

JILL AND ROBERTO

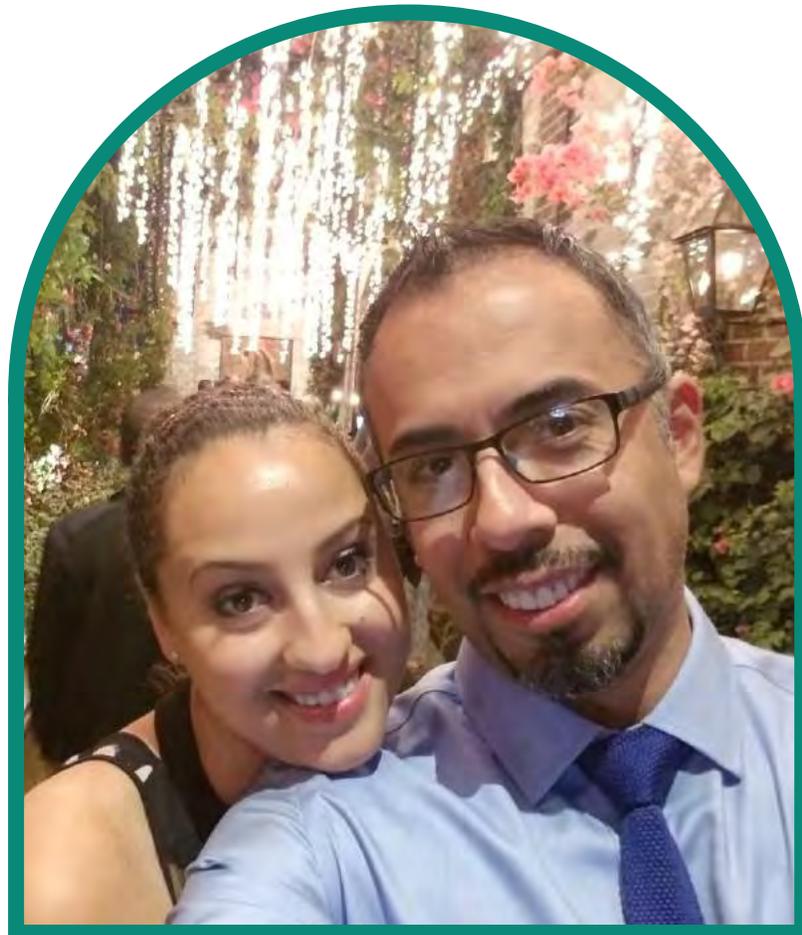


HELLO!

We are a bilingual and affectionate couple who are adventurous and love to laugh! We will spend our lives indebted to the compassion that another person had for us, and will devote ourselves to giving everything in our power to your child.

We believe adoption is not only part of our life journey, it is part of our life's purpose. We were guided to become parents through adoption and were blessed with the miracle of our first daughter, Victoria. We are forever grateful for the courage and strength of Victoria's birthmother who chose us to receive the greatest gift any person could give: the gift to make us parents.

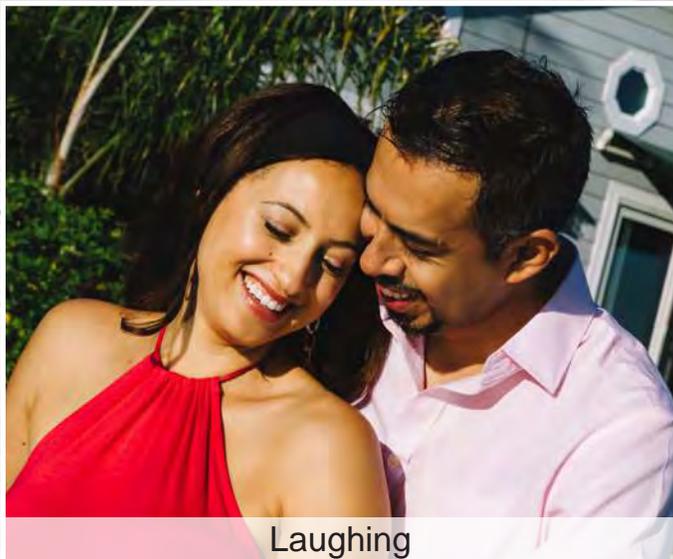
WITH LOVE,
JILL AND ROBERTO



OUR STORY

TOLD BY JILL!

We first met in Chicago, Illinois when I was 19 and Roberto was 23. I was working at a cosmetics counter, and Roberto was shopping with his friend. We exchanged numbers and started hanging out. We remained friends for several years until our friendship naturally blossomed into a romance. Roberto proposed to me on the boardwalk in California in 2009. We happily married in November of 2014.



WHY WE CHOSE ADOPTION

Our first daughter is named “Victoria” to symbolize our victory as a family. Before we adopted her, we had many years of fertility struggles, leading to two miscarriages. We felt called to adoption and that’s when our dream came true! Being parents is the greatest joy in our life and we never take a single moment for granted.

OUR VALUES

DIVERSITY AND CULTURE

Our family is a melting pot of African American, Mexican, Ukrainian, and other ethnicities blended together. We celebrate diversity and enjoy experiencing other cultures through food, language, customs, traditions, and travel.



Our beautiful family

EDUCATION

We both know the value of education and feel it helps you grow mentally, socially, and emotionally. Education is something that can never be taken away from you.

FAMILY

We are very close to our loved ones. We take care of each other, support each other, and show up for each other.



THINGS WE LOVE TO DO TOGETHER

- **Cooking!** Our favorites include soul food, lasagna, soups, stir fry, chocolate cake, and tiramisu.
- **Traveling!** Victoria has been on over 20 flights so far in her life! We visit family all around the world: Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, California, Spain, Italy, and France.
- **Outdoor sports!** We are adventurous and love trying new things like parasailing, zip lining, skydiving, and hiking.
- **Watching movies!** Whether it's at the theater or renting one at home, we love adventure, comedy, action, and suspense movies!
- **Be healthy!** We enjoy being active at the gym or outdoors. We enjoy eating organic and healthy food.



MEET JILL

Occupation: Stay-at-Home Mom
Real Estate Agent (part-time)
Siblings: I am an only child!
Fun Fact: I was a competitive dancer for 14 years.



At the botanical gardens



Cuddle time



Thanksgiving

I was born and raised in Canada. My favorite childhood memories are traveling every chance we got all over North America to visit family. I loved being the product of multiple races and cultures; while learning about the contrasts/similarities between people. As a kid, I loved dance, basketball, volleyball, singing, and the arts.

I've stayed home with my daughter since she was born, while also working part-time from home. My occupation allows me complete control over my schedule and allows me to the kid's needs first.

THINGS I LOVE
Cooking big family meals
Yoga and meditating
Dancing to music
Massages and mani/pedis
Reality TV, like *90 Day Fiancé*



Cooking with my cousins

MEET ROBERTO

Occupation: Finance Manager

Siblings: One younger sister and one younger brother

Fun Fact: I like to collect watches and writing pens.



On a donkey in Greece



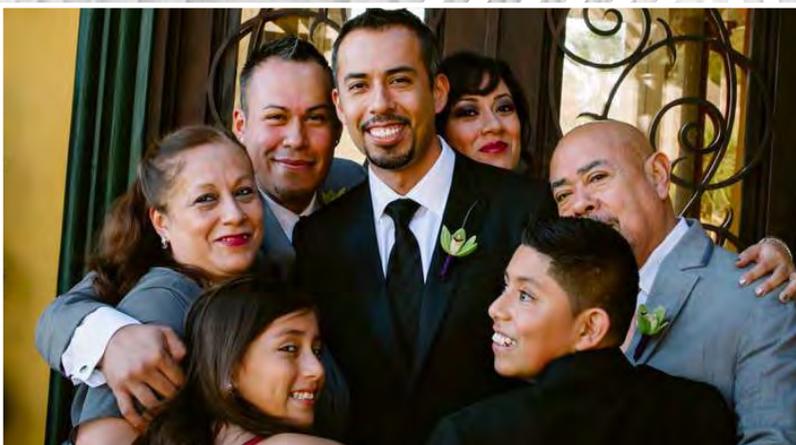
Reading together



Watching a Cubs game

I was born and raised in Illinois. My favorite childhood memories involved Thanksgiving dinners with my whole family and hanging out with my siblings. I also loved basketball, baseball, video games, and anything that involved me being outside.

For my job, I oversee the financing process for vehicles purchased or leased. My current schedule allows me to take time off whenever I need. This gives me a flexible schedule to be there for appointments or to take fun vacations. I only work five minutes from our house.



Family hug

THINGS I LOVE

- Going to the gym
- Listening to music
- Deep dish pizza
- Skydiving
- Cooking with Jill

MEET VICTORIA

Victoria is a sweet and sassy toddler! She is a social butterfly that loves dancing, swimming, music, reading, and crafts. It's not rare for us to dress up and try new foods at restaurants. She has a diverse palette (like mom and dad) and loves to chat with other people while we eat. Victoria is so excited to be a big sister. She already tells us, unprompted, how she can't wait to play with her toys and go outside together.



She loves her butterfly raincoat



Making Christmas decorations



Swimming with Roberto

WHAT ROBERTO LOVES ABOUT JILL

Jill is driven, strong, and nurturing. She has an unmatched determination and the biggest heart I've ever seen. She is there for Victoria every moment, especially the times she isn't feeling well. She will whip together some tea or soup and comfort her. Jill is a great wife and an absolutely fantastic mom and I couldn't ask for more.

WHAT JILL LOVES ABOUT ROBERTO

Roberto is persistent, hardworking, and funny. Our favorite thing to do is laugh together! He makes me live in the moment and brings out the best, light-hearted version of myself. Above all else, he is the most sensitive, gentle, and nurturing father. He reminds me of my dad.



Ziplining

OUR HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a quiet, golf course community in Arizona. We are walking distance to nearly every amenity; grocery stores, restaurants, and shopping. There are several top-rated schools in our area and Victoria's Montessori preschool is four minutes away.

We have a spacious backyard with grassy space to play, covered patio, and a pool for those hot days. When it's super hot, we have a playroom inside. We love living here because we can enjoy a quiet, residential neighborhood, while feeling surrounded by a lively community. The best of both worlds.



Our home sweet home



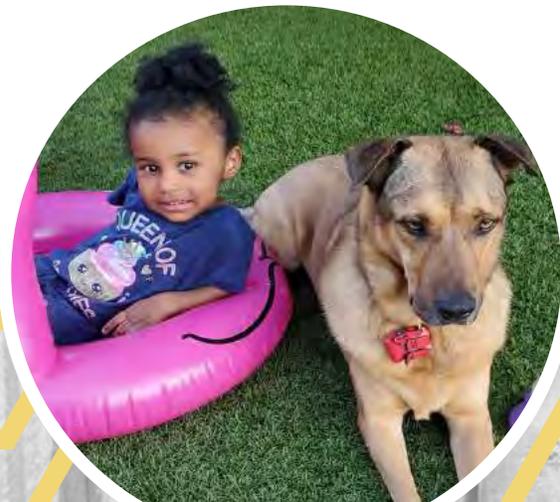
Our backyard



Nearby playground

OUR PUP

Brady is our German Shepherd/Shar Pei dog who we rescued. He is a big teddy bear who likes to sleep all day. He is gentle and very patient, allowing Victoria to climb on him and chase him around the house. He is a protector and even comes over and nudges us if he has a concern.



OUR LOVED ONES

We are fortunate that each side of our family loves being together and when we do, it's a big multicultural party! We have family all over North America, and, in our minds, only a flight away. Our families are extremely close, despite the distance. Both of our parents often come stay at our house for 3-4 months at a time, always coming for birthdays and holidays. We often plan trips to see siblings, nieces, nephews, and our friends in Illinois and Canada. They take turns coming to see us, too!

We also have many childhood best friends who are like family to us. Many of them have young children as well. They adore Victoria and we video chat each other between visits.



Christmas



Wedding celebration



Out to dinner



With cousins



Halloween



Victoria with her cousins

RAISING A CHILD

We believe in getting to know your child and encouraging them to discover and develop their natural personality and gifts. We want your child to grow up to be the best they can be! We will cheer your child on for all their successes, but also support them when they have bad days.

We will expose your child to as many different people, cultures, places, activities, and beliefs as possible to help them establish their own sense of identity, confidence, and purpose in the world. It is through open-mindedness, education, and exposure to all walks of life, that one can begin to accept and love one another just as they are.



Matching Christmas pajamas

OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS

- Attending family gatherings for holidays! There's always lots of food and laughter surrounding our holidays. We try to focus more on "experiences" instead of "gift giving".
- Eating dinner together! As busy as daily life gets, we really make an effort to sit, have conversation, and enjoy quality time together in the evenings.

THANK YOU!

Your child will be the light of our lives and the center of our universe. We will give them the best education, the most fun memories traveling, and life-long support and encouragement. As long as we are with them, they will never live a day without love.

We promise to protect them, foster a strong sibling bond, and introduce them to many cultures where they can learn about others and themselves. We will honor who they are as a unique individual and help them discover their dreams and passions. Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us!

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