



SELRAH & JACOB

# Hello,

We cannot begin to image how hard this decision must be for you. We understand that this decision is not an easy one to make. We hope that this letter will provide some insight on the kind of people we are and the life we will provide to your child. We chose adoption because we have a lot of love to give and room in our hearts. We always wanted a larger family, and adoption is the path that feels right for our family.

Our hopes are to raise your child in a loving and supportive home where we encourage kindness and honesty. Our dreams are for your child to grow up knowing that we love them unconditionally and support their goals and ambitions. Please know that you have our utmost gratitude for giving us this opportunity.

## Thank you,

Jacob and Selrah



# OUR STORY

TOLD BY SELRAH!

We met our freshman year of high school. We were friends for several years and started dating the summer before our senior year of high school. After almost three years of dating, we got married! We have now been married for almost 12 years!

We have two boys who are biological, but due to complications, both of our boys were very large babies at birth and my pregnancies were very hard on my body. I had my tubes tied to prevent further pregnancies. However, we always imagined having a large family and so adoption feels so natural for us. My cousin was adopted as an infant, and Jacob also has several coworkers who have adopted both internationally and domestically. We are so excited to be on this journey!



All smiles during travel time

## THINGS WE LOVE TO DO TOGETHER

- Watch Disney movies and *Fixer Upper* together
- Go out to eat at our favorite restaurants
- Go on walks on the nearby trails
- Traveling to beachy and sunny locations

# OUR VALUES

## BEING HONEST

We believe that if you can be honest in everything you do, then things will always turn out right for you.

## HAVING COURAGE

We will instill bravery and self-confidence in your child so that they have the courage to make the right decisions throughout life.

## HELPING OTHERS

We value all others' needs and make sure everyone has a voice. We believe in standing up for those that cannot stand on their own.



At the Grand Cayman Islands

# MEET SELRAH



Occupation: Systems Engineer  
Degree: Bachelor in Multidisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Computer Science, Technology Education, and Corporate Training  
Siblings: 3 younger sisters

**Fun Fact!**  
My coworkers call me the IT Mom, since I'm always looking out for them.

I was born in Arkansas but lived in Texas most of my elementary years. My father was in the military and so that was where we were stationed. My favorite childhood memories involve traveling to Oklahoma to visit family for the summer or holidays and taking trips to Disney World. In school, I loved swimming and choir. For my job, I work as an engineer. I am part of a team that manages servers and other technology related infrastructure. My coworkers are wonderful and the company I work for continuously gives back to the community.



At the beach



Enjoying a paint night with friends



Having fun at the roller rink with Jonas

## I LOVE...

- Coffee
- Disney
- Crafts
- Movies
- Reading
- Sewing

# MEET JACOB



Occupation: Language Analyst

Degree: Associate of Arts in Afghan-Pashtu, Associate of Arts in Intelligence Studies and Technology, Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security and Information Assurance (in-progress)

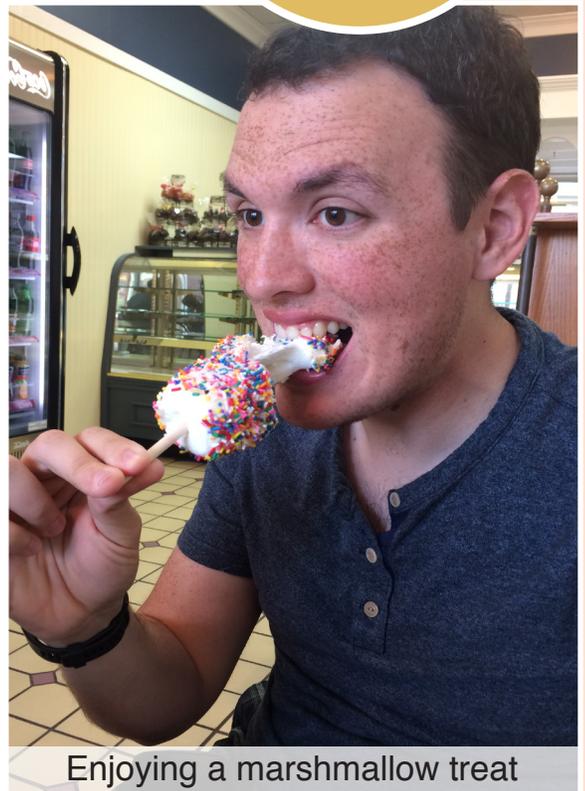
Siblings: 2 younger brothers and 1 younger sister

I was raised in Texas, where my dad's side of the family lives. My favorite childhood memories are based around the rich Hispanic culture that I was exposed to during my younger days. Colors, foods, music... it defined who I am today. As a child, I was interested in sports like cross country and baseball. As I got older, I became more interested in music, and now it's a focal point of my life. For my job, I am a language analyst. I translate communications for our deployed military personnel and help keep them safe.

**Fun Fact!**  
I love all genres of music like rap, country, showtunes, Gregorian chanting, and yodeling.



My medal after a race



Enjoying a marshmallow treat

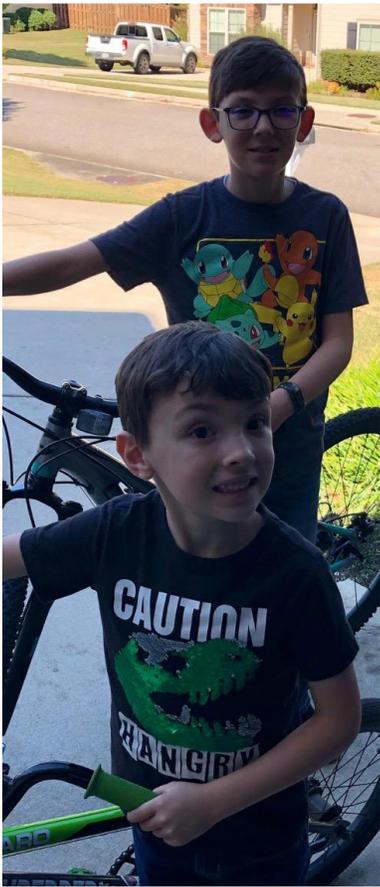


Getting ready for Boy Scouts

- I LOVE...**
- Stephen King
  - Antique Shopping
  - Trail running
  - Pizza
  - Sleeping
  - Traveling

# MEET JONAS & CARSON

We have two boys; Jonas and Carson. Jonas is 11 and is super smart. He has such an inquisitive nature and has to know why everything works. Carson is 6 and has a heart of gold. He loves to cuddle (so we're getting them in while we still can). They both love to ride their bikes and have found a calling in baseball.



Going for a bike ride



Brotherly love



Carving pumpkins



At a baseball game

## JUST A FEW OF OUR TRADITIONS

- For Easter, we make confetti filled eggs for our hunt. All of our friends look forward to breaking the eggs on each other's heads!
- We love to make homemade cookies for Santa and decorate the Christmas tree together.
- Friday is "order-in" Friday. It can be anything from pizza to Indian food to bar-b-que.
- We go on nature walks and then grab dessert at a local bakery or ice cream parlor afterwards.

# OUR HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a quiet neighborhood full of doctors and nurses from the local hospital. Our neighbor is actually the vice principal for the middle school right down the road! The neighborhood has a pool, playground, nature trails, and its own private dock on the nearby river.

Our town has a wonderful library, large playground, bowling lanes, a skating rink, and lots of shopping. We're pretty smack dab in the middle of the town and have access to just about everything. The nice thing about our town is that we're two hours from the mountains, beaches, and big cities.



# OUR FURRY FRIENDS

We have three dogs and a cat. Our dogs are Pacha (white lab), Fennec (terrier), and Suzy (basset hound). The boys adore the dogs and play with them in the backyard whenever they can. Our cat is named Molly; she acts more like a dog than our dogs do! She loves to cuddle and sleeps in Jonas' room every night.



# OUR LOVED ONES

Since Jacob was in the military, we live away from our families, but we make up for that by visiting them in the summer and on holidays, and of course...talking and video chatting on the phone whenever we can! Selrah's family lives in Texas and Oklahoma, and Jacob's family lives in Texas. We love to visit our families and go to the beach, the zoo, or hang out at the park.

We also have a pretty great support network of friends that we have known for over 11 years. They are like family to us. We always have a game night planned or hang out somewhere in town. A majority of our friends have children who are 12 years old or younger. The kids love playtime!



Easter egg hunt



Hanging out in the Blue Bonnets



Thanksgiving in Oklahoma



Grandpa and Grandma

# THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

We believe true happiness is enjoying the life we have and continuing to grow and develop ourselves. Happiness does not come from things but rather from the people in our lives and how we spend our time.

## WE WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO...

- Be curious and investigative and inspire questions about how things work or why things are the way they are.
- Have a love for reading as knowledge opens so many doors. Education is a priority for us.
- Embrace differences and unconditionally love others. We want your child to become who they want to be.



Having fun at the fair

# THANK YOU!

We appreciate the time you have taken to get to know our family and what life with would be like with us. As cliché as it is, we promise to keep your child's interests above our own and raise him/her to be the best version of themselves.

## WE PROMISE TO...

- Tell your child how much you love and care for him/her
- Keep your child safe and protect him/her
- Love your child unconditionally

With love,

Jacob and Selrah





JACOB, JONAS, SELRAH, & CARSON