Vova + Mara







about us

Our love story began when we met at an exercise class and quickly discovered a deep connection after sharing our dreams, values, and aspirations. Our connection grew into a deep love, and we decided to marry. Flora is compassionate and loving, and she cares about the world around her. This comes out in her work as an educator. Mara is caring, thoughtful, and committed to helping others. She works for an urban hospital helping doctors communicate with patients in a productive and sensitive manner. We enjoy cooking, exercising, traveling, and making memories with family and friends. We are filled with excitement as we eagerly await the next chapter in our love story: parenthood. Our love for each other is endless, and we are ready to extend that love to a child and to create a family full of laughter, support, and unconditional love.

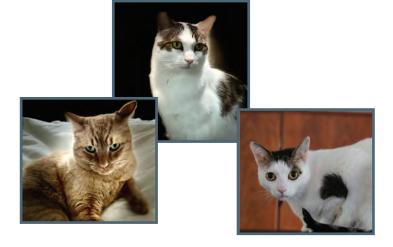
our home + pets

Our home is warm and inviting. Laughter occurs daily, and cherished memories are made. We live in a highly rated school district, and our diverse community brings families together by hosting events such as carnivals and parades. In the fall, we love walking to the cider mill and searching for scarecrows hidden throughout town. The really cool part about where we live is that there are many parks, lakes, and nature trails to explore. Our three cats bring joy and warmth into our home. Sammy always knows when we need a comforting cuddle. Joey keeps us on our toes with his playful antics. And Rocky is our source of quiet wisdom. They fill our lives with joy and teach us about compassion, patience, and the beauty of unconditional love.

what led us to adoption

Our journey to adoption is a deeply personal and heartfelt decision that stems from our unwavering desire to nurture and provide a loving home for a child. As educators, we've always believed children have an incredible capacity to teach us as much as we teach them. The people we've had the privilege to nurture in our classrooms have shown us the beauty of curiosity, resilience, and the potential within every child. Now we are excited to pass along traditions, impart the wisdom we have gained, and instill the same sense of wonder that children have ignited in us. We recognize the beauty in adoption and are eager to embrace a child in our lives, offering them a home where they can grow, thrive, and become the best version of themselves.









Occupation: Professor and Associate Dean

Education: PhD

Race: Middle Eastern (Chaldean)

Religion: Catholic

Sport: Biking, yoga, weight-lifting

Food: Salad, pizza, fruit, apple cobbler

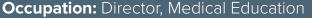
Tradition: Making grape leaves

Holiday: Christmas

Musical Group: Ed Sheeran, Adele, Pink

Movie: Inside Out, The Matrix

TV Show: A Million Little Things, Ted Lasso **Hobby:** Hiking, garage sales, movies, plays



Education: PhD **Race:** Caucasian **Religion:** Jewish

Sport: Swimming, baseball, basketball

Food: Homemade pizza, ice cream, salmon

Tradition: Monthly sibling breakfasts

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Musical Group: Taylor Swift, Beyonce

Movie: Keeping the Faith, Up **TV Show:** Friends, This Is Us

Hobby: Holiday decorating, photography,

garage sales





Our extended family is part of our everyday lives. We have many siblings, grandparents, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins who share in our triumphs and tribulations. We share laughter, stories, and even the occasional disagreement, but through it all, we love one another. Our child will be surrounded by other small children with whom they will be able to create the same bonds.

We love supporting our extended family by attending their sporting events, plays, and recitals and sharing meals together. We value the lessons they teach us and the unique perspectives they bring to our family. Strong traditions are very important to our family, and we have a passion for creating new traditions, infusing our family gatherings with fresh ideas and experiences. Celebrations are more than just events; they are expressions of our love and appreciation for each other, and acceptance is at the core of our family, ensuring everyone feels valued and embraced for who they are. Our extended family eagerly anticipates the arrival of a new family member and are ready to embrace them with the same love and warmth that characterizes our close-knit family.



We want to express our deep admiration for the strength and courage you're displaying during this incredible journey of bringing new life into the world. The decision you're making is undoubtedly one of the most challenging and selfless acts imaginable, and we want you to know how much we respect and honor your choices. We have been dreaming of becoming parents for as long as we can remember, and your act of love gives us hope that our dreams might finally come true.

As we sit here writing this letter, our hearts are filled with a deep sense of gratitude and anticipation. We want to assure you that if you choose us as parents, we will dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to providing a loving, stable, and nurturing home. Our desire to become parents is driven by an overwhelming love for children and a commitment to ensuring they have every opportunity to flourish in life.

We believe family is about unconditional love, trust, and support. The child would always know their story and how they were cherished from the very beginning. We promise to honor your role in their birth, have open communication with you and ensure they grow up knowing the incredible love that led to their adoption.

We are excited at the prospect of welcoming a child into our hearts and our home, and we hope you'll consider us to be a part of this beautiful journey.

With heartfelt gratitude,



