



MEET

**Sunny, Sierra
& Jay**

Dear Expectant Parents,

We are honored that you are taking the time to learn about us. We cannot begin to understand the emotions and thoughts you must be experiencing right now, but we deeply admire your strength and courage in considering adoption.



We are excited about the possibility of welcoming a new child into our lives. We have been dreaming of growing our family and our journey has led us to this moment where our hearts are wide open to embracing a child through adoption.

If you choose us to be your child's adoptive parents, please know that we will always honor and respect you and that you will hold a permanent place in our family.

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We are committed to providing a life full of love, support, and opportunity, and we are grateful for the chance to share our story with you. No matter what path you choose, we hope you find peace along the way.

Our Story

Our story starts with a typical day in both our lives - showing up for a friend in need. Sunny's neighbor, who happened to be Sierra's rugby teammate, needed help moving. True to both of their natures, Sunny made breakfast for everyone and Sierra was the first to arrive and last to leave. By the end of the day, both exhausted, Sunny still found the energy to chase Sierra down the driveway to ask her out.

Early on, the conversation was easy and comfortable. **We felt something special and exciting but also relaxed and warm.** We bonded over our mutual experiences working with kids and realized how similarly we viewed the world.

We found that we complemented each other in the best way. Sierra was able to relax and laugh with Sunny's outgoing and playful nature. Sunny was able to tackle big problems with Sierra's thoughtful planning and patience. Since then, we've grown stronger and closer together through each new experience.

We decided early on to put love and respect first in our marriage, which has built a strong family bond. We genuinely enjoy spending time together, whether it's during serious and difficult moments, fun and exciting times, or even the mundane.





HIKING AT THE RED ROCKS IN COLORADO



WE LOVE GOING TO LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS!



AT THE AIRPORT WAITING ON OUR NEXT ADVENTURE!



MEETING A FRIEND'S CHILD FOR THE FIRST TIME



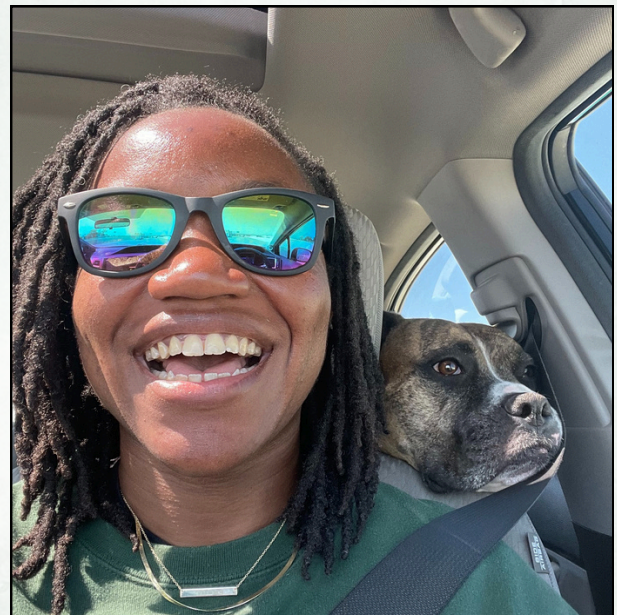
CELEBRATING AT FIESTA IN SAN ANTONIO



Meet Sierra

I am the oldest of 3 siblings and we're all very close. I am often described as **calm, disciplined, practical, patient, curious, and hard-working.**

From a young age, I was a dedicated student, always pushing myself with advanced classes and earning both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. I became a teacher and now teach PE and coach at Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders.



I have a huge passion for sports—whether it's playing, watching, talking about them, or hunting for vintage sports gear, I'm all in! I grew up playing basketball and running track, and took up rugby in college and beyond. These days, I'm sharing my love of sports by coaching high school teams and keeping my competitive spirit alive through recreational sports.

When I'm not on the field or court, **I enjoy spending time outdoors.** I love relaxing on our back patio and have recently discovered a new hobby: birdwatching!

I am a dedicated reader and almost always have a book (or three!) on the go. I also enjoy crossword puzzles and, most importantly, naps in my leisure time.





Favorites

Sports to play: Rugby & Basketball

Sport to watch: Football

Teams: Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns

Movies: Men in Black & Halloween (or any horror movie)

Food: Cheeseburger and Fries

Book genres: Dystopian fiction, Sci-fi, Afro-futurism

Activity: Taking naps or being outside (or both)

Meet Sunny

I grew up in East Texas with room to roam. There were always animals to feed, gardens to tend to, and creeks to play in. I am often described as **social, hardworking, nurturing, playful, and empathetic.**

Growing up, my parents were always the first to volunteer to help if anyone needed it, and that has molded the way that I view the world. We grew up helping neighbors and participating in community service.

I have a passion for music. I sang competitively all through school and even got scholarships to be a member of the choir in college. I learned piano and guitar as a teenager, and appreciate music as a form of expression.

I have always made friends easily and maintained a robust social life! In my spare time, I enjoy gardening, DIY projects, puzzling, and socializing.

In 2015 I got the opportunity to **start my own preschool and ran it for 8+ years.** I wanted to build a place where kids could explore and soak up the sunshine so I wrote a mostly outdoor curriculum, creating an environment where kids could play, learn, and socialize. While I loved my time there, I made the hard decision to sell so I could build a career that would allow me to focus more on my family. I now work in the tech industry with more flexibility, less stress, and great benefits.





Favorites

Activities: Indoor and outdoor gardening & 1000-piece puzzles (especially if the picture has little hidden easter eggs!)

Movies: Sister Act & Rent (Any musicals, really)

Food: Cookies - Always & Forever

Book genre: I don't typically sit still long enough to read, but when I do, I enjoy a good fiction or mystery novel

Hobby: Floral Design



Meet Jay

I was born and raised in Austin, and I love to get away to my grandparent's lake house in East Texas to go fishing and play in the lake. I am often described as **energetic, free-spirited, and kind-hearted.**

On a typical weekend, you can find me performing during halftime at my high school football games (**I'm in Color Guard, and I love it!**), gaming on my computer, or enjoying the outdoors fishing, swimming, or golfing.

People say I've never met a stranger, and I agree! **I love to connect with new people and make new friends.** I also enjoy singing and dancing and never miss an opportunity to perform in front of a crowd!





Favorites

Games: Overwatch, Fortnite, Call of Duty

Style of dance: Breakdancing

Movies: Thor: Ragnarok

Food: Quesadillas

Music: House Music & Classic Country

Activity: Fly fishing in Colorado, Building indoor forts with sheets and blankets, & Crocheting





Meet Clarke

Clarke - aka Clarknado, aka Tooties. This 8 year old Boxer mix is our furry bundle of love and curiosity. She spends her days sniffing out the frogs in the backyard and sneaking up on the patio furniture to lounge in the sun. She can't wait to meet her new best friend for endless cuddles and playtime!



Our Loving Home

We live in a lovely home in East Austin. **Our neighborhood is filled with young families and wonderful neighbors.** This community has always been supportive and close knit, from lending a cup of milk to mowing each others lawns - offering both child and adult goodies during Halloween, and **taking the kids for a ride on a neighborhood train.**

Kindness and compassion are core values in our household, and we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and joyful environment for your child. We feel safe and welcome in this diverse and fun area, and we can't wait to join the next parent + kid meetup in the park!



Our favorite part of our home is our patio and backyard. We love spending time out there refilling bird feeders, gardening, playing with Clarke, or just enjoying each other's company. We look forward to adding a few kid-friendly items, like a playscape or sandbox!"



Our Support System



SUNNY'S DAD & JAY
SHOWING OFF THEIR
CATCH OF THE DAY



SIERRA'S FAMILY AT OUR
WEDDING



SIERRA AND HER MOM ON
OUR WEDDING DAY



THE JENKINS FAMILY THEMED
CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER. GO
COWBOYS!



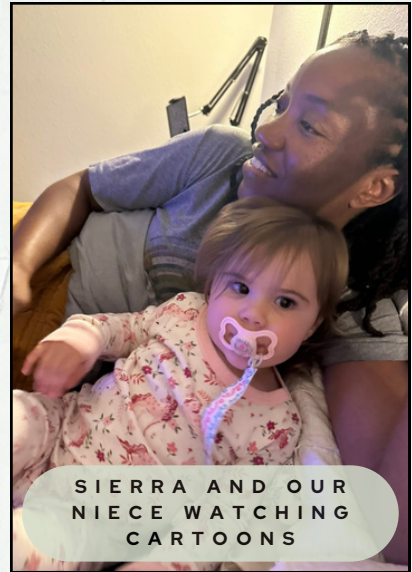
NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER TO
CELEBRATE A FRIENDS
BIRTHDAY!



SIERRA HANGING WITH A FRIEND'S CHILD



SUNNY DANCING WITH STUDENTS AT HER PRESCHOOL



SIERRA AND OUR NIECE WATCHING CARTOONS



SUNNY HANGING WITH HER FRIEND'S CHILDREN



JAY AND GRANDMA ON HALLOWEEN AS HARRY POTTER & HERMIONE



SUNNY'S SISTER GIFTING US NEW PLANTS FOR OUR NEW HOME



SUNNY'S FAMILY AT A WEDDING



SUNNY'S PRESCHOOL CLASS



Sierra's Family

THE FANTASTIC FOUR

My mom, sister, brother, and I are a very close-knit unit. We talk almost every day and are incredibly supportive of each other. We call ourselves the Fantastic Four!

WE STAY ACTIVE AS A FAMILY

We all have a passion for being active! My siblings and I grew up playing sports, and all of us still regularly do things like go to the gym, hike, and bike! We also still love to watch and talk about sports.

WE BOND OVER MUSIC

We love to listen to music! Our favorites are reggae, jazz, blues, rap/hip hop, and R&B. Our grandma raised us listening to all the classic records like Bob Marley & Al Green!





FAMILY POOL DAY WITH SIERRA'S MOM



SHOWING SIERRA'S FAMILY AROUND AUSTIN



BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT WITH COUSINS



SIERRA HOLDING OUR NEPHEW ON VACATION

Things my family is excited about:
My Mom is already planning to take them on bike rides and to visit the library.

My Sister is saving up to spoil them and take them shopping.

My Brother is looking forward to sharing his strategies for mastering video games.



SIERRA'S MOM, AUNT, AND GRANNY SPENDING THE DAY SHOPPING



Sunny's Family

WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE

Whether it's a card in the mail, or a big get together, we find a way to celebrate each other's wins!

WE ARE HARD WORKING

There is always a project going on, from building a prop for Jay's school, to sewing or yard work, we are always finding ways to stay active and busy!

COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT

We love having neighbors over for dinner, working together in our community garden, and helping out with lawn work or meals whenever someone needs a hand.

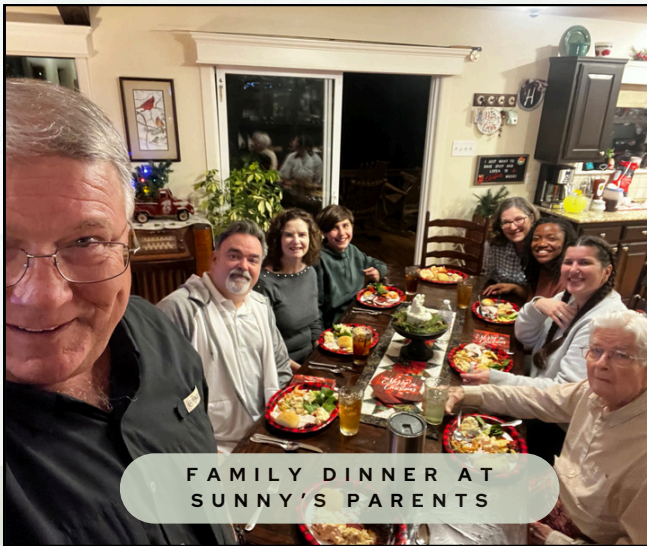




SIERRA & OUR NIECE
PLAYING MUSIC



SUNNY'S DAD TEACHING
SIERRA TO FLY FISH



FAMILY DINNER AT
SUNNY'S PARENTS



CELEBRATING OUR
NIECE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

Things my family is excited about:

My sister is nicknamed "The Baby Whisperer" in our family. She can't wait to spend time cuddling and playing!

My mom looks forward to doing crafts with them and teaching them how to sew.

My dad is a mentor by nature and is eager to teach a new child about the simple things in life, like how things work.



SUNNY, HER MOM, AND
HER SISTER

Holidays



We love holidays, especially Halloween & Christmas!

The neighborhood goes all out for Halloween, and we fall right in line by decorating, carving pumpkins, and dressing up to sit out on the driveway passing out candy while Jay trick-or-treats with friends.

Christmas is a special time for our family. We love hosting Christmas Eve dinners prepared with love by Sierra's mom and collecting diverse Christmas decor to reflect our family!



Traditions & Traveling

Family traditions and exploring new places are a huge part of our lives! We believe it is important for your child to understand their heritage and to celebrate their unique background, and we can't wait to expand our traditions to include those things!



EVERY YEAR SUNNY'S DAD TAKES JAY FLY FISHING IN COLORADO



SUNNY'S MOM KEEPS FAMILY TRADITIONS ALIVE BY QUILTING



BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED WITH PANCAKES EVERY YEAR



SIERRA AND CLARKE IN NEW MEXICO



ENJOYING THE THANKSGIVING PARADE IN PHILLY



SUNNY & SIERRA LOVE VISITING CHICAGO



GAME NIGHTS WITH FRIENDS IS A REGULAR OCCURANCE

Our Dreams as Parents

As parents, we believe in creating a warm and safe space that celebrates us as individuals and as a family. We're excited to build memories and traditions that will last a lifetime.



The plan to grow our family came early on – about a year into our marriage. We explored many avenues, and they all ultimately led us to open adoption.

The peace that has come with the decision to adopt reaffirms that this is the right path for us.

We envision a future where you play an important role in the child's life, and we are wholeheartedly committed to welcoming you into our family.



Thank You

Thank you for considering us. We promise to provide a life filled with love, learning, and laughter. Your child will grow up knowing their adoption story and the incredible love and selflessness that led to it.

We have a strong and supportive network of family and friends who are excitedly awaiting the arrival of a new family member.

We deeply admire your courage and love in making this choice. No matter what you decide, we wish you peace and all the best on this journey.



Sunny & Sierra