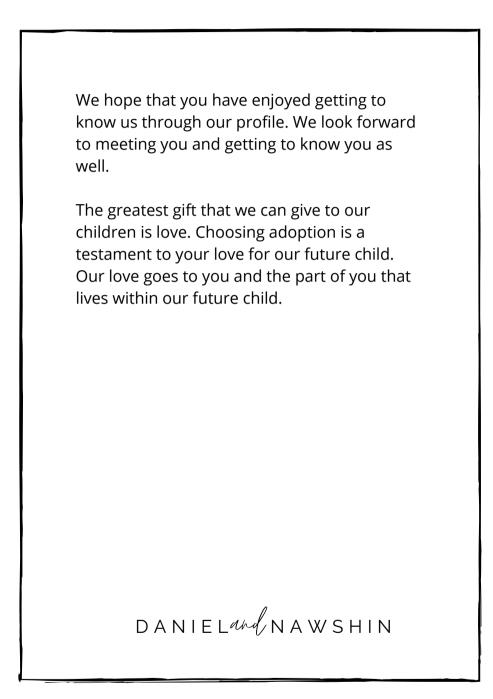
One of our favorite things to do is spend time with our loved ones. We make a point to eat dinner together each night as a family and discuss our highs and lows for the day. We enjoy watching movies together on the weekends and love going on outings together.

#### IF YOU CHOOSE US, WE COMMIT TO:

- Love is the foundation for our relationship within our family.
- **Respect** and accepting each other as we are.
- Honor and respect each other's needs.
- Sharing values and caring for others.
- Forgiveness and compassion to bring peace to ourselves.



# ONE LAST THANK YOU



#### "ADOPTION IS COMPLICATED, BUT IT IS ALSO RICH WITH NARRATIVES OF STRENGTH." — JILLIAN LAUREN