



**DANIEL & NATHAN**

## DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

Thank you for spending time looking through our profile and the opportunity you are providing for possibly us or any one of the other families you may match with. We really hope you choose us, though!

Our commitment during this process is to approach you and your choices with compassion, understanding, patience, and respect. We know from our own experiences that life paths do not always follow the standards often set before us. Life can be full of difficult circumstances and difficult choices. The one commonality is that we are all doing the best we can with what we are given.

Our success and peace is won with hard work, perseverance, and at times help from others. Let us help you with this difficult time you are in, as we ask for your help in building our family. Together we can help this baby have the life and opportunities it deserves and you want for it.

We dedicate honor and respect to you during this process. You are heroic to your baby and to us.

Wishing you courage and peace,

*Nathan & Daniel*



*about*

# NATHAN

I grew up in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia in a beautiful natural setting where forests and rivers were my playground. I was a free range kid who roamed the mountains barefoot. We were poor in money but my world was rich in love and natural beauty.

My passions include architecture, interior design, film, art, theatre, hiking, biking, music, and pop culture.

I have found my calling as a homemaker. I get to decorate, cook good food, and create experiences in our home for our loved ones. I actually love house chores. To me it means I am doing something to take care of those around me. I believe my chores and responsibilities are a reflection of all the things and people I have to be grateful for.

I am at my best when nurturing and tending to those around me. Add stay-at-home dad to this and I am the happiest I can imagine!





I had the privilege of being a primary care giver for August and Lucia, the children of some close friends.



I helped raise Gus from two months to nine years old. Gus is on the autism spectrum and the years I had with him taught me so much. These experiences have been the most rewarding of my life.





*about*

**DANIEL**

I was born and raised in Clear Lake, a community on the edge of Houston. My mother is Chinese and my father is American.

My early life was primarily focused on academics and family. We also had many family adventures visiting the national parks in our RV. I still maintain that dedication to exploration and adventure to this day.

My passion for academics led me to complete a Ph.D. in neuroscience at the University of California/Berkley.

My other mighty passion is for board games. With a collection of over 500 games, board game parties are always an open invitation!





When I am not playing boardgames and spending time with my family, I work as the Director of Data Science for a tech company. I love my work and am very committed and passionate about it. I take my career seriously, not only as a personal fulfillment, but as my role as the provider for our family. I am excited to set an example for our child of what dedication to hard work is and what a happy and successful career can look like, no matter their profession.

# *How we met....*



We met in 2014 while both living in Chicago. One of our immediate connections was learning we both want a family and share similar values for raising a child. Over the next year, we could start to see ourselves together as a committed couple and as parents.

*How I  
knew  
you were  
the  
one....*

Nathan knew that Daniel would make a great father on an evening walk they were taking with the baby Nathan was caring for at the time. A lawn mower started up close by and Daniel immediately reached to shield the baby from any debris that could come from the mower. Nathan knew then that Daniel would be a protector and keep his family safe.

Daniel began to see Nathan as someone he could build a family with as he spent time watching the trust and comfort that children had in Nathan's care. Hearing Nathan sing a baby to sleep one night with Somewhere Over the Rainbow made his mind up.







We got married in March, 2018. Our only guests were close family. We had pulled pork BBQ, corn bread, and cobbler for our reception dinner. Nathan cooked for all 33 guests himself!

The  
"American  
Side" of the  
family on  
our  
wedding  
day.



Our  
brother-in-  
law Scott  
and cousin  
Catharine  
gave very  
loving  
toasts.



The  
"Chinese  
Side"  
of our  
family  
celebrating  
with us.

*What* **NATHAN**  
*Loves* *About*  
**DANIEL**



Loving and living with someone does not get any better than loving and living with Daniel. Myself and our future child are fortunate beyond measure to have this man on our side as we go through life.

**Daniel is purely sweet.** His family tells me he always has been and I get to experience it every day. It makes Daniel shy for someone to say it, but all of his aunts, uncles, and cousins say that Daniel has always been the favorite because of his sweetness. I shine with pride every time I hear them say it.

**Daniel is patient.** His ability to meet people with kindness and understanding at every turn takes an extraordinary amount of patience, but yet it comes easily and naturally to him.

**Daniel is optimistic.** He believes the best of people and it makes him very uncomfortable to criticize others. He also believes that things will work out in the long run as long as we remain hardworking and loving. He believes that your best is good enough and there is no fault in a failure.

**Daniel is curious.** He always has a question to ask, wants to follow every avenue to every answer, and wants to know what you think about it.

**Daniel is loyal.** His unwavering devotion to his family, to me, and to our future child are unquestionable. This has become one of the greatest comforts of my life.

**Daniel is adventurous.** His curiosity and willingness to get lost somewhere is precious. There is no adventure that is too long, too hard, or too inconvenient. All you have to do is say “yes” and there is a whole world to discover.





*What*  
**DANIEL**  
*Loves*  
*About*  
**NATHAN**

**Everyday Nathan introduces me to something new to appreciate that I never even noticed before.** From the joy that is Dolly Parton, the unexpected delight of a pineapple and peanut butter sandwich, to the profound significance of the story "The Color Purple".

**He adds love and laughter to each day.**

**In addition to being an admirer of beauty, he is also a creator of it.** He's not just a home-maker in the traditional sense; he's an artisan of spaces. With a keen eye for design, he crafts environments that are both centering and engaging. But what truly transforms these spaces is the love and intention with which he fills them.

**Nathan is resilient.** Life has thrown its share of challenges his way, but he faces them head-on. With each obstacle, he grows stronger, learning and adapting. His quest for personal growth never wanes. He challenges the status quo, always seeking ways to be better, to do better. And in his journey of self-improvement, he inspires those around him to embark on their own paths of discovery.

**Nathan is genuine.** There's no pretense with him. What you see is what you get. And what you get is a kind-hearted, passionate individual who cares deeply about those around him.

**But it's his deep-rooted generosity that stands out the most.** Nathan possesses an uncanny understanding of people, often sensing their needs before they can articulate them. With subtle gestures and acts of kindness, he goes out of his way to enhance the lives of others, often without them even realizing it.



# FRIENDS *and* FAMILY

Our extended family is a diverse and eclectic crowd. There are a lot of them and they all love deeply and beautifully.

Family holidays are never less than forty people and includes the Chinese, American, and Venezuelan sides of the family! Nathan's parents have even started traveling from Virginia to spend Christmases with Daniel's side of the family.

There are currently three generations in our family represented on this page.



Aunt Sharon and Uncle Mike.  
Aunt Sharon is a retired school teacher who will help tutor our child through school.



We will visit our close friend "Aunt Elizabeth" in Nashville.



Uncle Scott, Aunt Kim, and cousins Logan, Cody, and Tyler. They will teach our kid their favorite sport, baseball!



We love to visit Nathan's parents, called Granny and PawPaw, in the mountains of Virginia. Married 57 years!



We live 10 minutes away from Daniel's parents, NiNi and Grandpa. NiNi is Chinese for grandmother. Married 47 years!





This is Aunt Julie and Uncle David with Donovan and Alana. We are god parents to their their children and they will be to ours.



Cousins Donovan and, the newest addition to the family, Alana.



Visiting Nathan's lifelong friend, Nadjya, in Los Angeles will be a great experience for our child. She is a writer and will write a special book for our baby.



Nathan is explaining to Cody that we are "grooms" not "goons" on our wedding day. Cody and Tyler are twins and Logan loves being an older brother. He will be a great in his role as the oldest of the cousins.



*Meet* **PIPER**



The day we brought two month old Piper home from the shelter.



She loves to cuddle, but when it is time to play she gets wild and fun. Piper loves dog friends, chasing balls, and getting treats for no other reason than we think she is so cute. Her favorite activity, though, are night time walks. We go out late in the evening when everyone else has gone inside so we can look for cats, rabbits, raccoons, possums, and armadillos. These walks have become our favorite daily activity as a family.



Helping Papa with a work project so he can have more time to play.

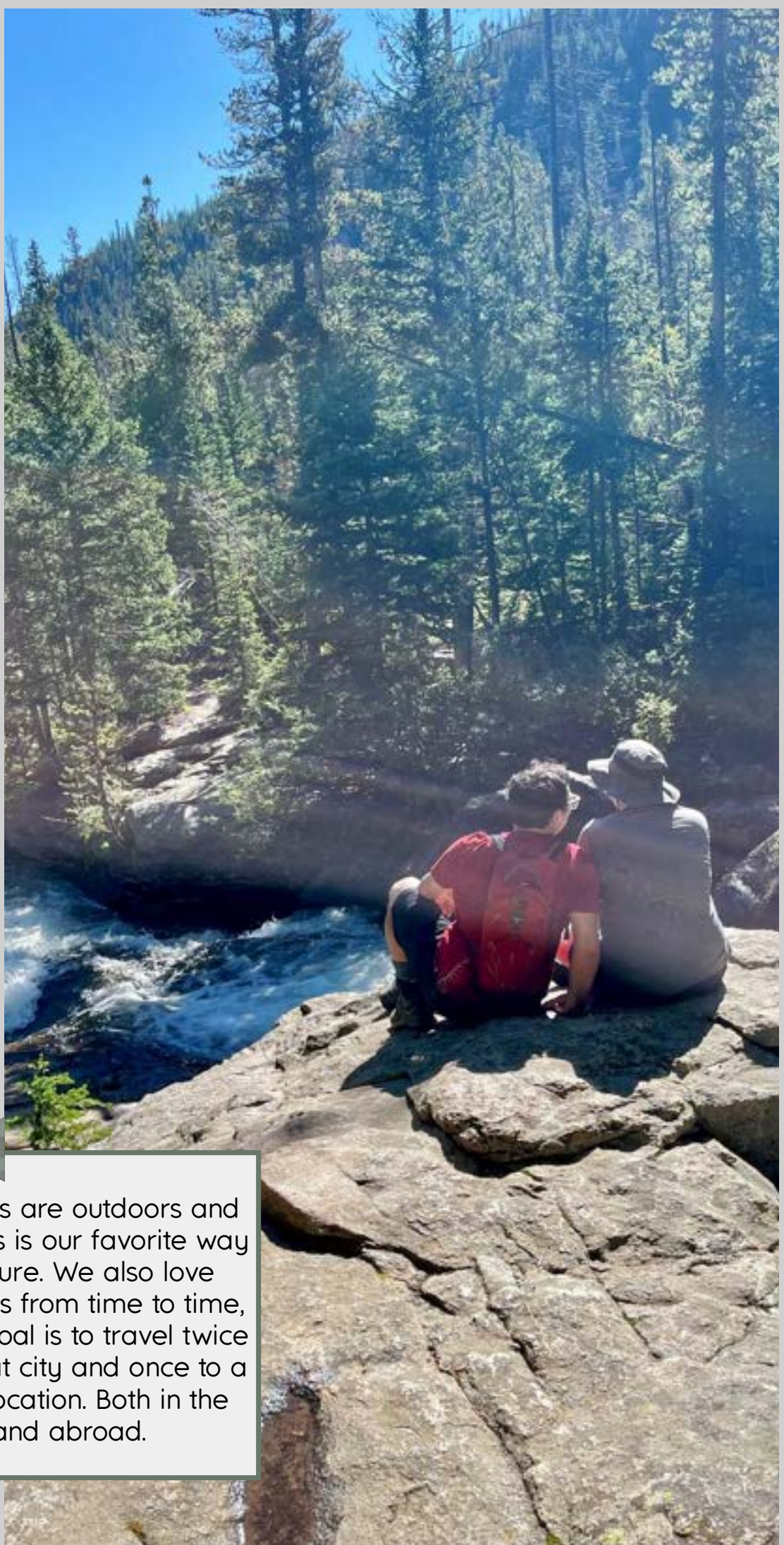


Piper loves babies and is a great tummy time buddy.



# ADVENTURES

Most of our adventures are outdoors and usually hiking trips. This is our favorite way to spend time in nature. We also love visiting interesting cities from time to time, taking in culture. Our goal is to travel twice a year. Once to a great city and once to a spectacular natural location. Both in the United States and abroad.





These days we are saving up our travel to new places because we want to discover the world with our child and let them help decide where we go. For now we are content to make our regular trips to the family cabin in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado.





# Welcome HOME

We are very grateful to have a beautiful home to raise a child in. We have only been in this house for a year and are excited to do renovations over the next couple of years.

For Nathan, our home represents the successful journey from a trailer home in the mountains to his childhood dream home. He is proud of the house as a nurturing place to love his family and friends in.

This house is a homecoming for Daniel as it is in the same neighborhood he grew up in and is close to his parents. This is great for easy access to grandparents for our baby! Daniel is very proud of our home as a result of his hard work and ability to provide for his family.



A portrait of our hands hangs over the fireplace.



We have a great back yard, but outside of our patch of paradise, the neighborhood has a community pool, a nature preserve, several playgrounds, basketball, and tennis courts. There are lots of neighborhood kids to play with in all of this! We are also walking distance to our neighborhood elementary school. This school district has a great reputation for quality education and producing well rounded and successful students.



Houston is a very diverse city and well known as a great place to raise a family and we look forward to discovering more of the city through our child's eyes. We regularly seek out ethnic restaurants, museums, dance, music, and theatre. First on the agenda is visiting NASA! We have recently decided to take our biking off path and do mountain biking in one of the city's nature preserves. With helmets. Safety first!





# *This is our promise...*

We will work very hard to provide love, stability, educational support, financial means, emotional well being, physical health, and an adventurous world for this baby.

We will also work very hard to keep you and any other biological extended family as close as possible and is comfortable for you.

No matter what, this child will always know you exactly as we understand someone in your position: a wise, strong, and eternally caring person. Someone who made a selfless choice to ensure your baby has the best life a couple like us can give, and to allow our family the most profound gift there is.





*Peace behind you...*

*Peace around you...*

*Peace before you...*

