



# Hello! We're Jose and Tiffany

SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

We haven't met yet, but please know we admire your courage and are saying prayers for you and your child. We can't imagine what you must be feeling and going through at this time. What we do know is that you have the qualities of strength, resilience, and perseverance. We commend your bravery on this journey and pray that you are able to find peace and hope in even the most difficult times. We hope you are able to find comfort in knowing that we are praying for you and have our full support.

There is a bible quote from Psalms 91:4 that we wanted to share that resonates a special place in our hearts. We hope that you are able to find some solace knowing that whichever path you take, God will be there on your journey; that you are never alone.

"HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS, & UNDER HIS WINGS
YOU WILL FIND REFUGE; HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL
BE YOUR SHIELD & RAMPART."
PSALMS 91:4-14

Please know you have our utmost respect and admiration knowing you are considering adoption and possibly blessing a family with your child whose story will begin with you. We know that your heart is full of love and wish you nothing but the best on your ever-evolving journey. Know that you are one strong-minded mama! We can't wait to hear more about your story.



### our hearts

#### FOR ADOPTION

We have prayed for a little one to expand our family and our journey has led us here. We want to create a family that is full of laughter, happiness, and a sense of togetherness. If you choose us, we want to encourage and nurture your child and give them every opportunity to grow and achieve whatever dreams they may have. We promise to be there for every

milestone; cheering them on and being supportive in every way possible.

Tiffany knew at a young age she would have difficulty conceiving a child. We still went through fertility doctors and endocrinologists having a glimpse of hope, but when the treatments failed, we mourned the









loss of not being able to become pregnant. Going through this struggle has made us stronger individually and as a couple. Even before we were married, we had talked about growing our family through adoption and we are thrilled to be on this journey!

WE WANT OUR CHILD TO HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND KNOW THEY ARE LOVED AND SUPPORTED. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO GIVE THEM THE BEST LIFE THROUGH LOVE, EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, MORALS, AND FAMILY TIME.

## our love story

HOW IT ALL STARTED

We met each other at a bakery where we both worked when we were teenagers! Our first date was going to the movies; a few months later Jose was the first one to say "I love you" while we were on a date at an ice cream parlor. We soon became inseparable and best friends. While dating, we loved watching movies at the drive-in movie theater, going with each other on family vacations, visiting zoos and museums, relaxing by the lake, swimming, bicycling on trails, hiking, and going on whatever adventure we could!

We have carried these activities into our daily lives now and can reminisce on the fond memories we had as young adults. Today, birthday or holiday celebrations wouldn't be complete without ordering a cake from the bakery where we met. Or, having a date night out at the theater and then getting an ice cream cone from the place where we both said, "I love you" first.

We have been together for 17 wonderful years, and married for 2 of those years. 9 years after first meeting, Jose proposed at Walt Disney World in front of Cinderella's castle. After working hard to build a strong foundation for our relationship, we were married in the Catholic Church. We had a beautiful day surrounded by our family and friends: we danced, heard a lot of great toasts, gave a lot of hugs, and were so appreciative of everyone being present to celebrate our marriage. It was a day we will truly never forget. We share a close connection, are still each other's strongest cheerleaders, and always support each other. We strive to have strong communication and respect for each other. After all these years, we are still each other's best friends!







STILL GOING STRONG AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS



# meet Jose

I work as a ramp agent for an airport. I love that I am able to work so closely with pilots, staff, and people from all around the world on a daily basis. It's such a fun work environment and I get some awesome travel benefits. My job is very flexible and family-friendly and I plan to take off a month for paternity leave once we welcome a baby.

I love to spend time with Tiffany and Rajah together as a family. I also enjoy traveling and visiting different cities. My favorite travel location so far is Oahu, Hawaii. I also enjoy visiting our extended family who live a few blocks away. In my free time, I enjoy going to baseball games, listening to music (everything from pop music to r&b to country), working on different projects in our home, kayaking at the lake, taking our dog for a walk, hiking, hanging out in the yard BBQ'ing while Rajah swims in her pool, and going for bike rides at our local trails. Something I like to do in my free time is learn about car specs and how to modify our vehicles. This may include how a tune can make the car more efficient or adding different parts to a vehicle to make it more aesthetically pleasing. It would be so exciting to one day have enough knowledge about cars to purchase a 1960's Camaro and rebuild it from the ground up!

MY GREATEST WISH FOR MY CHILD IS FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE NO LIMITS FOR WHO OR WHAT THEY WANT TO BE.

#### WHAT TIFFANY LOVES MOST

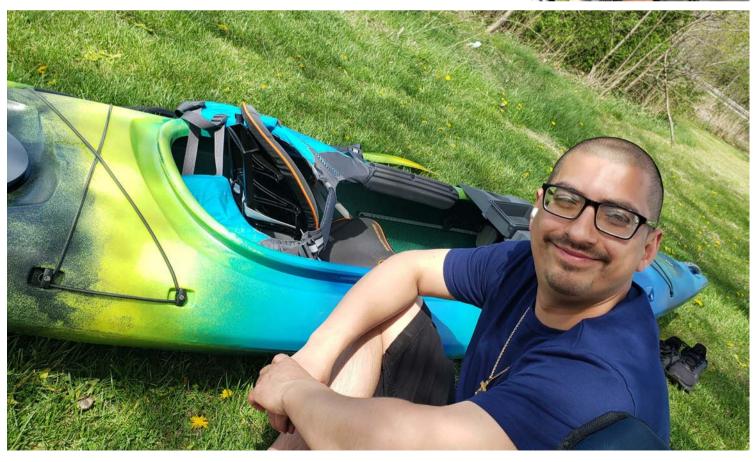
Jose is not only my husband but my best friend. He is kind, has a big heart, and is always there for the family. He is very supportive and excited to become a father. Even though Jose is very hardworking, he has wonderful family values and will always free himself up for us to spend quality time together. He will go out of his way to always make me feel extra special. He is so kind and compassionate to others, eager to help friends, family, and even strangers. He also has a huge heart for animals!

Jose is so great with kids and you can see that through his interactions with his niece and nephew: they absolutely adore him! When we were visiting his family the other day his niece grabbed him by his hand as soon as we walked in and was saying how Jose had to see her new playhouse! Jose was so patient and I couldn't help but smile as she showed him where every window was, the colors of the playhouse, and how it is just like their house! It's just little moments like this where I can't help but think of how much of a great father Jose is going to be one day. Jose has expressed to me how he can't wait to experience holding the baby, caring for them, helping with homework, watching them in school plays or functions, rooting for them at their games, going on vacations together as a family, and overall, just being the best father that he can be. He's so kind, caring, loving, supportive, committed, and really wants the best for our little family.











# meet Tiffany

I work as a veterinary technician at an animal hospital. My favorite aspect of my job is being an advocate for animals and helping sick or injured pets get back on their feet. I love what I do and have such a passion for animals. In the veterinary world, we see them as someone's family member, not just pets. My career is super flexible and family-friendly. Everyone is very supportive there and I'll be taking a few months off to spend my maternity leave with the baby. Once I go back to work, we plan to arrange our schedules so that one of us is home with the little one. Our parents are also available (and eager!) to help.

I love spending time with Jose and our pets. One of my favorite activities is to relax in our backyard which Jose worked so hard to make it cute and welcoming. In the summer I like to sit under the umbrella with a good book, while Jose listens to music, and Rajah plays in her doggy pool with her pool toys. I also love outdoor activities like going to the zoo, museum, kayaking, hiking, and having a small family picnic. I love to read and am very creative. I enjoy painting, gardening, drawing, and Bible journaling.

MY GREATEST PRAYER FOR MY CHILD IS FOR THEM TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY ARE UNCONDITIONALLY LOVED.









#### WHAT JOSE LOVES MOST

Tiffany has a big heart and is always thinking of others. She is very caring and kind. Tiffany does a great job taking care of our home and making it feel warm and inviting with the small touches she adds like baking chocolate chip cookies or making sure there are always fresh-cut flowers on the kitchen table. Family is very important to Tiffany; she loves to walk a block down to her parent's house to go for a swim with everyone, watch a movie together, or go over for a cup of coffee, just to spend some quality time with them. Tiffany is also an advocate for animals and I've loved watching her care for animals during her career. Tiffany has the biggest heart, loves to live life to the fullest, and thinks every day should be cherished.

Tiffany is going to be a great mother because she is nurturing, finds joy in caring for others, and is such a compassionate person. When we visit my sisters, you can usually find Tiffany interacting with my niece and nephew, making them laugh and smile. They immediately want to play with her; whether it's "cooking" in the play kitchen or lately with monster trucks, dolls, or dinosaurs! I also often find them sitting piled on the couch together with Tiffany expressively reading with all the sound effects while she has one of them be the page-turner. When I see her with them, I can't help but think how great of a mother she will be with our child. She has told me she is looking forward to being a mother and giving our child unconditional love. I am so blessed to have her in my life and I know she is excited to have the opportunity to see our family grow.



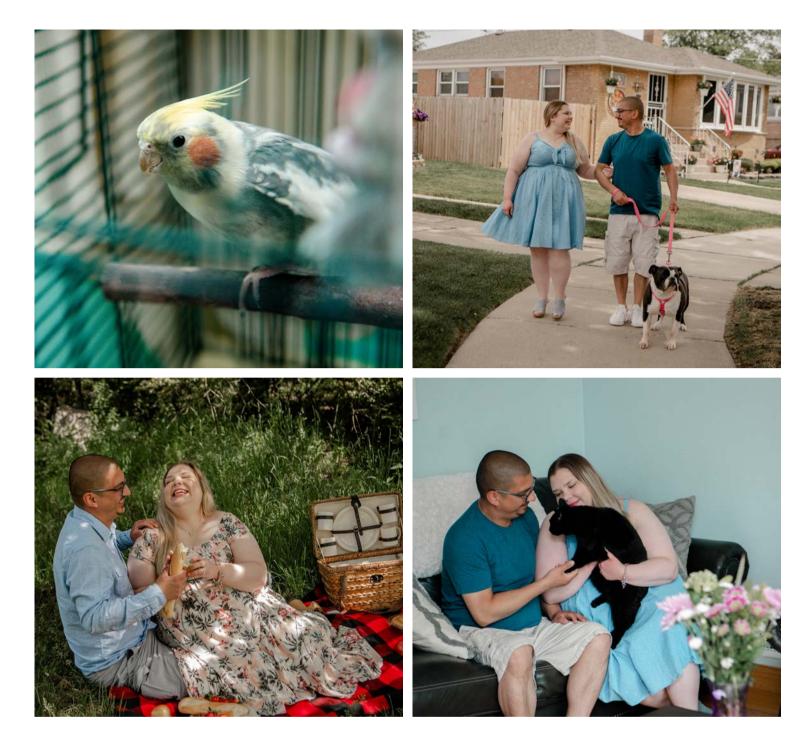






our life together We love spending quality time together as a couple! We enjoy taking Rajah for walks, watching movies, kayaking, hiking, relaxing in the house or yard, attending baseball games, going to festivals, relaxing at the beach, shopping, going to the zoo and museums, painting, listening to music, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. We are also learning how to speak Spanish together (Jose's parents and siblings speak Spanish very well).

Evenings and weekends usually consist of spending time with extended family, cuddling up to a movie with popcorn, baking or cooking together, spending quality time outdoors, and going to church on Sunday.



We also **love to travel**. Our favorite place to visit is Disney World. One of our goals is to visit every Disney Park in the world. We can't wait to share the fun memories at Disney with our children; it will be so magical for them!

We have three pets! Rajah, is our 6-year-old mixed-breed dog who loves family, food, her ball, and walks. Bella is our 13-year-old cat whose daily activities include sunbathing and laying in our lap. Luna is our 17-year-old rescued cockatiel bird who likes to whistle and sing as we walk past him. All our pets are friendly and Rajah and Bella are great with kids. Rajah loves interacting with our niece, nephew, and other family members. You can usually find the kids in the kiddie pool with Rajah or chasing each other around the house while throwing her ball.

## our extended family

#### OUR FAMILIES ARE SO EXCITED FOR US TO ADOPT!



Jose's Family: Jose's parents have been married for almost 50 years! Jose has two older sisters who are married. His oldest sister has a son who is four. His other sister just got married a few months ago. They have a daughter who is five years old. A typical day at Jose's parent's house would be the family talking about their week and what has been going on in each other's lives while helping to prepare a homemade meal. Sunday's are a special day because Jose's grandparents like to stop by after church to spend quality time with the whole family.



**Tiffany's' Family:** Tiffany's parents have been married for 37 years. Tiffany has three younger brothers and one younger sister. Her sister is currently in school working towards her bachelor's degree while working full time. Tiffany's youngest brother is currently in high school. One of the middle brothers is married with three children while her other brother is married with two children. We are the godparents for one of our nieces and it means the world to us.





WE ARE BOTH SO LUCKY TO LIVE WITHIN MINUTES OF OUR FAMILIES. WHEN LOOKING FOR A HOME WE WANTED TO BUILD A FOUNDATION CLOSE TO OUR RELATIVES SO OUR CHILDREN WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE OUR EXTENDED FAMILY REGULARLY. TAKING THE TIME AND BEING PRESENT TO CELEBRATE MAJOR LIFE MILESTONES IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US.

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BIT. TIME IS SO PRECIOUS
AND WE MAKE SURE TO
ENJOY EVERY MOMENT WE
SPEND WITH EACH OTHER!
WE SEE OUR FAMILY
MEMBERS AT LEAST ONCE
OR TWICE A WEEK.





## fun family traditions

CREATING MEMORIES TOGETHER







We have so much love in our hearts to give and are looking forward to creating long-lasting meaningful memories. Starting traditions and celebrating holidays together in our household is so important and we are excited to share those together as a family.

We love celebrating holidays together as a family! It is a tradition that we have carried down from our families who are very holiday-oriented. Jose's family likes to incorporate their Mexican-Latino culture into the holidays. During Christmas time, everyone gets together in Jose's family to make homemade tamales from scratch. Jose's mom has passed some of her family recipes to Tiffany like making atole, a Mexican rice pudding dessert, or homemade tostadas. Being Catholic, we also like to have remembrance on All Souls Day or Día de los Muertos.









**Tiffany brings her European heritage when celebrating holidays** as well. For St. Patrick's Day, we like to make corned beef and cabbage and have marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Easter is a big celebration for our families—Tiffany's dad will often make Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut for the family along with ham and all the trimmings. Tiffany, her mom, and her siblings attend the "Blessing of the Baskets" prayer service every year to bless the food that they will have at Easter dinner.

We have merged our cultures and ethnic backgrounds celebrating each other's uniqueness. It's important to honor our cultures and carry down traditions in the hope that our child one day will do the same. Most importantly, we are looking forward to celebrating and incorporating their birth family's culture as well!















We have a ranch-style home with three bedrooms and two baths. Inside you we have a warm welcoming front room with a large bow window where we place our Christmas tree each year. Our third bedroom is converted into a family room where we will keep the baby's toys and books; it's the perfect area to relax. Our basement is fully finished and is very wide and open. We love to host Christmas because we have the whole main level and lower level for everyone. We have a large fenced backyard with a great sitting area, flowers, and wind chimes. We love our home and it's the perfect place to raise a family!

We live in an upbeat community where everything is available to us locally. We have hospitals, grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, the zoo, playgrounds, schools, and park districts with baseball fields, basketball courts, and indoor and outdoor swimming pools that are just minutes away. However, once in the residential neighborhood, it is very quiet and quaint. A normal day consists of families and children out playing and riding their bikes, neighbors chit-chatting, people jogging, walking, or taking their dogs for a stroll.

We live in a diverse city in the Midwest that celebrates all ethnicities and cultures. Each weekend in the summer, certain neighborhoods and/or churches host cultural festivals. There are also local farmer's markets on the weekends to get fresh produce. With a short drive, we are in the center of major league baseball, hockey, soccer, basketball, and football stadiums. Yet, if we want to do something more nature-focused, we are only a brief drive away from forest preserves, hiking trails, lakes, and nature conservation centers. We love our community and town!

# our family values

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US

#### HAVE FAITH IN GOD

It is important for us to have faith; not only in each other, but also in God. Having a Christian background sets the foundation for basic morals and values for us to live by.

#### **HAVE COURAGE & BE KIND**

It is important to be brave and try new things, but also to be kind and caring while you do so. We always want to consider others' feelings; you never know what someone else is going through.

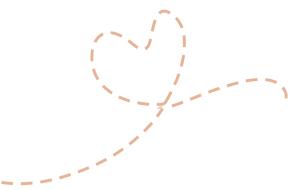
#### LAUGH LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING

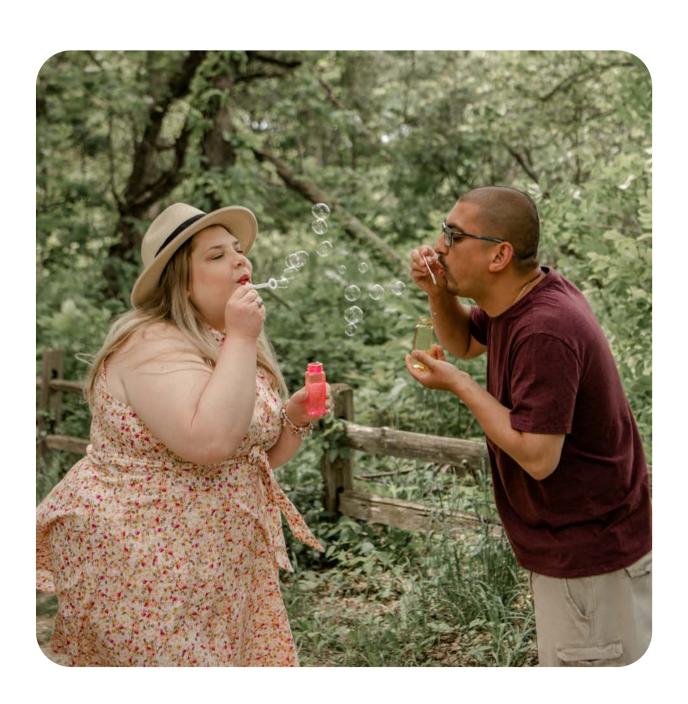
Our family likes to savor those fun, silly moments. Our home is filled with laughter, belly giggles, and warm smiles.

#### **ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE**

Time goes by so fast. There is no room for anger or hate. We want to make sure our home is filled with happiness, support, and endless love.







## thank you

#### THANKS FOR GETTING TO KNOW US!

Whether our roads meet and you chose us as adoptive parents, or you go another route, please know that we are praying for you; that you make the best decision that is right for you and your family. We can't even begin to imagine the hardship and turmoil that you must be going through. Knowing that you are considering adoption has to be difficult and painful beyond words. We are thinking of you and please know from the bottom of our hearts that there is so much love for you and your child. Being Catholic, our faith is very important to us, and putting our trust in God. We pray God helps you find clarity on your journey to finding the best path for you and your child. We recognize the sacrifice you are making and will never take that for granted.

If you choose us, we can promise your child will always know their story from the very beginning. We think it is important to instill how much they are loved by you. **Love is such an important narrative in our family; the more love the better!** Being open about their background and culture is very important as well. If you have certain traditions or cultural influences, we would love to incorporate them into your child's life. We want them to grow up knowing who they are and where they come from.

We want you incorporated into your child's life and for them to know you as the strong, brave, resilient, loving, kind person that we know you must be! We respect your comfort level and if you're willing, we would love to meet up, share pictures, have birthday calls, and share updates and milestones through the years. You are one of the most important people in their life!

We hope you were able to get an insight into who we are as a family. We promise to cherish, love, and give our hearts completely to your child, with you always on our minds. We promise to love your child unconditionally. And if you chose for our roads to meet, know we are looking forward to meeting and getting to know your story.

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. **Our hearts are forever grateful and open.** We have so much love to give.

Warmly,

Jose & Tiffany



"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE"

- 1 Corinthians 16:14