

MARK
+
VERONICA



love makes a family



HELLO

it's so nice to "meet" you

Dear Birth Mother,

Firstly, we truly admire the strength and courage it takes to consider adoption. Your selflessness is beyond words. We've been eagerly hoping to grow our family, and the thought that you could play a role in this fills us with immense gratitude.

We believe every child deserves love, care, and great opportunities. Should you choose us, we'll ensure that your child is surrounded with warmth, understanding, and a life full of rich experiences. Their happiness and well-being will always be our top priority.

But our commitment isn't just to the child. We want to support you too. Whether it's answering questions, addressing concerns, or just lending an ear, we're here for you. It's important for us to acknowledge and respect your wishes, especially about how involved you'd like to be in your child's life.

We await with hope, respect, and an open heart, looking forward to possibly sharing this incredible journey with you.

WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION

Mark + Veronica

WHY WE ARE ADOPTING

My spouse and I have always felt a deep connection to the idea of adoption. Early in our relationship, we discussed the desire to grow our family, not only biologically but also through the loving act of adoption. This wasn't just a backup plan; it was a heartfelt choice we felt called to make.

Over the years, the importance of core family values has been a guiding principle in our lives. Welcoming a new member into our fold feels like the most genuine way to embody, share, and strengthen those values. While we attempted to have our own child in the past, life has its own plans, and we've learned that family isn't just about biology. It's about love, understanding, and unwavering support.

Our commitment to adoption stems from a deep well of love and the desire to provide a nurturing environment for a child. We want to share the highs, navigate the lows, and revel in the everyday moments that make life special. We genuinely believe that through this journey, we can positively shape a child's future and simultaneously add immeasurable depth to our own family story.

Embracing this path fills us with hope and excitement. We are eager to provide a stable foundation for our adopted child, celebrating each milestone and watching them blossom. The future holds promise, and we are ready with open arms to welcome our newest family member.

**"FAMILY ISN'T JUST WHERE YOU START,
BUT WHERE LOVE ENDLESSLY GROWS,
AND EVERY HEART FINDS ITS HOME."**

OUR STORY

In 2013, Mark and Veronica met in Southern California. They combined their families, with Mark's kids Reese and Aiden, and Veronica's three, Bianca, Rj, and Mikayla. Veronica was also a surrogate for Erik. Mark proposed in Hawaii in 2017, and by 2019 they married in Nevada. Shortly after, they settled in Henderson, building their home by 2020.

Family is their core. With Mark from a family of three and Veronica from a family of four, they have eight nieces and nephews. They're lucky to have Veronica's 86-year-old grandmother. Their home is a hub for family gatherings, and they cherish every moment with their big, blended family.

Their circle extends to cherished friends with their own families. Every gathering is memorable, and each moment emphasizes the love and joy they're surrounded by.





MEET *Veronica*

Veronica grew up in Huntington Beach, California, where she learned the importance of family ties. As the eldest among her siblings and many cousins, she's always been a leader, taking care of others. Besides spending time with family, she loves traveling, taking photos, and enjoying movies and music. She's also very organized, which shows how committed she is to her loved ones and values.

Growing up by the beach, she values the simple joys of life. Whether it's a sunset walk or building sandcastles with kids, Veronica believes in creating beautiful memories. She's always been the anchor for her family, a source of comfort and guidance.

Her love for travel has expanded her understanding of diverse cultures, teaching her patience and open-mindedness. Every trip becomes a learning experience, and she eagerly shares those lessons and stories with those around her, making her a great storyteller.

Veronica's passion for the arts has given her a creative outlook on life. She appreciates the beauty in every moment and helps those around her see the world in vibrant colors. This trait ensures that she can turn any situation into an opportunity for joy and learning.

Above all, her commitment to family is unwavering. The strong bonds she's cultivated over the years, combined with her nurturing spirit, make her a pillar of support in our family. Her love and dedication know no bounds.



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT *Veronica*

WRITTEN BY MARK

Veronica, my beloved wife, has a heart that knows no bounds. She prioritizes our well-being above all, loving not only me with unparalleled depth but also cherishing our children. She has embraced my two younger ones as her very own, proving that love isn't defined by blood. In our home, every child is wrapped in warmth, understanding, and boundless love. Trusting Veronica is like trusting the comforting embrace of a gentle hug - it's where love thrives.



SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES

I enjoy taking pictures to capture memories. I also love using my Cricut machine to create unique crafts. Traveling to different places and experiencing new cultures is another passion of mine.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT *Mark*

WRITTEN BY VERONICA

Mark is an incredible husband, father, son, friend, and leader. His dedication shines through in every role he plays in the lives of those around him. He is not only hardworking but also deeply caring and loving. Always putting others' needs before his own, Mark has a selfless nature that makes him stand out. His actions consistently demonstrate his commitment to the well-being of those he loves and leads.



SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES

I have a passion for designing websites, creating graphics, and crafting logos. Starting new businesses excites me. Spending quality time with my family is something I cherish deeply. I also enjoy traveling and exploring different places.

Mark is an amazing husband, father, son, friend and leader. Not only is he hardworking, caring and loving, but he always puts others before himself.

Mark's story begins in Hawaii, where he was born, before moving to Long Beach, California, where he spent his growing-up years. Among his siblings, he holds the distinction of being the oldest of three, and he also shares a close bond with his many cousins. Following high school, Mark embarked on a different path, directly enlisting in the Navy, where he dedicated four years to serving his country.

Family takes a central place in Mark's heart, as he values and prioritizes these relationships deeply. Additionally, his mind is attuned to business matters, reflecting his entrepreneurial spirit and keen interest in various ventures. This combination of strong family ties and a business-oriented mindset shapes Mark's journey, making him a unique and multifaceted individual.

Beyond his family and professional life, Mark has a range of interests that make him a well-rounded person. He's passionate about nature, often taking weekend hikes to reconnect with the outdoors. His love for music, especially the sounds of the islands from his Hawaiian roots, gives him solace in his busy life. These hobbies, along with his dedication to continuous learning, reveal a man who is not only grounded by his past and family but also forward-thinking and open to the world's vast experiences.

MEET *Mark*



"FAMILY ISN'T ALWAYS BLOOD. IT'S THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WHO WANT YOU IN THEIRS; THE ONES WHO ACCEPT YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE. THE ONES WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING TO SEE YOU SMILE AND WHO LOVE YOU NO MATTER WHAT."



MEET OUR KIDS

It's really sweet to see how much our kids love each other. Even though they're different ages, they care for each other a lot. The older ones always look out for the younger ones, helping and watching over them. This shows that age doesn't matter when it comes to family love.

Growing up, they've made so many memories together. From playing in the park to helping each other with homework, they've been there for each other. It's amazing to think about all the adventures and stories they'll share as they grow older.

This bond they have is special. It gives us hope that they'll always be close, supporting and loving each other through thick and thin. We're grateful every day for the love and friendship they share.



Bianca- 26
Rj- 24
Mikayla- 21
Reese- 14
Aiden- 11

HOME

A HOUSE IS BUILT WITH
WALLS AND BEAMS;
A HOME IS BUILT WITH LOVE
AND DREAMS

We live in a big two-story house with 5 bedrooms. There's a big backyard with a pool and a place for playing on the grass. Upstairs, we have a room with a TV where we play games. There's also another room we're getting ready for a baby. This baby room has a big closet already filled with baby things.

Our house is very cozy and safe. We've made sure the pool area is secure so kids can play safely. We love spending time in our backyard, having barbecues, and enjoying the pool during the summer.

Inside, every room is designed to be comfortable and welcoming. The baby room, in particular, is getting special attention. We're choosing gentle colors and getting soft blankets and toys, making sure everything is perfect for the newest member of our family.



OUR FUR BABIES

Veronica and Mark adore their Fur Babies: Stella, Bentley, and Chanel. These pets are not only lovely but also great with kids, bringing a lot of happiness to their lives.



OUR COMMUNITY

Our house is in a fresh and modern neighborhood that's filled with good things. We have a bunch of parks to play in, trails for taking walks, a library where we can read books, and both a fire department and police station close by.

Lots of families with kids live around us, which makes it a really safe and happy place. We get to be part of cool community events and even join in on fun block parties with our neighbors. Living here feels like being part of a big friendly family!





MEET OUR FAMILIES

VERONICA'S FAMILY

Veronica comes from a very large family, most of whom live in Southern California. They have a beautiful tradition of gathering each year to celebrate Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime. What makes these gatherings even more special is that Veronica's maternal grandmother is still around to join in the festivities.

In addition to their gatherings in Southern California, Veronica's family is quite a mobile bunch. Her parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews often make trips to Nevada to visit. This not only adds to the richness of their family connections but also provides them with more opportunities to bond and create wonderful experiences together.



**ROOTED IN LOVE, OUR
FAMILY STANDS TALL, NO
MATTER THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN US.**



MARK'S FAMILY

Mark has always been surrounded by family. His parents have been pillars of support, and he shares a special bond with his brother, who chose a noble profession as a nurse. He also has a half-sister, from his dad's side, who recently celebrated her college graduation, marking another proud family moment.

Beyond his immediate family, Mark is connected to a vast network of relatives. Many reside in the sun-soaked landscapes of California and the beautiful islands of Hawaii. These places are more than just locations; they are a backdrop for countless cherished memories, from joyful family gatherings to heartwarming celebrations.





IN OUR *Family*

In our family, we share a really strong connection. We care for and honor each other, and we're always honest and open in our communication. We make sure to spend a lot of good time together, and we like to go on trips when we're not having fun in our own backyard, which we call the Lizada Resort. This special place is like our own little vacation spot where we relax and have fun.

IF YOU CHOOSE US, WE COMMIT TO:

- **Love Unconditionally:** We promise to love and cherish your child, no matter what.
- **Provide a Safe Home:** Your child's safety and well-being will always be our top priority.
- **Value Education:** We'll ensure your child has access to the best educational opportunities.
- **Celebrate Heritage:** We'll honor and celebrate your child's unique background and heritage.
- **Foster Interests:** We'll support and nurture any talents or hobbies your child develops.
- **Offer Emotional Support:** We're committed to being there for every up and down, always listening and understanding.
- **Prioritize Family Time:** Regular family activities and bonding will be a cornerstone of our lives.
- **Teach Kindness and Values:** We'll raise your child with strong morals, teaching them to be kind and compassionate.
- **Keep You Updated:** If you wish, we'll regularly update you on your child's growth and milestones.
- **Endless Opportunities:** We'll ensure that your child has every chance to pursue their dreams and aspirations.



ONE LAST THANK YOU

Before we finish, we want to take a moment to offer one deep, heartfelt thank you. The decision you're making is immense, a testament to the boundless love you have for your child. Entrusting us with the honor of raising and caring for your child is beyond any gift we could ever have imagined.

Every day, we'll remind your child of the courageous love that led us to become a family. Your strength, your selflessness, and your love will become a part of our family's story, a tale we'll share with pride and respect. As they grow, they will know of the brave mother who wanted the best for them, and the unique journey that brought us all together.

We can't begin to fathom the depth of emotions you might be feeling, but we want you to know that our home will always be one of love, understanding, and gratitude. Every milestone, every laugh, every challenge, we will face with the memory of this profound connection we share with you.

From the very depths of our souls, we thank you. Your bravery will always be a beacon of light in our lives, a constant reminder to cherish, love, and protect the precious life you've entrusted us with. No words can truly capture our gratitude, but please know that our hearts are brimming with appreciation and love for you.

MARK +
VERONICA

WHILE WORDS MAY FALL SHORT, OUR HEARTS WILL FOREVER
ECHO WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE LOVE-FILLED JOURNEY
YOU'VE SET US UPON.