

NORLAND
&
AMINA

hey mama

WE'RE SO EXCITED TO MEET YOU

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! We have so much respect for the brave and loving choice you are making by creating an adoption plan for your child. We are so ready to grow our family and we're honored that you might become part of our journey. You are going to help a family realize their dreams. We would be over the moon if that was us 😊. You are appreciated and your baby is an enormous Blessing!

We hope through the pages of our profile book you can get to know us better! We are a caring, passionate, fun-loving, Christian family that has so much love to give to our first little one. We'll always make sure your baby understands the sacrifice you made in the name of love. You will remain with us always!

**From our heart to yours,
Norland & Amina**

WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE PARENTS!

our story

WE MET ON A BLIND DATE...

We were set up on a blind date by a mutual friend in 2015. Our first date was at a Thai restaurant in Silver Spring, MD. Neither one of us had ever been on a blind date and had no idea what to expect. We can't say the date was smooth sailing as Norland spent the whole time talking about his recent past relationship (uh oh!). However, Amina couldn't shake the feeling that Norland was a really good guy who just didn't know how to do a first date. So Amina gave it another chance and the rest is history! We got engaged in April 2016 and married at the courthouse in August 2016. Norland was being stationed overseas for the Army so we happily rushed to the altar to make it official. A year later, in August 2017, we had our dream wedding on the bay in Maryland with our closest family and friends. In 2018, we were finally reunited in Maryland after Norland's overseas tour was done. He retired from the Army just a year later in 2019.

About Norland

Norland is a southern gentleman from Albany, GA. He is wise, kind, and funny. His favorite color is blue and he has the biggest sweet tooth! He loves community service, running, movies, and any outdoor activities. Norland is also a 20-year Veteran.

About Amina

Amina is a big city girl from Queens, NY. She is dependable, ambitious, and generous. Her favorite color is purple and french fries are her favorite food! She loves theatre, traveling, sports, and Netflix. Amina also has a doctorate degree in education.



"I'M A MOVEMENT BY MYSELF, BUT I'M A FORCE **WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER**

Baby you make me better.

-NEYO



why we're adopting!

We've always known we wanted to adopt. Amina has had a passion for adopting since she was a teenager. When we started dating Amina asked Norland if he would be open to adopting in the future. He was all in! We both have very nurturing personalities and have so much love to give a child.

We were also diagnosed with infertility in 2019. Since then we have suffered four failed IVF rounds and pregnancy loss. God led us to finally realize our dream of adopting so we're excited to move forward and match with a birth family! We're open to African-American or Biracial children, any gender. We're also open to multiples and sibling groups.



WE ALWAYS WANTED TO ADOPT!

We believe God gave us both a heart for adoption. We are so excited to expand our family in this very special way.

this is our home



We live in a 3 bedroom **home** near DC & we have a **beach house** in Virginia...



We live in a condo in Maryland; right outside of Washington, DC. Our neighborhood is full of families with young children. We live directly across the street from a park and sports field. Our home has 3 bedrooms and three bathrooms. Our new addition will have their own large room right down the hall from ours. We also live in the vicinity of a Wegmans grocery store, regional hospital, and other necessities.



Our vacation home is located in southern Virginia about 3 hours from our condo. We both love being near the water so we try to get to our beach house as often as possible. There is a clean, safe, family-friendly beach just down the block from our vacation home. We hope to make many vacation memories with our little one in the future.



this is petey

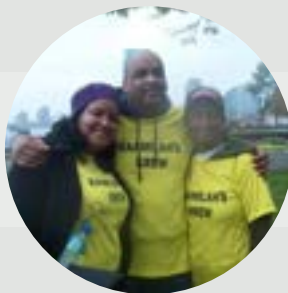
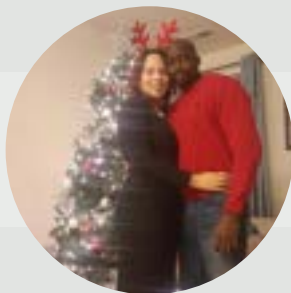
OUR SENIOR CHIHUAHUA WE ADOPTED 7 YEARS AGO

Petey is 10 years old and he's been waiting a long time to be a big brother! We welcomed Petey into our home 7 years ago after he was given to a shelter by his previous owner. Petey loves children and is very gentle and patient with little ones. We know he will love to show his little brother or sister the ropes and become best friends.



O U R F A M I L Y

We both come from big families! Norland is the second oldest of six children. He has 2 brothers and 3 sisters (including a set of twin sisters). Amina is the youngest of six children. She also has 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Between all of our siblings, we have a whopping 7 nephews and 5 nieces!! Norland's parents are both healthy and are looking forward to welcoming a new grandchild into the family. Amina's Dad is very excited to welcome his first grandchild and has already warned us that he will spoil the child and we can't stop him 😊. Unfortunately, Amina's mom passed away in 2022. She always looked forward to seeing Amina become a mother so we know she'll be watching from above. We also have a large village of cousins, friends, and Church family that cannot wait to welcome our little one.



O U R T R A D I T I O N S

Christmas is a big deal in our home! Both of us were raised with wonderful Christmas traditions like baking cookies, going to church, and opening our stocking stuffers on Christmas Eve. On Christmas day we usually visit family and serve a big meal of chicken, ham, greens, mac & cheese, & yams.

Another tradition we love is that every October we travel to NYC to raise money and walk for lupus awareness. Amina's Aunt passed away from lupus and her sister has been living with the disease for 25 years. It's an awesome time to fellowship and raise money for a good cause.

One of our favorite traditions is our annual anniversary and birthday trip-- all of which fall in August. Each year we pick a different destination to travel as a gift to ourselves. We've been saving most of the family-friendly locations for when we have a child to take on adventures with us.

Disney World here we come!



thank you!

We can only imagine how difficult it is creating an adoption plan for your baby. We admire birth parents for their selflessness and we are grateful for you. Just know that with us your baby will be in a loving, safe, peaceful, fun home.

WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK AT OUR PROFILE!

We're open to sharing photos and updates with the birth family. We think it's an important part of a child's growth and identity to understand where they come from.

WITH LOVE

**Norland
& Amina**