



Justin & Ernesto



FAVORITE QUOTE

”

We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.

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Winnie the Pooh

Dear Expectant Mom,

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING YOUR CHILD INTO THIS WORLD, AND THANK YOU FOR BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO TRUST THAT WE MIGHT BE THE FAMILY YOUR CHILD WAS DESTINED TO FIND.

It seems so strange to consider that we don't know each other, strange to consider that we have never met, and strange to imagine that we might bring to each other life's biggest change imaginable, through a single impossible choice.

We know that choice is yours and we know that choice seems impossible. We know this because we know that you are already a mother, and mothers can do the impossible. Sometimes trust can't be given, it can only be built, and we hope to build it with you if we are the family you choose.

We promise not to be perfect, we promise to make many mistakes, we promise to learn from them, and we promise to love your child through all of them. **In our family we have a saying: "I have two emotions, but one of them is always love."** We can have annoyance and love, we can have frustration and love, we can have disappointment and love, and in the best moments we can have love and love, because we can feel many things, but one of them will ALWAYS be love.

Our family is imperfect and we lack in many things, but the one thing we have in spades is love. We say "I love you" often. not because we need reminding or reassurance, but because it is a feeling that is constant, and a feeling that deserves repeating. **In our family your child will receive love. They will never have to earn it, and they will never have to keep it, because once they are ours, they will forever be it.** They will be the heart that beats outside our chest, and they will be the ALWAYS part of love.

With sincerity and love,

Justin & Ernesto

ABOUT US



Our Story

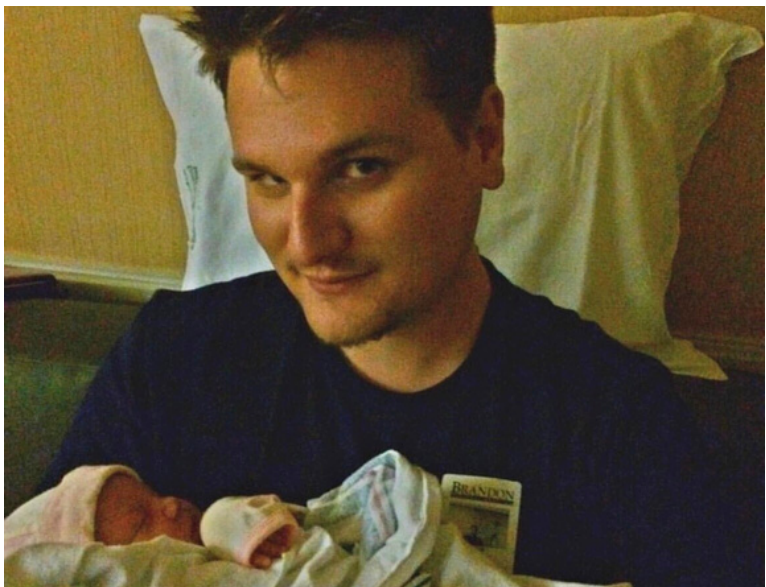
Justin and Ernesto met through a dating app! Things fizzled out before they began because Justin was considering a move out of state. 6 months later they connected again (on a different app!) and Justin recalled Ernesto seeming really nice when they talked on the phone before.

They decided to meet in person on Black Friday in 2015.

With Thanksgiving over, Ernesto invited Justin over to watch a Christmas movie (“Home Alone”) to kick off the holiday season. They talked through the movie and all through the night. *Mostly Ernesto talked and Justin listened.* The evening ended with a goodnight kiss and 4 years later they exchanged vows on their wedding day.



Our *big* Moments





Our family *loves* adventures big and small.

When a plan goes awry, we take it in stride. It usually makes for a great story later! We love cuddle time with our pups, spending time with close friends and family, and planning yearly vacations to new destinations. This year we are excited to visit Washington State!

We can't wait to see Seattle and Forks (where the Twilight franchise was based!).

Our dream vacation was exploring the Amalfi Coast and other cities in Italy, which we were able to do on our honeymoon. Among other places we hope to explore one day are Ireland, Greece, and Australia!



Meet Justin



AS TOLD BY ERNESTO

Justin is passionate about...

learning about financial literacy, and putting into practice what he learns to help provide for the family he hopes to grow. His favorite book is "I Will Teach You To Be Rich" by Ramit Sethi.

His favorite food is...

a great sandwich! Preferably one from Wright's, Obee's, or Jersey Mike's!

Justin is our resident introvert but he comes alive at work, at home, and with friends who hold space for him. I know that he'll hold space for our child as well.

He knows the power of being invited, included, and listened to, even when you're not the loudest voice in the room.

Whether our child is outgoing or shy, they will be loved and accepted just as they are. Justin is the quintessential shy guy, but it's what makes him observant, curious, attentive, and kind.

I would be proud to see a child grow to hold even half of these qualities, and I know that I couldn't think of a better person to raise a child with.



JUSTIN'S
favorites

Favorite Restaurant:

Texas Roadhouse

Favorite Song:

"If You Think You're Lonely Now"
by Bobby Womack

Favorite Movie:

*Palmer...an incredible story
about the power of
unconditional love.*



Meet Ernesto

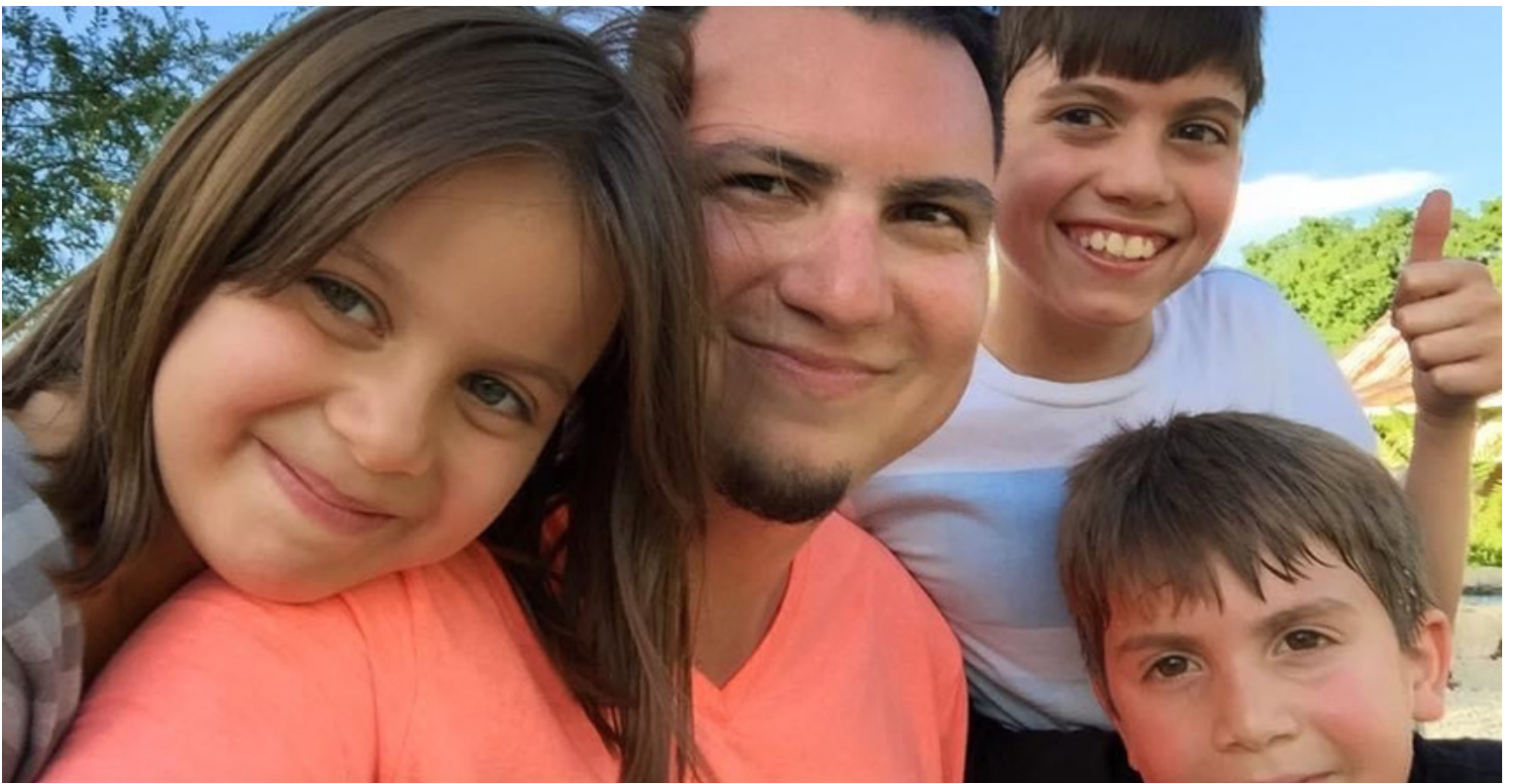


AS TOLD BY JUSTIN

Ernesto is genuine, loyal, and unique. He's good with kids, good with words, and good with people in general. He's my best friend.

Ernesto has always enjoyed creative pursuits. He has used his creativity to draw and paint meaningful artwork, decorate classrooms, add to family celebrations, and create a storybook mural for his nephew's bedroom. He enjoys exploring any creative outlet, and has even tried his hand at cake decorating and costume creation.

Ernesto spent years teaching Kindergarten, Pre-K, and child development. His mother did home daycare for thirty years and taught him the value of supporting children. Now he is pursuing his most creative adventure yet by working towards a career in writing. He hopes to publish his novel and see it in a bookstore one day. Until then, he feeds his creativity by being our family photographer.



ERNESTO'S
favorites

Favorite Restaurant:

The Crow's Nest

Favorite Movie:

Drop Dead Gorgeous
or a good romantic comedy

Favorite Song

"Too Good at Goodbyes"
by Sam Smith

Favorite Book:

My favorite story is the one I
am currently writing!



Why adoption?

FOR US, ADOPTION MEANS FAMILY FOUND.

We come from a community that knows that the value of family can come from the one you're born into or the one you find and make yourself.

We both are lucky enough to come from two wonderful families, but through finding a connection with each other, we have found the creation of something new: our own family. We know that what we have is something great, and we want to see that greatness grow by sharing it.

The child we adopt will become a piece and part of the love that we've created together. Just as we began apart until the day we found each other, we believe that there is a child who is meant to find us as well.



We love...
SPENDING TIME
with
FRIENDS
and
SMALL
ADVENTURES.





Meet
Justin's Family 

Justin's family is small but tight knit.

They appreciate animals and exploring nature, as well as caring for family pets. Everyone has a special pup or two to care for! Justin's sister lives just 30 minutes away and his parents are just over an hour away. They all have an appreciation for a great deli sandwich, and like to gather for family celebrations to enjoy them!



Meet Ernesto's Family

Ernesto's family is larger than most! He has just two older sisters but his parents come from a family of 6 and 13! Birthdays and holidays are always special occasions with extended family included, but they also enjoy "just because" get togethers to enjoy each other's company.

From birthday piñatas, to fire pit gatherings, and family movie or game nights, there is always a celebration to be had! Ernesto's 3 youngest nephews live just 7 minutes down the road and his 2 nieces come to visit 4-5 times a year. Both Justin and Ernesto love being tios!







Sweet home Our home

OUR HOME IS COZY AND WELL KEPT.

You'll always find soft blankets strewn about for cuddling, and meaningful items and moments from our life make up the decor.

We sit on an extended home lot in sunny Florida and have a large and open backyard with a beautiful mature oak tree, where Justin enjoys hand feeding "Squirrel Fran" our favorite backyard squirrel friend! Our neighborhood is gated, filled with friendly people, and zoned for schools that Ernesto grew up attending when he was young.

Lazy Sundays are our time to relax and reconnect. Sometimes relaxing means going for a drive or window shopping. Other times it means gathering with family at the kitchen table or planning a movie night with movie night treats.

MEET OUR PETS

Gadget & Lou!



Our pets include Gadget our 9 year old Chiweenie,
and Lou our 7 year old Toy Poodle.

Gadget loves napping the day away under soft blankets, and enjoys treats of any kind. Lou loves to be in the middle of any household action, and making new friends wherever he can find them.



PairTree Personality Profiles

JUSTIN IS A

Ruler

The Ruler is born to lead. These people have a significant respect for hard-work, authority and often patriotism. Responsible and organized – they can create order from chaos. Absolutely comfortable with volunteering to take charge.



Ruler

ERNESTO IS A

Neighbor

The Neighbor is the friend you want. Seeks connections and belonging. Supportive, faithful and down-to-earth. Can talk to anyone—one of their most distinct qualities. Neighbors are rooted in an underlying value that everyone matters. They are the building blocks of the world who restore our faith in humanity.

Neighbor



This is Who we are





Before you go,

*Over
home...*

- ♥ will be one of bridges not walls.
- ♥ will accept disagreements, when shared with respect.
- ♥ will promote self kindness, self love, and self grace.
- ♥ will celebrate mistakes as a way that we learn.
- ♥ will promote working hard toward your dreams and your goals.
- ♥ will teach value and love for where you come from.
- ♥ will prepare more than shield, and welcome tough conversations.
- ♥ won't assume the adult's always right.



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