

# ANTHONY AND CANDY



# DEAR MOM

**WE ARE CANDY + ANTHONY**

First and foremost, thank you. Thank you for considering adoption. We believe it's the most loving act and know that it requires unimaginable strength.

While we can't begin to know exactly what you're going through, what we do know is that it takes extraordinary courage to make a decision to do what's best for someone else-- even when it breaks your own heart.

When you're the one in your family stepping up to do the hard thing — to break painful cycles, to rewrite the story, to make a choice that could change everything for the next generation — it should be greatly honored.

If we're chosen, please know that your child will grow up knowing this: how to dream big, how much God loves them, how to overcome obstacles, and how deeply they are loved — not just by us, but also by you.



## fun facts

- Candy has been the chairwoman for 63 charity events.
- Her Dad taught her how to drive a car at the age of 7.
- She helped create legislation that made animal cruelty a felony in Pennsylvania.
- She has been a hospice foster to more than 30 senior and special needs dogs (and a pig named Emma!)
- She has walked on fire three times!

# Meet Candy

Candy grew up in a trailer on government assistance. She is an only child, born to teenage parents and with no money started her first business right out of high school.

Candy is an entrepreneur and the author of several books – including two for children. She is also the founder of a non-profit organization that has helped rescue and rehabilitate over 10,000 animals, including dogs, cats, and farm animals who were abandoned or abused.

Today, that mission continues to save lives and provide hope and healing to the neglected, giving them a second chance at life and love.

But beyond the titles and achievements, Candy has a heart for others. She volunteers on non-profit boards, helps plan events at her church, and mentors women and girls in life and entrepreneurship through Dress for Success. She hosts a podcast that reaches millions of people across the country and often appears in the media.

**After creating the life she never had, Candy is ready to share it with a baby and become a mom.**

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- Anthony just took up learning (and sometimes struggling!) to surf!
- His faith and love for God are really important to him.
- He enjoys physical fitness and loves to train Brazilian jiu-jitsu and MMA.
- Anthony loves the NFL and College Basketball traditions he has with his family.

# Meet Anthony

Anthony has spent his life standing up for others – as an attorney, a judge, and a fierce protector.

With a degree in psychology and a doctorate in law, he's built a career helping people through some of the hardest seasons of their lives.

Today, he works from home, consulting on high-conflict legal cases – which means he'll be present, hands-on, and fully available as a dad.

He comes from a big, close-knit family with two siblings, eight nieces and nephews, and parents who have been happily married for over 50 years.

**FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANTHONY'S FOUNDATION.**

**He has a huge heart — the kind that nurtures and defends without hesitation.**

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# OUR STORY

## ABOUT US TOGETHER

**We both grew up in the same small town outside of Pittsburgh.**

Our parents were friends long before we ever knew each other. Little did anyone know that years later, we'd write a love story of our own.

We didn't meet until our 20s, and even then, we were just two people whose paths crossed often in the community. Candy became known in the business world, and Anthony in the legal world, so we'd bump into each other through events and mutual friends.

We didn't start dating until our late 30s and had a long distance relationship for five years with Candy in Arizona and Anthony still in Pennsylvania. What started as friendship turned into the most loving, supportive, and healthy relationship either of us have ever known.

Today, our life together is filled with fun, love, and a whole lot of laughter. Daily life is usually spent at the beach, working from home, getting in a good workout, cooking a healthy dinner, visiting with friends and family, or grabbing coffee and talking about the week ahead.

WE **DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, LOVE HARDER,**  
AND GENUINELY ENJOY **JUST BEING TOGETHER.**





# MORE ABOUT US

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“What I love most about my wife, Candy, is her heart.

She has an extraordinary capacity for love, pouring it into the people and animals in her life. Her compassion knows no limits, and it’s a gift to witness how she embraces those around her with such genuine care. Candy’s heart drew me in from the beginning, and it continues to inspire me every day. Her faith in and devotion to God shine through in all she does, grounding our life together in a shared sense of purpose and grace.

Candy’s love has been my anchor. With her unwavering support and encouragement, she helped me grow into the person I am today. She has this remarkable ability to accept people fully for who they are, while inspiring them to reach for better. Her brilliance and loving spirit make every moment with her a treasure, and I’m endlessly grateful for the way she inspires me to live life to the very fullest. “

WRITTEN BY ANTHONY

“What I love most about my husband, Anthony, is how deeply he loves and fiercely protects those he cares about.

He has a huge heart – the kind that nurtures and defends without hesitation. He is my safe place in a chaotic world, and when challenges come up, he’s the one who reminds me how strong I am. When everything is going great, he’s the first person I want to share it with. He is my greatest supporter and most trusted friend.

Anthony has taught me so much about connection – not just in our relationship, but with life itself. He’s shown me how to relax, how to laugh more, how to slow down and enjoy the small, beautiful moments we often overlook. He has a way of making everything funnier, easier and just overall better with him around. He’s playful and hilarious. He is a great compassionate listener and I’m so grateful for the sense of peace, and feeling of home he gave me – something I never had felt before.”

WRITTEN BY CANDY

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# Why we want to adopt

WRITTEN BY CANDY

Growing up in a difficult childhood, I never wanted a child to feel the kind of pain I once lived through. In truth, I didn't always know I wanted to be a mom. I decided at a young age that I would only consider it if I could make sure a child would always feel protected, loved, and safe.

**THIS ISN'T A SECOND-BEST OPTION FOR US, IT'S THE OPTION.**

When I met Anthony, everything changed. His love was calm, steady, and healing. For the first time, being a mom didn't feel scary. Anthony had a very different childhood — surrounded by a big, close-knit family and filled with love and security. He already felt what a loving, stable home was like and knew that ours would be even better. We started our journey with IVF, but kept feeling a strong pull toward adoption. So we decided to stop IVF and pursue adoption instead. We've built our life with so much care and intention.

IF WE'RE CHOSEN, YOUR CHILD WILL GROW UP KNOWING THEY WERE **CHOSEN AND LOVED** — TWICE.

**NOT JUST BY US, BUT ALSO BY YOU.**

# WELCOME HOME



## **OUR PRIMARY HOME IS LOCATED ON THE BEACH IN FLORIDA.**

Our home is warm, calm, peaceful and grounded and we are truly the best of friends. It is 4800 sq ft., with 4 bedrooms and 5 bath. We have a fully fenced yard with room to run, play, and chase bubbles under the sun. We have tons of natural light, quiet nooks for bedtime stories, and balconies to stargaze at night. We have a big, open kitchen – where we cook together, laugh together, and have conversation and connection; however when the weather is beautiful, we are always outside whether it's having coffee, walking to the beach or eating on the patio.

We also have homes in Arizona and Pennsylvania, which gives us the gift of being close to more family, enjoying nature in different ways, and staying connected across the country. Whether it's feeding the animals at the farm sanctuary, or attending church on Sundays – our days are rooted in kindness, faith, and fun. No matter which house we're in, we create a sense of home that is safe, fun and overflowing with love – and we can't wait to welcome a child into it.

**WE LIVE IN A QUIET, FAMILY-FOCUSED  
BEACH TOWN THAT FEELS LIKE ONE OF  
FLORIDA'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS.**

The streets are lined with palm trees and sunshine,  
and the sound of the ocean waves makes it easy  
to slow down and enjoy the moment.

Our neighborhood is filled with friendly neighbors,  
friends walking their dogs, and a real sense of  
community. There's always someone out walking to  
the beach, riding their bike, heading to the park or  
chatting over coffee.

We love our morning walks, a stop at our favorite  
local coffee shop, quick trips to the grocery store,  
dinner at one of the local restaurants, and going to  
the ocean. It's easy to spend time outdoors and  
stay connected to nature.

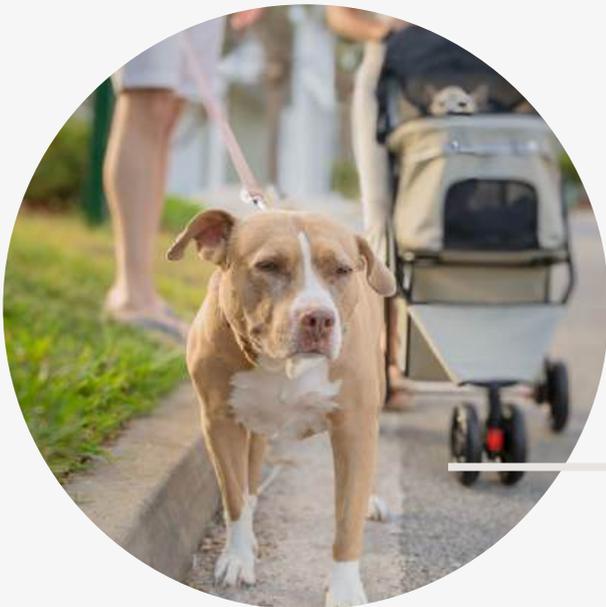
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WE FEEL SO BLESSED TO LIVE HERE.**





# MEET OUR DOGS

Our home wouldn't be complete without our two amazing dogs, Grace and Julian. These two are far more than pets – they're part of our family. They are both rescue dogs full of love, gentleness, and personality.

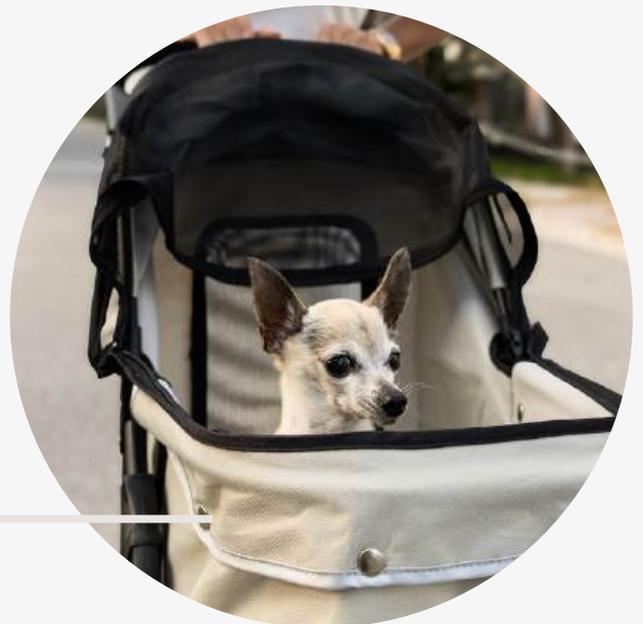


## ABOUT GRACE

Rescued from a high kill shelter, Grace is 8 years old and the kindest, calmest, most loving soul you'll ever meet. She loves walks, car rides, naps in bed, watching sunsets with Mom and most of all –everyone she meets.

## ABOUT JULIAN

Dumped in the desert and found by a good Samaritan, Julian is 15 years old and 3lbs. He has been a foster brother to more than 20 dogs in his life. He loves peanut butter, stroller rides, naps and is the sweetest, most chill little boy.





**ANTHONY'S FAMILY**

Anthony is the middle child. He has one older sister and a younger brother. He has a huge, close family with aunts and uncles, cousins and eight nieces and nephews. Anthony's parents are still married after 50 years, have a beach house near us in Florida and live within 5 minutes of Candy's Dad.

**CANDY'S FAMILY**

Candy is an only child. She has very little family but has a huge network of friends, who are her chosen family. She has had two sister-like friends for over 30 years. She and her Dad are close and talk daily. Anthony's sister is also one of her closest friends and they see each other all of the time.



## OUR TRADITIONS

Every morning at sunrise we go on beach walks with Grace, and stroller rides for Julian!

We love watching the whales with our family in Cabo and have made it an annual tradition.

We believe that birthdays are a reason to celebrate, and experiences are better than gifts, so we like to go somewhere new on our birthdays.

We love to go to New York City the week before Christmas to see Rockefeller Center with family and friends.

Christmas time we go to see The Christmas Carol play. Christmas Eve we meet the entire family for laughs, family game night, and a big feast (plus Santa visits!)

We adopt a family each Christmas and provide food and gifts for someone who needs a little help.

We were engaged and married in Puerto Rico and go every year after Christmas for New Years.



# OUR ADVENTURES

We're not the adrenaline junkie type of adventurous – but we do love making memories together and experiencing the beauty of the world, one joyful trip at a time.

Some of our favorite adventures so far are watching whales breach off the coast of Cabo, hiking together through the stunning trails of Arizona, walking the streets of London, and riding scooters to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Whether we're traveling to a new city, living life in one of the cities we live in, finding a new coffee shop, checking out a new restaurant with a view, or just enjoying a beach sunset at home, we love doing life together.

AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE ADVENTURES – BIG  
AND SMALL – TOGETHER WITH A CHILD OF OUR OWN.



# THANK YOU

For not just for reading our story, but for the strength it takes to even be here. We want you to know we understand the love you have to make such a courageous decision.

If we are chosen to love and raise your child, we will never take that honor for granted. We will raise them to know their story, celebrate where they came from, and be proud of the brave, selfless woman who gave them life and the ability to have an incredible future.

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING  
SOMETHING INCREDIBLY HARD AND INCREDIBLY LOVING —  
**THAT KIND OF STRENGTH NEEDS RECOGNIZED.**

WITH LOVE

Candy  
AND  
Anthony

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TO MEET YOU!



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