

RICARDO & KAY





WHERE THERE
IS *great*
love THERE
ARE ALWAYS
MIRACLES.





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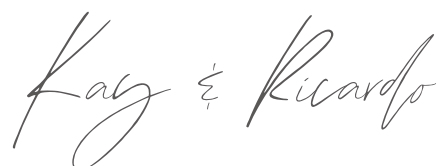
We are Kay and Ricardo, and we are honored to be in this space with you. We recognize that you must have so much before you, and we want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us and learn more about who we are. While we have both tried to put ourselves in your shoes, we know it is quite impossible. We don't know what brought you here or the sacrifices you are making, but we do know that you are trying to decide what is right for your future and the future of your child. For this, we deeply respect you. Our heart for you, especially in the midst of the most difficult moments, is for you to feel empowered and supported.

Adoption holds a special place in our hearts, as it is how we always imagined a part of how our family might be formed. We both come from considerably large families and enjoy sharing memories with our loved ones. We have long looked forward to sharing these memories with children of our own - whether biological or through adoption. We didn't know in the early days of envisioning our family that we would struggle to conceive, but we are grateful our hearts have always been open to both. And yet, while we are very excited to become parents, our experiences have taught us that there is grief and joy in this journey, and we hold both with reverence.

We also want to say that while we are not perfect, we will love whatever child we have the gift of welcoming into our family wholeheartedly. They will be supported every step of the way, nurtured physically and emotionally, and celebrated for exactly who they are (we do, after all, bring a ton of our own culture, passions, and personality into this space!)

Thank you again for being here. What a privilege to be considered by you. Please know we are thinking of you and praying for you to find security and peace no matter what you decide.

W I T H L O V E ,



A BIT ABOUT US



IF THERE IS *ONE THING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT US, IT'S THIS: WHILE WE MAY NOT BE PERFECT, WE ARE PASSIONATE, LOVING, AND ADVENTUROUS.*

A few other things to highlight about us and our life together:

- We are a multicultural home. Ricardo is Costa Rican, and Kay is Korean-American...but we both love *all* the cultures and foods life has to offer! We also speak a variety of languages! Ricardo is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and English, and Kay has basic fluency in both Spanish and German as well as English.
- We are very family-oriented. One of the constant centerpieces of our lives is having a large supportive family. We are fortunate to have our parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins nearby and love celebrating holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions together.



- We love to travel. In the 3 years we've been together, we have traveled to over 5 countries. We love hiking and seek out beautiful hikes to conquer in every country we visit.
- We are both avid cooks. We're passionate about food and love to cook for others! We are also very health conscious and maintain a good balance of eating well and working out while also leaving room for a delicious burger or a cheesy pizza from time-to-time.
- We are grounded in our faith and spirituality. While we are not tied to a specific denomination, we hope to raise our child in a Christian environment that promotes positive principles and integrity while leaving space for them to make their own decisions. We are open with different faiths and live our lives with the mentality of "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you".

For us, the greatest joy in life is creating memories together, sharing laughter with family and friends, and being grateful for all that we have.

MEET KAY

OUTGOING, RESILIENT, & GENEROUS



Who I am. I'm 5'5" with dark brown hair and dark brown eyes. I'm very outgoing, adventurous, and passionate, but I'm also very down-to-earth. I'm a Korean-American, born in Guam and raised by my grandparents in a small town in Texas. I also lived in Germany (1 year) and Brazil (1.5 yrs) and spent 16 yrs of my career traveling all over the world

What I do. I have a Bachelors degree in Management Information Systems and work as a consultant at a technology firm. I love that my role allows me to build relationships with different people while also helping companies be more efficient.

What I love. I love spending time with family, friends, and Ricardo. I also enjoy: good food // music of any kind // festivals // comedy // movies // going on vacation // crisp mornings // freshly washed bed sheets // Thanksgiving and Christmas

“KAY MAKES ME A BETTER PERSON IN EVERY WAY.”

MY WIFE *(in Ricardo's Words)*. "Kay is one of the kindest yet most ambitious people I have ever met. Just seeing her smile makes me smile. She's a visionary and full of life. She loves looking to the future, and there is little I enjoy more than engaging in fascinating talks with her about her aspirations and goals. She has a deep sense of family and cares for those around her. If there is a way to help, encourage, or support a family member or friend, Kay will find it. I especially love seeing the joy she experiences when helping her mom and aunts cook. She is also extremely intelligent but at the same time gentle, warm, and accepting. She could come up with an answer for all of our problems, yet she often steps back and encourages me to take action. It's all of this and so much more that makes me excited to see her as a mom. She is full of love and ready to share all her soul with this little one who will one day join our family."

WHAT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT BEING A MOM...

- I can't wait to help guide our child through his or her life, share the wisdom that was passed on to me, and make memories together.
- I feel blessed to have had such an awesome childhood and want to provide the same love and opportunities.



MEET RICARDO

HONEST, WITTY, & AMBITIOUS



Who I am. I'm 5'10" with black hair and hazel eyes. I was born and raised in Costa Rica, and I love my culture! I also love making people laugh and finding adventure wherever I'm at. My wife says I can "make the dulllest moments bright", and I take pride in this! Whether it's trying a new restaurant, exploring a new a place, or staying home to cook a new meal, I can find joy in anything.

What I do. I have an MBA in Finance and work as a Finance Transformation Manager. I love that I get to use my gift with numbers to help people solve their business problems.

What I love. I love sharing time with my wife and my family. I also love having the opportunity to choose what I love and to follow my passions. I enjoy: being healthy // sharing meals with my wife // going to the gym // having quiet moments // spending time learning different things

“RICARDO IS MY SOUL-MATE.
I SERIOUSLY HIT THE JACKPOT.”

MY HUSBAND *(in Kay's Words)*. "I dreamt of finding someone who was trustworthy, honest, dedicated, loving, romantic, kind, funny, warm, generous, patient, fun, witty, intelligent, humble, AND handsome...and I found it ALL in Ricardo. He lives his life with integrity, and I can always trust his word because he is consistent and follows through. He goes out of his way to do the sweetest things, and not only special occasions, but will surprise me with flowers from time to time "just because". He tells me daily how much he loves me and how beautiful I am. He is also kind with everyone he meets - whether it's opening doors for others, lifting heavy things for a stranger, or lovingly caring for his family, he is a true gentleman. He has the warmest smile and the goofiest dad jokes. I could go on and on about the ambitious yet humble man he is, but the most important thing is that when he loves, he loves big! And I can't wait to watch him love our child."

WHAT I BELIEVE ARE SOME OF THE BEST PARTS ABOUT BEING A DAD...

- I want to live a life with purpose, and I can think of no greater way to do this than through loving a child. I also love the opportunity we have as a family to create a legacy together.
- I'm excited to share special moments and meals, and guiding them as they grow into people of integrity.



our story



We actually met on a work project in Costa Rica where Kay was the consultant for a project Ricardo was leading. However, unlike other business ventures in our past, sparks flew between us and we knew we wanted to get to know each other more. The project only lasted 6 weeks, but we soaked up every minute of the time we had together until the project came to a close and we reluctantly said goodbye.

We both went on with our lives in separate countries, keeping in touch through video chats, photos and text messages, but we missed each other! And soon enough, Kay was back on a plane to Costa Rica. We planned a 22-day vacation exploring beaches across the country. Just days before we planned to say goodbye again, Covid hit, borders closed, and flights were canceled. We had no choice but to quarantine together for what ended up being the next few months! We tried new recipes, discovered new running routes, played board games, watched Netflix, and grew more and more in love. After two months, Kay returned to the United States, but we promised to wait for each other, as long as it took.

After a million texts, emojis, phone calls, and daily Facetimes over the next five months, the borders finally opened and we were reunited! Ricardo moved to the United States, and we began building our life together. We were married at the courthouse on January 29th, 2021 and had a great ceremony with our loved ones the following August. Our life together has always been an adventure and we cannot imagine anything else - *"Because if you take a risk, you just might find what you're looking for"*.





OUR HOME

WE LIVE IN 3-STORY TOWN HOME IN DALLAS, TEXAS.

It's tucked away in a quiet neighborhood but also in the central part of the city with easy access to restaurants, entertainment, and places to explore. We love that our home is spacious, tidy, and minimalistic. We also love that it also has three gorgeous outside areas for us to enjoy: a first floor patio, a second floor deck with a grill, and a third floor Juliet balcony. You can often find us in one of these three places, cooking in the kitchen, or watching Netflix together in the living room. We love our home and know it will be a place where we can continue to make wonderful memories.



A lot of our favorite things to do also take place in or near our home. We're within walking distance of a beautiful park with a 3.5 mile trail where we love to jog and go on hikes. We also live near a lake that we visit often.

We also often enjoy....

- Road tripping to a nearby national park
- Going to concerts/sporting events
- Playing board games and card games
- Going to local attractions like the zoo, arboretum, or one of the many museums
- Playing putt-putt, top golf, pool, or bowling

Above all, it is our hope that home is a place where our child will thrive, grow, laugh, learn, and be loved.



OUR LOVE FOR CULTURE



EXPERIENCING ALL THAT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER IS A HUGE PRIORITY OF OURS, AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE THIS WITH A CHILD.

Experiencing all that the world has to offer is a huge priority of ours. While we are very different from each other, one of the things we have always had in common is our love for learning about other cultures and sharing these experiences together.

- One way we do this is through food! We both love trying foods from all over the world and bringing these dishes into our own home! We are always trying new Indian, Mediterranean, Asian, and Latin recipes and can't wait to discover more favorites.
- Another way we do this is through travel! We both love to travel and do so frequently - both domestically and internationally! We know having a child might slow us down a bit, but once he or she is older, there's no doubt we will continue our adventures with them.



What does this actually look like? We try to take one big family trip (somewhere farther away for 2-3 weeks) once a year and a few smaller trips (for the week or the weekend) throughout the rest of the year. We also go back to Costa Rica once a year to see Ricardo's family.

- Some of our favorite places that we've been together include: Mexico, Korea, Guam, Japan, Greece, and, of course, Costa Rica! We have loved every single one
- We've also traveled quite a bit individually. Between the two of us, we've been to London, Denmark, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Tanzania, Germany, Brazil, China, Thailand, Turkey, Italy, Luxembourg, Belgium, Ireland, India, and France. You could say we have the travel bug!

We are most looking forward to visiting (or revisiting!) Spain, Portugal, and Italy with our child as soon as he or she is old enough to travel, and we cannot wait to share the beauty of Costa Rica with them, as well.



WHY THIS

COMING TO ADOPTION

Family is a huge part of who we are, and we have both always wanted a family of our own. When the idea of a future together grew serious, children quickly became a part of our conversation. We envisioned a family that would grow both biologically as well as through adoption. While we did think we would have a biological child first, being unable to conceive naturally over the past two years made choosing to proceed with adoption an easy decision. That's not to say, however, that we walk into this space lightly. We deeply value the places where we come from, and we acknowledge the pain and loss that comes with adoption. We are committed to always making space for whatever may be in our child's heart.

A FEW OTHER THINGS WE VALUE AS A FAMILY
AND CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE WITH A CHILD

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We try not to take *anything* for granted. We both come from families who had to overcome many obstacles to create a solid and stable foundation for us to stand on, and we honor their sacrifice.

This has also lead us to be grateful. Growing up, we were not afforded many things others might consider to be basic, and we appreciate the ability we have to live comfortably. We constantly remind ourselves to be thankful for big and little things in life, and will teach our child to do the same.

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We are also very goal-oriented. We are the firsts in our families to obtain a college education and consider ourselves to be "self-made". We are always setting goals for ourselves, and we strive to become better individuals day by day.

We also embrace our faults and learn from our mistakes. Our goal is not to be "perfect" but to always be growing. We cannot wait to support a child as he or she navigates life and tackles challenges of their own. We will always be their cheerleaders.

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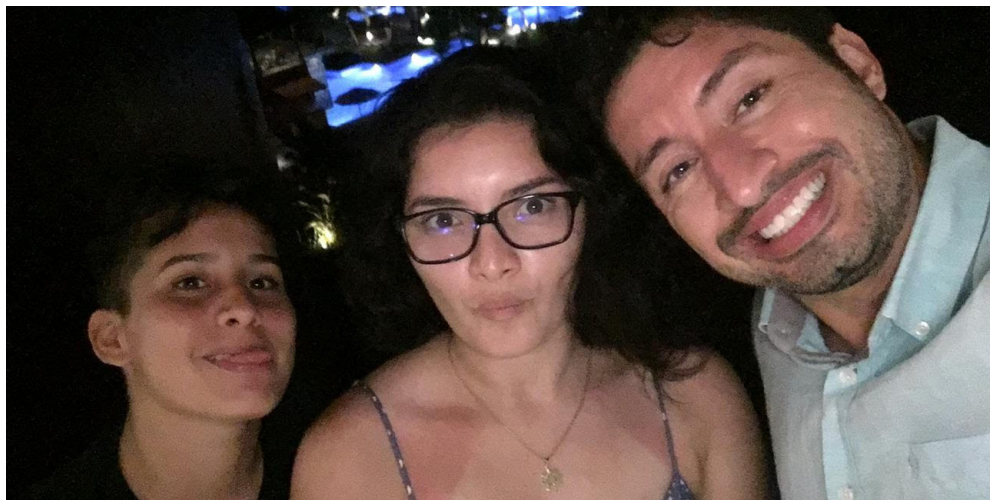
We carefully keep a healthy balance of fun and commitment. We both love our jobs and work very hard, but we also always make time for fun, adventure, and simply being together.

Whether this looks like traveling, exploring the outdoors, attending some festival with food, or staying in for a night of Netflix, board games, and a home-cooked meal, we're in! We look forward to further developing this balance with children and teaching them to embrace both, as well.

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We love to celebrate holidays and birthdays, usually with special foods, and can't wait to share some of our favorite traditions with our child. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we prepare a combination of Korean, American, and Costa-Rican foods including Gallo Pinto, Kimchi, Mandoo, marinated beef short ribs, and Costa Rican tamales. On Easter, we make "Pan de Semana Santa" (a bread with cheese and sugar), and on birthdays, we cook a Korean seaweed soup. We also celebrate the Korean New Year with rice cake dumpling soup.

OUR PEOPLE



FOR US, FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN BIGGER THAN DNA, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY PERSON WHO HAS IMPACTED OUR LIVES.

A few things to know about Ricardo's family:

- My family is humble, kind, and incredibly loyal to one another. While everyone lives in Costa Rica, we still stay very connected.
- My mother is 76 years old; my father passed away when I was 8
- I'm the youngest of 5 siblings, and they all spoiled me growing up. I have no doubt that they will continue this "spoiling" with our child.
- When we visit them in Costa Rica, we love getting together for coffee time and meals, catching up, and telling stories.
- I also have two grown daughters who live in Costa Rica. They are currently in college but come stay with us for a short time each year.
- My family has taught me so much about honesty, love, and the courage to overcome any adversity that may stand in my way.



A few things to know about Kay's family:

- My family is loud, passionate, and fun! They're outspoken, easy-going, and family oriented.
- I have 1 brother who recently got married; they're trying to have kids, and I can't wait to be an aunt!
- My mother married my stepdad 3 years ago, and they are a perfect match. They are both re-tired and cannot wait to be grandparents! They are extremely active and are outdoors almost all the time. We meet them regularly for dinners, a hike, or sporting events. We also enjoy traveling with them and just recently went on a family trip to Guam, Korea, and Japan.
- I was raised by my step-grandfather and grandmother until I was 12. My grandfather and I were extremely close, and he taught me first hand that love is what makes a home,

Both of our families are very supportive of our plans to adopt! They are excited and ready to welcome any new member of our family with open arms.



To the one

WHO WILL HAVE ALWAYS LOVED THEM FIRST

Thank you again for taking the time to read through our profile and get to know us. We hope you feel like you have all that you need to make the best decision for you and your baby; our hearts are for you, no matter what you decide. If your choice ends up being to place your baby in our care, please know we will always advocate for them and for you. We also promise to...

01 Love, cherish, and care for your child unconditionally, striving to meet both their physical and emotional needs.

05 Encourage them to be the best they can be and instill core principles of faith, integrity, and compassion.

02 Be present for them. No matter what we may experience in life, nothing will ever come before them.

06 Celebrate their accomplishments, guide them through the difficult times, and enjoy the small, every day moments.

03 Make your child feel loved and supported at all times. Through thick and thin, we will be by their side.

07 Honor your child's story and culture, speaking openly with them about who they are and where they come from.

04 Create a warm and loving home where each of us feels safe to rest, laugh, play, and grow.

08 Love and respect your role as your baby's birth mother and see you as an important member of our family.



for this child
ADOPTION PROFILE BOOKS