



MARA & ANGELO

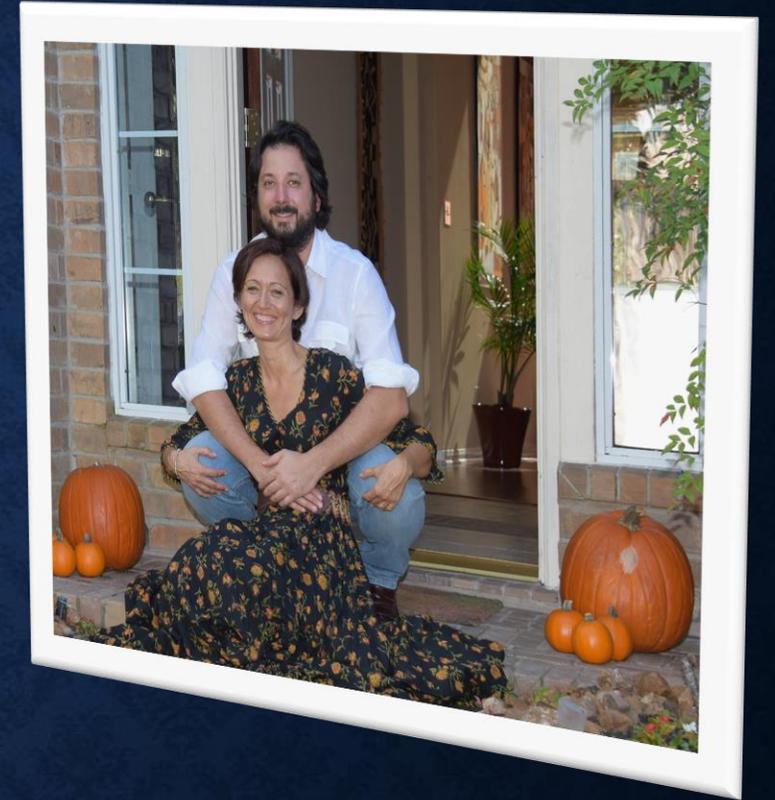
Dear birth mother,

Nice to meet you. We are originally from Italy, we moved to the US years ago to pursue our dream careers as physicians. Ours was not always an easy journey: as much as we tried to plan our future, life proved to be unpredictable and sometimes landed us in uncharted territories. In those instances, we learned to trust our instinct and look for the next best option.

If you are reading these words, you are probably experiencing one of those twists of fate. We can only imagine what you are going through, but we understand that you are called to make very tough decisions. Indeed, we have a lot of admiration for the choice you already made, to give your baby the gift of life. It says a lot about the woman you are. If you feel that the next best option for you is adoption, please take us into consideration as possible adoptive parents.

Adoption is not new for us: five years ago, we adopted our son, Filippo, through this very same agency. We learned how a situation initially filled with uncertainty and anxiety can evolve into one where everybody feels supported and respected and work as a team to offer the new baby a happy life. When Filippo was born, he was met with nothing but love, from all his parents: this is likely one of the reasons he is such a happy child today.





We first met during Medical School: we liked each other and flirted a little, but nothing serious happened at the time. We ended up at the opposite sides of the world, but we never forgot each other however, and thirteen years after our last contact, on a New Year's Eve, Angelo sent a random message over a social media platform. Mara replied almost immediately and after months of messages, mails, and video calls, we met in person again on a beautiful beach on the Indian Ocean. Love sparked in the air.

HELLO I AM MARA

I am a pediatrician and before settling in the US, I worked around the world: Europe, Asia and several years in Africa. Each place and people brought me insight, knowledge, perspective, and life-long friends. My hobbies are cooking, tending my beloved plants, and staying outdoor. I love the ocean and the mountains: the immensity and stillness of nature brings me peace and clarity of mind.

I come from a very large, loud and loving family, and despite the distance we are very much in each other's lives.





HELLO I AM ANGELO

It took me a while to understand what I wanted to be growing up, but as soon as I started Medical School, I felt I was in the right place. Medicine is my passion and I feel lucky to have a job that I love. In my free time I enjoy running, listening to music, and cooking. I like traveling, but nothing makes me happier than an evening at home with my family, eating a home-made pizza and watching a movie together.

I was raised in a small, traditional Italian family and my brother and I have a strong bond. Last summer, we were finally able to go to Italy and spend time with family: from beach houses to mountains retreats and art cities, the kids had a blast and are looking forward to the next summer.



HELLO I AM FILIPPO

I am a smart, witty, happy-go-lucky 5 years old who always tries to have the last word in a conversation. I have the cutest smile and a single, irresistible dimple. I like talking (like a lot) and engage in interesting conversations with every human (and sometimes even non-human) being that crosses my path. I love food, music, trucks and Lego, but my favorite thing in the world is playing with friends. I think mom and dad are cool, but I really want a sibling: they just can't keep up with my pace and honestly, they are not up for any mischief – boring!

I still haven't made up my mind about having a sister or a brother: I love girls (they are smart and pretty) but boys know trucks better and can play rough. As I keep saying, the ideal would be to have both, a sister AND a brother!



We live in a large city, in a big house with plenty of space: four bedrooms, a large game room fully stocked with toys and a backyard to play.

In our everyday life, the kitchen is our favorite room: we love preparing our meals together, listening to music and chatting in the meantime. We own all sort of cooking gadgets and Filippo has his own cabinet filled with child-sized utensils: he loves cooking and experimenting new recipes—his specialty are surprise pancakes (good luck to the brave tasters 😊).

Our home is a constant work in progress: we like to change decorations according to the season, our couch has covers of all different colors (in part thanks to Filippo's creativity..) and the game room theme changes with the mood of the moment— we have a big collection of wall decals and can change our surroundings from tropical forests to deep ocean in the space of an afternoon. We also love books and there are stacks of them in all the corners of the house, bathrooms and closets included.





Our extended families are an integral part of our life. Mara's sister's family lived in the US until recently and we spent a lot of time together. The kids are very close and it's a joy to watch them growing together.

Along the years, we also created a circle of friends who are part of our daily lives and became our surrogate family. They are a very diverse group of people from various corners of the world: most of them have kids, some went through the same experience of adoption and all together we try to create the famous village needed to raise happy children.

Our Village





If after reading this profile your instinct tells you that we may be a good fit for your baby, let us know. We'll have the utmost respect for your feelings, your birth plan, and your dreams for this child. Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

~Mara & Angelo