



**Edwin & Vida**

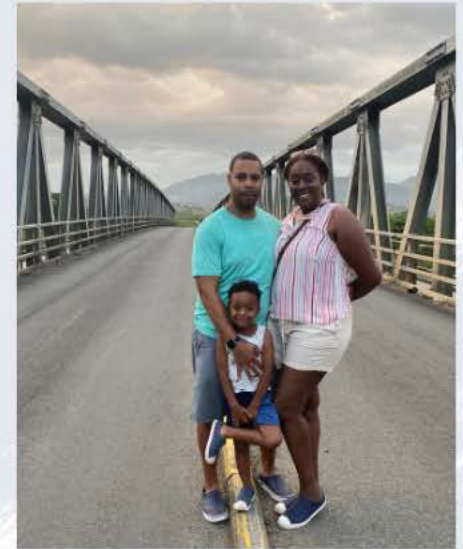
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## DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

Hello, We are Vida and Edwin and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We are so excited to be adopting and welcoming another child into our family! We want you to see us as we are. We are not perfect. We wake up every day hoping to be better than the day before. Somedays that is accomplished and other days, well, we know we can always try again tomorrow.

The cleanest time in our house is at 9:00 PM. Most days there are toys everywhere, and when all else fails, we have breakfast for dinner. These are often our favorite meals. We hope to teach our children accountability for their actions, and we apologize when we are wrong. We want to be a safe place for our children. We want them to know perfection is not expected, only their best effort.

We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child the best. We look forward to meeting you.







## *about us*

### **EDWIN, VIDA AND ROMAN**

We met online in 2005. You can imagine our parents thought we were crazy. Online dating wasn't what it is now. After two weeks of talking online and on the phone, we met up for dinner. Our first date lasted for over 6 hours. We talked about everything and realized on our first date that we both wanted to adopt children when we were older.

We were married in 2011 and soon started trying for a family but instead were met with our first loss. We experienced years of unexplained infertility. Once we stopped all treatments, surprise, here came Roman. We experienced another loss in 2021 which left us unable to conceive.

We both come from very large families and it has always been our dream to have our children experience that as well. We are bilingual and speak Spanish at home. We love to travel and have included Roman in our travels.

We love being outdoors. We take adventure walks and bike rides around the neighborhood. We love hiking local trails. We spend our downtime out back grilling and catching air on the trampoline. Roman cannot wait to be a big brother, he is anxious to show his sister how to ride a scooter, use chopsticks, and where we keep the good snacks.





# about EDWIN

Hola, I'm Edwin. I am from a large city in New Jersey. I am the oldest of 3 kids. I have a younger brother and sister.

When I'm not traveling, I am a homebody. I love being at home with my family and friends.

I like to watch movies and play basketball. I love numbers and recently discovered that I like following the stock market.

I like to attend local sporting events and car shows.

I work in the IT field and I am fortunate to be able to work from home.



Summer meet up in NYC with family (above)  
The Guys - annual Florida Family Reunion (far left)  
Aunt Natividad and Aunt Augustina (left)



Aunt Juana and Aunt Mariana in DR (below)



Hansel, Vida, Roman, Me and My Dad in DR





My legs in Maui (right)



Hanging out in the creak at the park (top left)

4 Generations (above)



Thanksgiving at the beach (below)



Me and my sister meeting up for breakfast (below)

Bambam and his bestfriend Coco



Teonna & Vida

## about VIDA

Hi I'm Vida! I grew up in a seaside town in South Carolina. I was the first girl and have 3 older brothers, and a younger sister and brother.

I love being outside. I discovered my green thumb during the pandemic and now I have plants! I am a dog person, and will always stop and pet a dog. I love being near water, a river, a lake, the ocean, I'll take it. I also love food. I want to try everything, and I want it spicy.

I like to run, and weight train to stay in shape. I'm always looking for a cool pair of sunglasses and art to hang. I work in the legal field and enjoy that I am able to help people everyday.







## VIDA's FAVORITE THINGS

Breakfast: Coffee

Color: Green

Holiday: Christmas

Animal: Elephant

Movie: The Godfather

Way to Relax: Reading

Dessert: Cheesecake

Sport: Football

Item to Collect: Mugs

Scent: The ocean

Snack: Jalapeno Chips



## EDWIN'S FAVORITE THINGS

Breakfast: Bacon, Egg & Cheese Anything

Color: Brown

Holiday: Christmas

Animal: Lion

Movie: Back to the Future

Way to Relax: Long Showers

Dessert: Brownie

Sport: Football

Snack: Cashews

Season: Fall

Musician: Bad Bunny

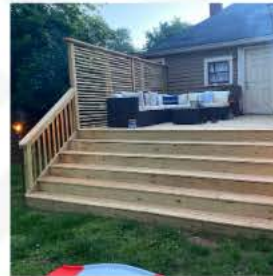






Edwin & Roman posing at the nature preserve.

Our back deck (below)



Roman at the neighborhood park



We live in a large city close to downtown but we are just steps away from a 50-acre park. There are tennis and basketball courts, a splash pad, a track, baseball fields, and a hiking trail complete with bridges and a creek.

Our home is a single-story bungalow and has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a large backyard with a garden and trampoline. Our favorite place in our house is the front porch. We love to swing and rock on our front porch and catch up with our neighbors.



Ruby Falls, TN



*our*

FRIENDS & FAMILY



Roman & Camara



Smoers around the firepit



Birthday Brunch with friends



Aunt Debra, Papa, Roman  
and Granny



Edwin, Roman, Emmanuel & Marcus





## *adventures*

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We have been able to watch the sunset in Maui. We visited an ice cave in Iceland. We walked the Brooklyn Bridge and visited the Statue of Liberty, and spent time in the Dominican Republic with family. We can't wait to show our daughter all the wonders this earth has to offer.





# family traditions



We aim to celebrate as many holidays with our family as possible. We alternate between families for Christmas. This past year we took a Christmas Cruise. Vida and her brothers host Cousin Weekend every Memorial Day in Florida. Everyone flies in, and it includes Beach Day, BBQ Day and Game Day.



Summertime on my dad's boat (left)

Cousin Weekend 2019 (below)



Cousin Weekend 2023 (left)  
Roman with Cousins



We love matching Christmas Pajamas, and annual family trips with both sides of our family. We are loud and loving. Vida grew up in a seaside town so her family is like fish, always in the water. Family means, food, fun, and being told we didn't eat enough.



## *our promise...*

We have always dreamed about having a large family. We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share for this child. Please allow us to give our huge crazy loving family to your daughter. We hope that we can provide her with the love and confidence needed to navigate this world. We want her to know that an act of pure love has made our family possible and we will never take your selfless decision for granted. We hope this book gave you a glimpse into our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Edwin & Vida

