

vivek
&
mitra





hello

Hi, we're Vivek & Mitra!

We write with hearts full of gratitude and respect.

We (and our two cats) live in a Midwestern community right next to a cozy park full of families, and are just minutes away from the lakeshore, several schools, churches, and our favorite restaurants.

A typical day for us starts with morning coffee, cuddling with our cats, and sharing the day's plan together. Most days end with a late afternoon stroll, cooking dinner together, catching an episode of a favorite show, and phone calls to friends and family.

We dream together about a future with a child nestled in every aspect and every moment. Our home will be a safe space for a child to discover their interests - be it dance, poetry, science, art, or sports - and grow up in a loving and supportive environment.

We would love to be a part of your story - and for you and your child to be a part of ours.

Vivek & Mitra

our story

We first met online about four years ago and exchanged a few messages occasionally, but never met in person. A year later, we met on another dating app and figured the universe was telling us something, so we decided to meet the next day. In fact, we soon learned that we lived in the same neighborhood!

Our 50 "first" dates were about discovering our shared love for cooking, reading, classic movies, travel, and more.

After meeting each other, we knew we had found companions for life. We quickly realized that we wanted to build a life together. Soon after, we were married in a sweet courthouse ceremony with just a few of our closest friends.

We have both always wanted to adopt a child. However, as a mature couple, our biological options are limited, so we are excited to grow our family through adoption.





according to vivek:

"Mitra is a nurturing, loving, and comforting person whose days and nights are organized around the daily cares of her family – including both of us, our cats, and our parents and siblings across the world."



according to mitra:

"Vivek's childlike curiosity and talent for finding instant joys and stories in the simplest daily occurrences endear kids of all ages to him, often leading to hilarious and even educational activities and conversations."





nurturing, curious, kind

- **I'm Passionate About:** Relationships - I love spending quality time with family & friends.
- **Career:** I work in the tech field and lead a team of engineering professionals. I enjoy mentoring and exploring new ideas in my field.
- **Hobbies:** I love food, travel, reading, cooking my favorite dishes, and snuggling with Vivek and the cats on a Friday night.
- **Books of Choice:** Contemporary fiction and mystery
- **Shows of Choice:** Law and Order, British spy series, Korean and Nordic thrillers
- **Fun Fact:** I'm a trained dancer and love to break out with dance moves when my fave music comes on!





- **I'm Passionate About:** Learning - I love to learn about science, ideas, religion, and art.
- **Career:** I am a professor. It combines my love for research with opportunities to collaborate, travel, write, mentor, and explore ideas.
- **Hobbies:** Reading, running near the lake on a summer day, cooking, and reciting trivia, quotes & anecdotes. I'm gonna kill the dad jokes!
- **Books of Choice:** classic fiction and poetry, mythology, philosophy, religion, and science books.
- **Shows of Choice:** I love following cricket, tennis, and soccer. I'm also a sucker for SNL.
- **Fun Fact:** I love playing the flute and singing... BUT I'm not really that great at either!



creative, curious, calm



- We love wordplay, books, listening to music in multiple languages, laughing together at daily oddities, and dining like restaurant critics.
- We love to cook together, often family recipes, and experiment with flavors and ingredients from across the world. Vivek's favorite recipes usually include fruit and fish, and Mitra loves meat dishes.
- We always try to watch something cheerful every night at dinner, including romances, food shows, or late-night comedy.
- We also enjoy heart-warming movies from the world cinema (like *Amelie*, *Life is Beautiful*, *Cinema Paradiso*, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, and *The Apu Trilogy*).
- **FUN FACT:** We both played table tennis growing up... but we haven't played each other yet.





- We both love traveling the world and experiencing the sights, sounds, cuisine, cultures and languages of new places.

- Some of our favorite destinations that we have visited together are Alaska, Paris, Amsterdam, Nice (France), the French Alps, Greece, and Belgium.



- Our Bucket list includes amazing adventures and experiences, such as: climbing Mount Fuji in Japan, taking a family photo near an iceberg in Antarctica, and traveling and celebrating together as three generations.

- We can't wait to show your child the world!





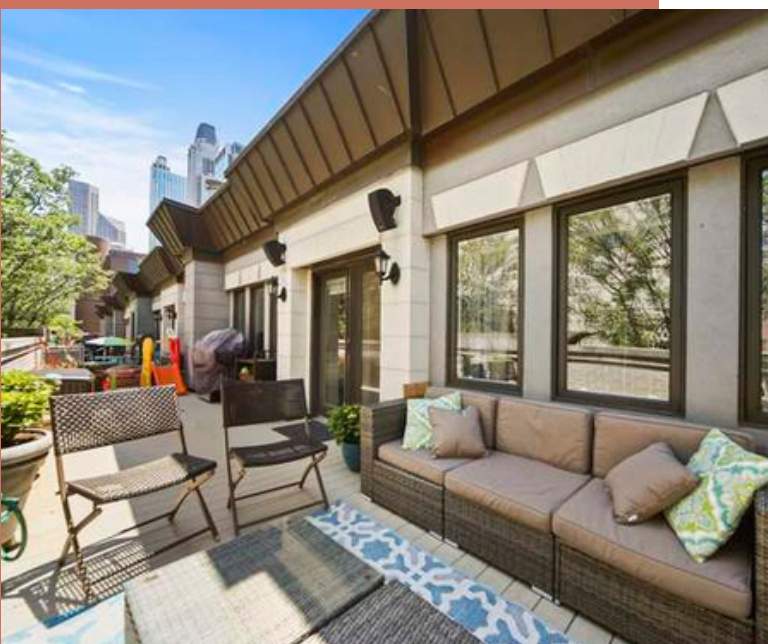
We live in a bright and spacious townhouse in Illinois. Our home is cozy and full of nooks where we can sit with each other or curl up with a good book.

We are one block away from a beautiful neighborhood park that is always full of children and pets. The lakeshore and more parks are within a mile from us.

There are several great schools in our neighborhood, and a big library is just around the block.

We both work within a couple of miles of where we live. Our flexible hours and short commute will allow us to be here more for our child.

Our home is always full of..
FOOD AROMAS,
BOOKS & CAT TOYS!



OUR cats

- We have two fur babies, Tex and Olivia. They are both four years old, and are both huge sweethearts and great with kids.
- Vivek is the belly rub specialist, and Mitra is their high jump coach. ;)

meet tex:



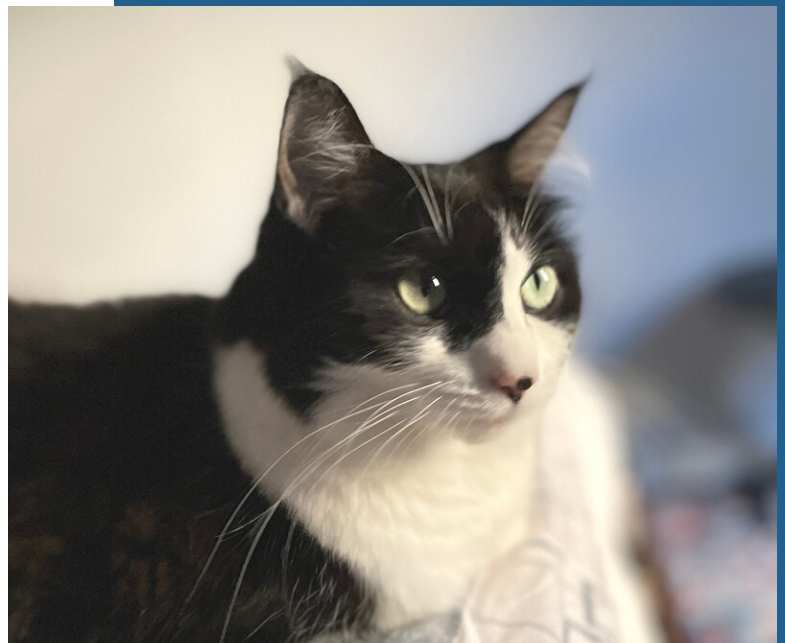
- Tex is our tabby cat and is a lover.
- He wants to cuddle, roll on the floor, show plenty of his belly and is friendly to everyone visiting our home.



meet olivia:



- Olivia is a tuxedo cat and is our dreamer.
- She loves to stare outside through the window watching the leaves move and the birds fly. We imagine she is writing poetry. ;)





Mitra's parents and younger sister live in India. Mitra's sister Madhurita is a journalist for the leading newspaper in India. We always visit with them at least once a year, either in India or in the US.

We love our time together with her family, sharing family recipes, gardening, and taking long strolls.

When visiting family in India, Mitra loves meeting with all her cousins, exchanging gifts with them and sometimes mentoring them about career or studies.

Mitra is very close to her mother, and they talk on the phone every day.

They are all so excited to welcome the first grandchild to our family and will be a huge part of the child's life!





vivek's family

Vivek's parents and sister also live in India. His sister, Vandana, has a 9 year-old son named Reyansh. We try to visit with them at least once a year and talk often!

Vivek's nephew even sends us a little video everyday to share whatever he is up to - making a plane, solving puzzles, or playing his latest song on keyboard.

Vivek's childhood vacations included extended time spent with grandparents and cousins in villages and small towns in North India.

Visits with Vivek's family in India are always full of family reunions and mini-celebrations, and always include reciting poems or singing songs (old and new) together.

They all can't wait to meet our new little one!

OUR traditions

- We have a tradition to celebrate birthdays, religious festivals, and each other's successes.
- We enjoy taking a family holiday where we love exploring street markets, looking for local food, and going to museums.
- We love hosting Thanksgiving or Christmas if we are home. We invite all our friends for a meal together and spend time laughing and chatting around our table.
- Both of us went to Catholic schools and grew up singing in Christmas choirs and acting in Christmas plays at school. We look forward to our child sharing these same traditions.
- We also celebrate Diwali, the Indian festival of lights visiting our neighbors, relatives, and friends, bringing platters of sweets and other foods and wishing everyone joy in their lives.





We have a wonderful network of friends across the US, and a large community of friends in Chicago. Our deepest friendships have been built over many years of knowing each other through various stages of life.

Many of our friends have children, and we live in a community with other families who organize many activities for children during holidays.

We have a diverse community of friends and often gather to celebrate birthdays, life events, festivals, or just each other.

We visit friends and family across the US, India, and Europe, and our hosting always involves colossal amounts of cooking, singing, dancing, eating, and laughter.

They all can't wait to welcome a new little one to the community!



We both love children and enjoy spending time with the kid in our lives, including family and friends.

We have so much love to give and can't wait to have a child whose presence will fill our home, and our world, with joy.

We both grew up in loving homes that valued education, and we look forward to passing on a legacy of traditions from multiple languages, religions, and cultures - and support to a child in pursuing their dreams.

FROM MITRA...

I look forward to experiencing a mother's love, discovering happiness in little moments through the child's eyes, and celebrating all the "firsts."

FROM VIVEK...

I look forward to experiencing the world with a child's curiosity and joy. I know a child will bring more love into our world and together we will all grow into better versions of ourselves.





Thank you for considering us. If you choose us as adoptive parents for your baby, **WE PROMISE:**

- Your child will grow up with an abundance of **LOVE, CARE, and SUPPORT.**
- They will grow up surrounded by **BOOKS, MUSIC, WONDER and LAUGHTER.**
- Your child will grow up making memories with nurturing **GRANDPARENTS, COUSINS, and FRIENDS.**
- They will always know of **YOUR** profound **LOVE** and **SACRIFICE** for them.
- That **YOUR TRUST** in us will inspire us to instill in your child - not just our treasured values, **ASPIRATIONS, and DREAMS** - but also **YOURS** for your child.

*All our love,
Vivek & Mitra*