



ERIK & MAURICIO

adoption profile

Dear expectant parents.

Hello, we are Erik and Mauricio and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We are so excited to be adopting and bringing a child into our family! We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best. We hope this book gives you a glimpse about our family. We look forward to meeting you!



About us

We met in New York City in February 2018. Erik had lived in the city for six years, but Mauricio had practically just stepped off the plane when we connected on a dating app. We hit it off immediately and started seeing each other at least once a week. We enjoyed many awesome dates around the city and met each other's friends over the course of that year.

Exactly one year after our first date, Erik proposed to Mauricio. Erik knew that Mauricio was "the one" from early on, but waited until our first anniversary to make it official. We were legally married in New York City in April 2019, and we held a ceremony and reception with family and friends in July 2021. We have settled in South Carolina with our two cats, Walter and Willow, and we are thrilled to take the next step in expanding our family through adoption!



A little about Erik

Erik spent the first half of his childhood in northeastern Maryland and the second half in Greenville, South Carolina, where he graduated high school in 2008. He has one younger sister, Kelly, and his parents, Sue and Jim, have been married for 36 years. Erik has a large extended family and was brought up in a loving home. Erik loves roller coasters, movies, everything "I Love Lucy", and sometimes enjoys knitting in his spare time. His favorite foods include Mexican, pizza and popcorn. He received his bachelors degree in Public Policy and Psychology in 2012 and his law degree in 2015. Erik is currently an associate at a law firm.





Erik at a glance

Career: Lawyer

Spare time: Knitting, reading books, watching Duke basketball games

Favorite movies: Contact, Titanic, The Wizard of Oz

Favorite children's books: Dr. Seuss, Care Bears, Harry Potter

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving

Fun fact: Graduated valedictorian in high school, was born on Valentine's Day



A little about Mauricio

Mauricio was born in Caracas, Venezuela where he lived surrounded by cousins, aunts and uncles until 2012. He graduated high school in 2006 and got his degree in Broadcast Journalism in 2011 from a local university. He received his masters degree in Media Production in 2013 in Argentina. Mauricio's parents Ruth and Francisco divorced when he was only a few months old. He mostly grew up with his mom and stepdad Fermín (since he was 3) and he has three other siblings, María, Ricardo and Verónica. He grew up in a warm and loving home and very close to his biological dad who he saw regularly. He loves music, TV and movies and enjoys cooking and food in general. Mauricio works as a journalist for a national media company.



Mauricio at a glance

Career: Journalist

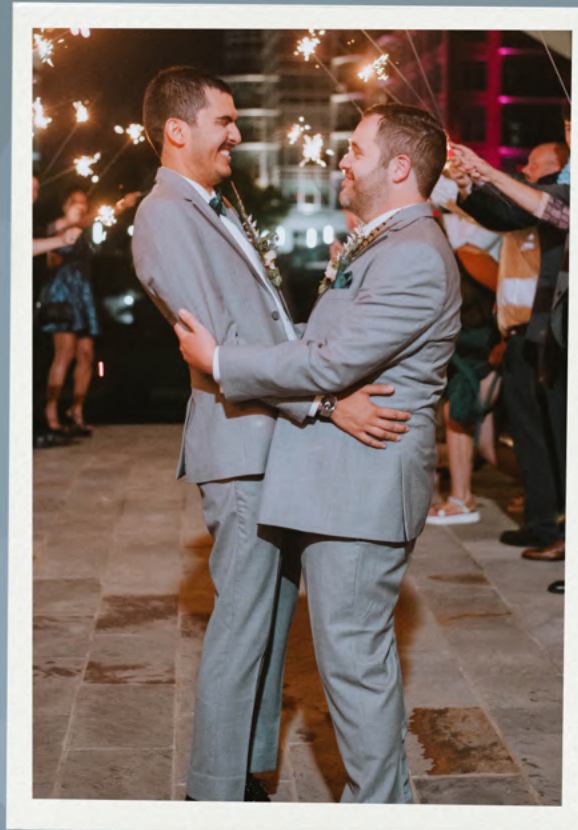
Spare time: Cooking, listening to music (and singing to it), reading books and magazines

Favorite movies: Selena, All About My Mother, Matilda

Favorite children's books: The Giving Tree, Rabo de Gato, Dr. Seuss

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Fun fact: Did theater as a child, graduated valedictorian in college



Erik's thoughts on Mauricio

Mauricio is my partner in life. He is one of the kindest, sweetest most generous people I know. He is my best friend and biggest support system. I could never have asked for a better husband. On top of that, I couldn't think of a better person to co-parent with. He has so much love in his heart and has dreamed of having children for just about his whole life. He is very excited to be a father, and I can't wait to see him blossom into an awesome dad.



Mauricio's thoughts on Erik

Erik is quite the miracle in my life — I never thought I was going to be blessed enough to find my perfect partner. Since the moment I met him I saw this genuine kindness in his eyes and I knew then he would make a great dad. Erik has a huge heart and calmness that I find to be my personal refuge and I know a child will too. He's extremely hard-working and cares for his loved ones very much.

Our home and neighborhood





We live in a family-oriented neighborhood in South Carolina, with beaches, mountains, and of course an amusement park all within a few hours' drive. Our home is a two story and has 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. Our favorite place in our house is our large bonus room, where we enjoy watching movies on our projector — and we hope it will double as a playroom very soon! We currently live here with our sweet kitties, Willow and Walter.



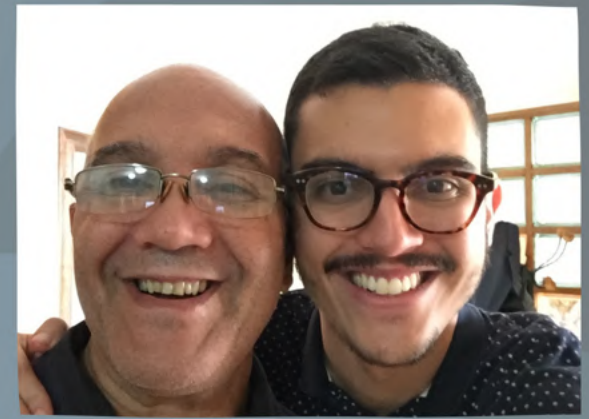


Erik's Family



Erik's family is large and loving. Every few years they like to gather together for a family reunion, sometimes on a cruise! He has seven aunts and uncles (plus their spouses), eleven cousins, and twenty-two second cousins. His family is originally from Upstate New York and Long Island but are now spread out across the East and West Coasts.





Mauricio's Family



Mauricio's family is spread across several countries, but mostly in South America and Europe. They gather at least once a year. He has two aunts, two uncles and four cousins. His family is originally from Venezuela.



Our Friends





Our Godchildren

We have six beautiful godchildren.

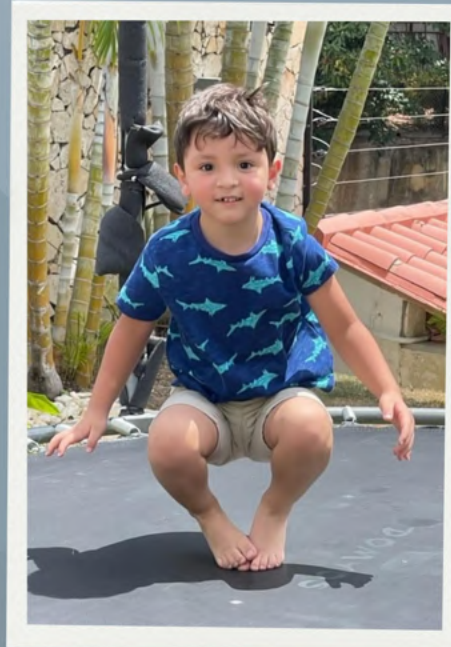
Juan José and Camila live in Venezuela and are the children of Mauricio's friends Giselle and Juan Carlos.

Will lives in North Carolina and is the son of Erik's friends Erin and Josh.

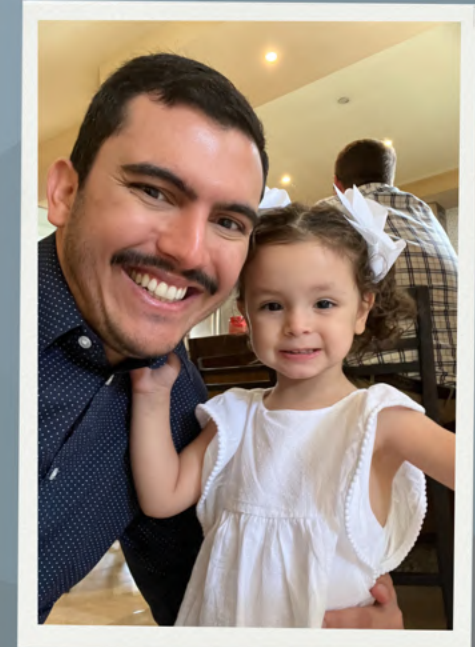
Carter, Winter and Charlie live in Georgia and are the children of Erik's friends Candace and Earl.



Will



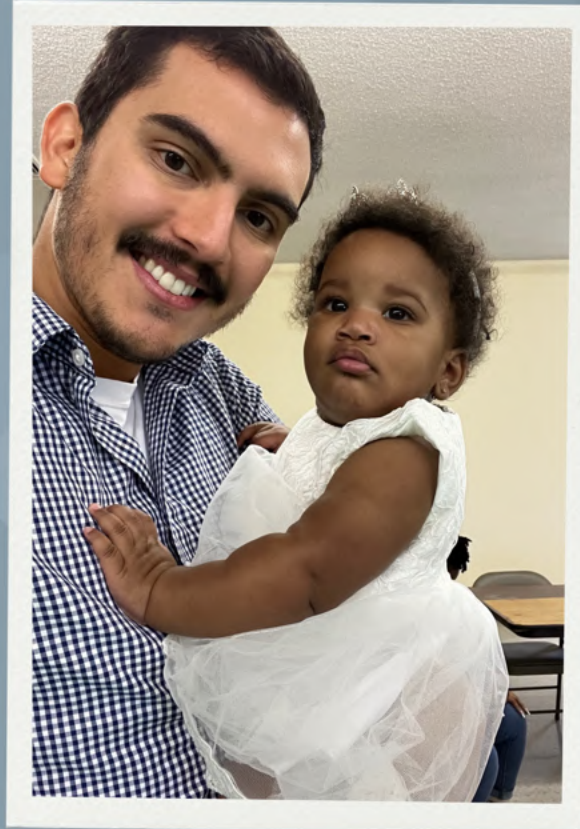
Juan José



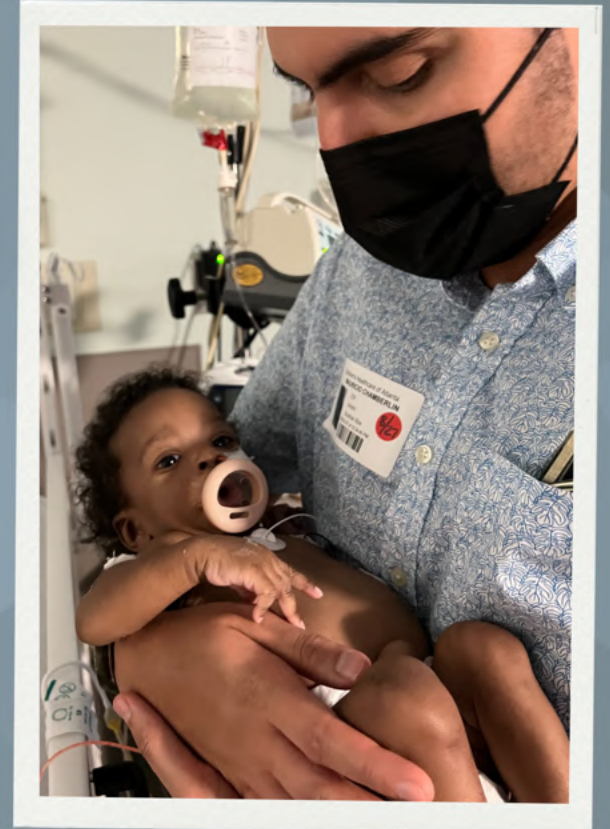
Camila



Carter



Winter



Charlie



Adventures

While we enjoy our quiet time at home, we also love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! Recently we had the opportunity to go to Hawaii on our honeymoon, and we have also traveled to Venezuela, Southern California and many destinations on the East Coast together. We look forward to visiting relatives of both Erik and Mauricio abroad and introducing a child to the joy of traveling.





Our Interests

In our free time, we like to read, watch television and movies, explore our city, travel, go to wineries and attend Lady Gaga and JLo concerts. Mauricio is a particularly great cook and enjoys posting content to his Instagram weekly. Erik loves riding roller coasters and playing in his alumni band at basketball games. We can't wait to share these activities with a child.



Our promise to you...

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home! We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share for a child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted.

We hope this book gave you a good look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read our profile.

Sincerely,

Erik & Mauricio





