



Sam *and* Cris

Thank you for taking the time to review our book and take a glimpse of who we are and our story. We have the utmost respect for the decision you are considering. We admire your strength, courage, and selflessness as you navigate this journey. We will do all we can to support you, and we're honored that you are considering us to be the parents of your child.

**with love,
Sam & Cris**

here.
right where
you're meant
to be. ★





Building a family through

love,



our journey to *adoption.*

As a same-sex couple, we can't have a child on our own, but **our hearts are full of love to give.** Coming from strong, loving families, we've always dreamed of creating our own. We promise to shower this child with love, guidance, and the knowledge of how special they are to have a birth parent like you.

We'll be positive role models, teaching them the values we were raised with, and embracing diversity and self-expression. We'll be there for every important moment, ensuring they have everything they need to thrive. **We're excited to grow our family and hope to include you in our journey,** in whatever way feels right for you.



Our story

In the summer of 2016, Sam went to Cancun for her childhood best friend's birthday weekend celebration and met Cris through the same friend. **All it took was a simple "Hola, Sam," and the connection was instant.** Cris unknowingly cooked Sam's favorite dish that weekend, enchiladas verdes.

In September, Sam flew back to Cancun to see Cris again, and from that moment on, we were inseparable. For the next four years, we navigated a long-distance relationship, seeing each other almost every month, with **our first Valentine's Day celebrated in Paris.**

In the summer of 2018, Sam proposed. She had hidden the ring in a special box she gave Cris on their one-year anniversary, filled with photos and quotes from their first year together. The last photo was blank, and when Cris opened the box, Sam popped the question, revealing the ring in a hidden compartment.

We had planned to get married in the summer of 2020 in Cancun, but the pandemic changed everything. Still, we adjusted, marrying in court in Houston without a reception due to quarantine. Now, **we're excited to grow our family** through adoption and make our families even bigger, knowing that **we've always been meant to be.**





Meet Sam

I was born in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico. **I grew up by the beach**, where my love for the ocean began. I also grew up playing sports, especially soccer, I don't play it as much anymore but love to watch it.

I work from home as a senior UI designer in higher education, where I get to make an impact on students who want to better their lives, and allows me to **have a great work/life balance**.

My friends and family say **I am very creative**; I enjoy art, design, photography, and DIY projects. **I love to travel** and try to visit a new place at least once a year.



Sam's *favorites*

HOBBIES: Going to the beach / photography / DIY

FOOD: Mexican and Sushi

TRADITION: Building Lego sets on Xmas Day in pj's

ARTIST: Beyoncé and Kany Garcia

MOVIE: Anything Marvel and Harry Potter

HOLIDAY: New Year

TV SHOW: Ted Lasso

BOOK: Little Women





Meet Cris

I was born in Mexico City, Mexico, and I have a younger brother.

I have always enjoyed cooking.

Growing up, I watched my grandma cook for us, and I loved watching them and helping them so much that I studied culinary arts.

I lived in Cancun for 15 years, started working in restaurants, and then shifted to Wedding and Event planning, which I enjoy and am passionate about.

I currently work as a cooking

instructor for an after-school program for pre-K and elementary school kids, bringing much joy and fun into my life.

I love to travel, listen to music, read a book on the beach, and watch movies and cooking shows.

Cris's *favorites*

HOBBIES: Trying new foods / travel / Hello Kitty

FOOD: Mexican and Italian

TRADITION: Cooking together

ARTIST: Harry Styles and Queen

MOVIE: Harry Potter

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: Downton Abbey, The Great British Bake Off

BOOK: The House of the Spirits



Fun facts

- As a child, Sam dreamed of being a professional soccer player and was chosen as the goalie for her state team.
- Cris grew up loving Hello Kitty, and she still does and enjoys finding unique Hello Kitty merchandise.
- Sam worked for Destiny's Child and Beyoncé designing tour merchandise.
- Even though Cris is Mexican, she is not fond of avocado or spicy food.
- Sam's mom is Mexican, and her dad is British; she grew up with two cultures, two traditions, and two cuisines.
- Cris worked on a cruise ship as a cook and got to visit five different countries on her days off at port.
- **Both Sam and Cris are bilingual in English and Spanish, but Cris also speaks Italian.**
- They both are Harry Potter fans, they have read the books, watched the movies, visited The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando and the studios in London.





Our best
adventure
is yet to come!

Travel is a passion we both cherish, and we're thrilled at the thought of sharing it with our future child. Together, we've explored over 22 countries on three continents, which has expanded our horizons and deepened our love for the world's diverse cultures. **We can't wait to create new memories and embark on adventures as a family.**



Home, our happy place

We live in a lovely three-story house with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. It's close to many parks, walking and biking trails, and playgrounds. There are plenty of restaurants around that offer all kinds of food. The area is peaceful and has a small-town vibe, even though it's in the middle of a big city.





We've put a lot of love into making our house a true home.

We've got a special room ready for your child, but we're waiting to decorate it so we can include something meaningful from their background and we would love your input as well, in any way you would like to. Our neighborhood is full of all kinds and diverse types of families and is very welcoming.

Christmas with Sam's family



Soccer game with Cris's parents



Family is not defined by blood,
but by the bond of
love & support

New Year with Sam's cousins



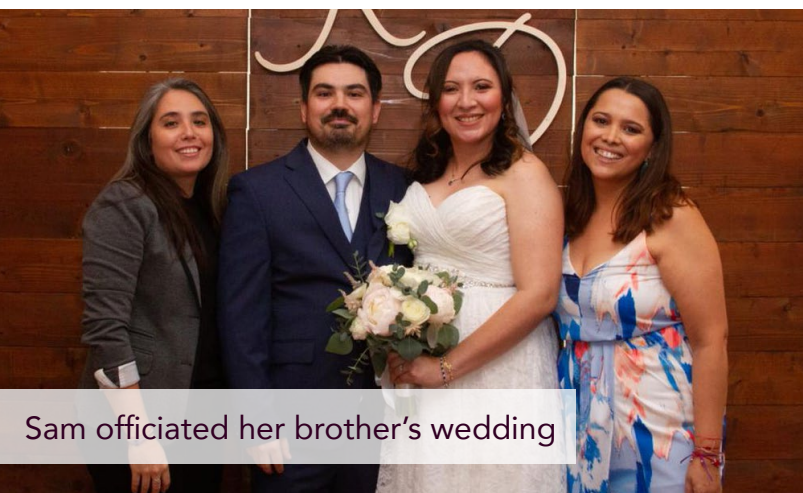
Baseball game with Sam's parents



Family is central to our lives. We cherish the time spent with loved ones, especially during holidays. **We're grateful for our supportive families who accept us as we are.**

Sam's parents and brother live nearby, so we often see them and enjoy activities with Sam's nephews. Cris's family is in Mexico, and we visit them four to five times a year. **Our family gatherings are always frequent and full of laughter.**

Sam officiated her brother's wedding



Chiapas with Cris's mom and aunt



Chosen *family*

We have a strong support network within our chosen extended family. **Our chosen family means that we are there for each other through all the ups and downs of life.** We have friends from different stages of our lives, including childhood friends, those who came into our lives when we needed them the most, colleagues who have become like family, and lifelong friends.



Cris first Texans game



Sam's friend baby shower



Sam's friend wedding



Cris and her best friends



Our very best friend, who introduced us.



Wedding fun in Houston.

Our chosen family is thrilled about us becoming parents, and they are all excited to be like aunties and uncles to our child.



Celebrating Three Kings Day



Cancun friends in Houston.



Houston friends in Cancun.

Trust
the magic
of new
beginnings



As you consider us as potential parents for your child, **we deeply admire your incredible strength, bravery, and selflessness.** We can only imagine how challenging this decision must be, and we truly respect the courage and love you're showing. **We're here to support you in any way we can** and feel honored to be considered for the opportunity to welcome your child into our lives.



We're proud of the life we've built and eager to share it with a child. We promise to honor your selfless decision by providing your child with love and care. **We deeply respect you** and are excited about the chance to get to know you. If chosen, **we'd be incredibly grateful for the opportunity** and the bond we'd create together.

with love and admiration,
Sam and Cris

