



Emily *and* Jim





Artwork
by Emily

Hello!

**We're
Emily
and Jim**

**and we live in a quaint
neighborhood of a
beautiful city.**

We know you want the very best for your child, and we deeply respect the care you're putting into this decision. Our hope is to provide a home where your child will be loved, nurtured, and given the chance to fulfill their unique dreams and potential.

After learning we wouldn't be able to have biological children, adoption became a beautiful and meaningful way for us to grow our family. While that was difficult, it helped us realize just how much we want to be parents. We look forward to everything, from first words and baby steps, to celebrating holidays with our extended families and taking vacations (including Disney World!).

We want you to feel comfortable being as much a part of your child's life as you wish to be. Adoption has a way of bringing families together, and our hearts—and our lives—have room for you too.



Our Story

Jim proposed to Emily with a candy Ring Pop at the beach while we were enjoying a summer day there with our French bulldog, Xena.

That moment reflects our shared sense of humor! We hope to bring that same warmth, and lightheartedness into the life of the child we are excited to welcome.



Jim was born in the Philippines and raised by his grandparents while his parents prepared a life in the U.S. At just six years old, he bravely flew alone with his sister to reunite with his parents—an adventure made even more memorable by meeting the captain and getting a tour of the cockpit.

Emily dealt with her own significant challenges growing up, undergoing multiple surgeries for a facial birth difference. These experiences helped shape her deep empathy and compassion for others.

Playing music together always brings us joy



Emily and Jim at Chichen Itza in Mexico





Meet Emily



Emily is kind, sweet, artistic, empathetic and always looking for the good in everyone she meets.

She loves fashion and sewing her own clothes, and she's usually in the middle of a creative project. Her patience truly shines—she's even knitted sweaters for our dog and cats!

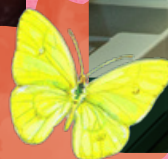
Emily has degrees in art and computer science and works as a concept artist for a gaming company. When the time comes, Emily plans to step into the role of stay-at-home mom while the child is young—a transition she is excited to embrace and feels deeply called to.

She loves caring for her houseplants, reads constantly (one of her favorite authors is Joseph Campbell), and has been drawing ever since she could hold a crayon. We also share a love of retro music and science fiction. Emily especially loves the Beach Boys and Star Trek!

She looks forward to sewing baby clothes and creating Halloween costumes, reading bedtime stories, doing art projects, helping with homework, and exploring and encouraging your child's unique interests and talents.



Emily at her sewing machines





Emily on a rainforest bridge in Costa Rica

Modeling a blouse she made



As a parent,
she sees her role as a steady source of comfort and calm, as well as a teacher and guide.



Emily working in her home office



Emily with a friend's baby



With Jim's goddaughter and Xena

Emily's Fun Facts



- Musical Instrument you Play Piano
- Dream Job Fashion designer

- Sports Team Chicago Bears
- Dessert Birthday cake
- Animal Panda

- Children's Book A Wrinkle in Time
- Can't Live Without Sewing
- Source of Inspiration Nature, art, books, movies



Jim with his bike in the city

Jim is generous, hilarious, and has a way of bringing people together.

He is a man of many skills and talents, from fixing cars and household maintenance to cycling, golfing, and winning the office ping-pong championship.

He is always learning new things and is currently teaching himself guitar. He is also an excellent cook! He loves animals and it's easy to see his nurturing side come out with our pets.

His family and friends describe him as responsible, easygoing, and levelheaded. He's a thoughtful problem-solver who doesn't give up easily and enjoys figuring things out, no matter how long it takes.

Jim has an art degree and works as a technical art manager for a gaming company. He loves that his role blends creativity with computer programming and gives him the opportunity to mentor and support younger artists.

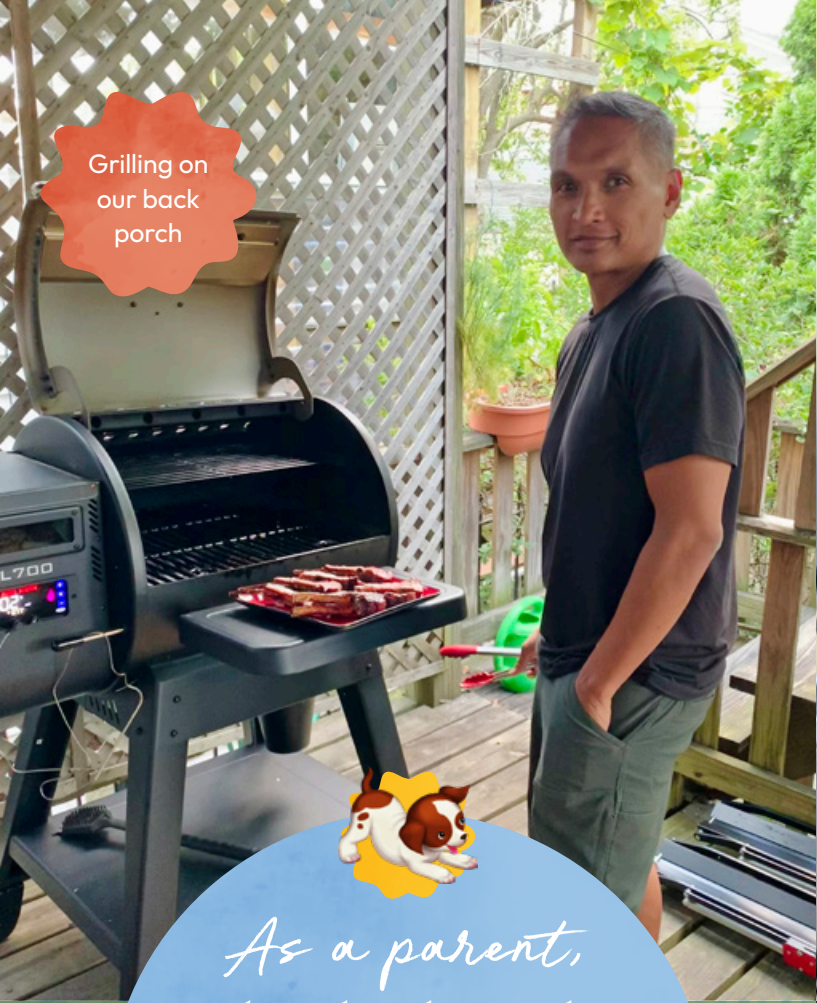
Jim most looks forward to all the "firsts" that come with childhood, as well as family camping, traveling, beach days in the summer, and playing games and sports.



Meet Jim



Grilling on our back porch



As a parent,
he values love and affection. He sees his role as both a teacher and an unwavering source of support.



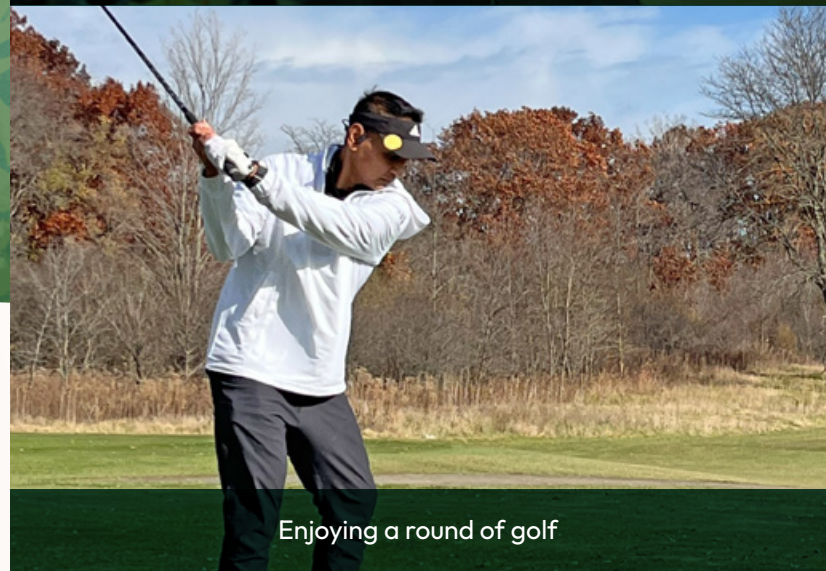
Jim with his guitar



Jim playing with his goddaughters in the sandbox



Fishing with his goddaughters



Enjoying a round of golf

Jim's Fun Facts

- Musical Instrument you Play: Guitar
- Children's Book Author: Dr. Seuss
- Place to Take a Child: Chuck E. Cheese
- Sports Team: Chicago Bears
- Vacation Spot: Any beach
- Author: Jim Butcher (Dresden Files)
- Dessert: Donut
- Ice Cream Flavor: Coffee



Our Home



Welcome

Admiring the skyline behind us



Playing Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots!



Baking cookies together in the kitchen

We live in a vibrant, diverse neighborhood with tree-lined streets, plenty of families, and lots of dogs.

Parks, shops, a theater, and restaurants, including our favorite Mexican and pizza spots, are all within walking distance. We love visiting the busy Sunday farmers market, hosting our annual block party with games and a bouncy house, and welcoming the many trick-or-treaters who come by each Halloween.

Downtown is just a short train ride away, offering museums, an aquarium and planetarium, outdoor concerts, fairground rides, and miles of riverfront parks. We enjoy every season here—building snowmen and sipping hot chocolate in winter, cycling year-round, and spending summer days at the beach or fishing in nearby parks.



Stories and couch cuddles with our dog, Xena

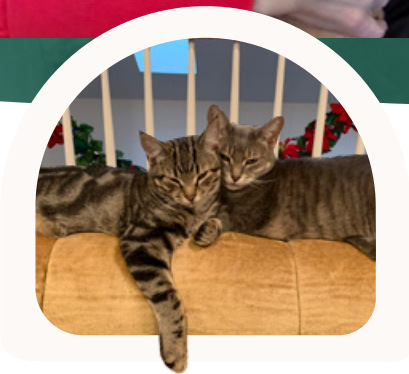


Crocheting with Xena's help



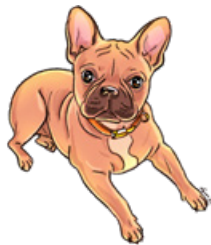
At home,
we enjoy quiet days spent
sewing, practicing music,
or watching football on
TV together.

We live in a cozy single-family home
where your child will have their own
bedroom to grow into and a backyard
to play in—a space we can't wait to fill
with laughter and memories.



Our Pets

Our home wouldn't be
complete without our
sweet pets, Xena, Binks,
and Bonkers.



Xena, our playful 2-year-old French bulldog, is wonderfully gentle with kids. Binks is a devoted lap cat, while Bonkers keeps us laughing with his curious personality.

Our Family *and* Friends

Emily comes from a close, creative Southern family.

Her sister Holley, along with Holley's husband Mike and their two sons, Jordan and Colton, run a wildlife rehab center, while her dad Mitch loves to sing and her mom Jeanette enjoys demonstrating old-time crafts like spinning, weaving, and natural dyeing. With ten brothers and sisters on Jeanette's side, our Thanksgiving gatherings are always lively, bringing together relatives of all ages. Jeanette and Holley are especially excited to support us and spend time together when the baby arrives.



Emily with her parents, sister and sister's family



Emily and Jim with Emily's family at Thanksgiving at her aunt's house



Time with Emily's family



Eating at a restaurant with Emily's family



With Jim's parents in Costa Rica



Jim's family at Christmas

Jim's parents, Jaime and Cristy, embody a strong sense of family and Filipino culture.

They love traveling the world, and we've been fortunate to join them on trips to Iceland, Mexico, and Costa Rica. Jaime stays active with golf and long daily walks, while Cristy and Jim's Auntie Sue are known for their delicious home-cooked Filipino meals. Jim also has many cousins, including young children and babies, whom we see every Christmas. He's always been the fun-uncle type, and he and his sister Tina love organizing family games like BINGO, sledding adventures, or video games.



With goddaughters at the Renaissance Faire

With friends on our wedding day



Emily and Jim hosting a party at their house with friends



Emily with her friend celebrating their 10-year friendiversary

The values that guide our lives—and that we hope to share with our child—are kindness, generosity, fairness, honesty, and respect for others.

We value education as an important foundation for life and envision a path that begins with Montessori learning in the early years and continues with private Christian middle school and a college-preparatory high school.



In Closing



**Thank you for
taking the time to
get to know us.**

We look forward to the chance to meet you. We are committed to offering a loving, intentional home and to honoring the special place you will always have in your child's life.

