

Demetrice and Willie





Hello.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family and considering us to be the parents of your child. We know you are making so many challenging decisions right now but during this time please know that the following things are true:

We think you are brave, selfless and enduring. Thank you for providing this opportunity to us, to steward and care for your bundle of joy! We are grateful for your consideration. Know, we will truly love your child.

Through this profile, we hope you can see the overwhelming love we have for each other, our family and that we are excited at the possibility of sharing this love with more children. We will do everything in our power to give your little one an incredible life full of love, happiness and laughter.

Your child will be loved beyond measure.



And here we are, two years as husband and wife, and what an adventure it has been.

Our Story

Our love story happened quickly.

We met at a ministry zoom session that I, Demetrice, was hosting with some attendees. Of the 90+ attendees, Willie was one of three men in the session and one of the few people who consistently and courageously raised his hand to participate.

Listening to his questions, I just had to answer and find out who this gentleman and why was he being so open and vulnerable in a room full of strangers. It turned out he was one of the elders that taught Children's Sunday School. He happened to be cute, too.

Willie finally noticed me when it was my turn to speak. He said that my light shone so bright that he was captivated by my words (his words, not mine). I spent the rest of the weekend trying my best to flirt with him.

A month later, Willie came to see me for another in person ministry session that was unforgettable. We went on our first date that evening, and chatted for hours. The next day, we went to see a movie together, and I came home and told my parents that I had met the man that I would marry. And I did.

I married him TWICE! The first time, we married at the courthouse and six months later we had a beautiful, intimate ceremony and reception at resort on Miami Beach.

Why adoption?

We knew we wanted children together right away. We knew, from the start (third date), that adoption was a path we were willing to take together. For us, love and family go beyond the boundaries of biology, and there is no doubt in our minds that we are on the path that was always meant for us.

Our families agree and are as excited as we are (if not more). We plan to weave the child's adoption story into our/their lives right from the beginning.



We will dedicate our lives to this child.

We believe...

We are not perfect people. God has really poured out on us a peace and joy and with people who really support us to the max. We are grateful for all the experiences, both good and bad, that led us to this point; we have been investing in ourselves and receiving the love needed to be able to pour out in this way - raising and nurturing a child with everything we have. We've had to heal and continue to do so because we believe that life is an endless journey of healing and becoming the best people we can be. We have built an arsenal of tools to deal with life's challenges and are not afraid to ask for help when we don't know the answers.

We believe that all things worth doing take effort, commitment, and open and willing hearts. We've learned, time and time again, that LOVE is the strongest force there is, and that choosing to love is our greatest power.

As Christians, we have a rich spiritual practice and connection to God. We hope to teach the most important lesson we've learned, which is to love him/herself completely and unconditionally. We believe it is the greatest gift we could ever give them.



GET TO KNOW

Dr. Demi

I grew up in Miami, FL with my parents. I have a big family and am the eldest sibling of four sisters and three brothers. My favorite memory as a child were the summer trips to different parts of the country. I have three adult children. My eldest daughter is an Airforce Sergeant in Colorado Springs, Colorado, my son is also an Airforce Sergeant in Okinawa Japan with his wife and my youngest daughter is a Health Specialist in Tampa.

Career:

I have a doctorate degree in nutrition from Maryland University. I am an expert in nutrition and have been featured in many podcasts and webinars on my purpose to reduce disease and promote disease prevention in a whole manner.

I have worked with kids adults at my church doing nutrition and desire to continue with my journey for health promotion. However, most of all, I enjoy interacting with people!

Things you should know...

- I am proficient in Spanish.
- My parents are wonderful and my grandparents immigrated to USA from Bahamas in their twenties.
- I have the most amazing group of friends; they are more like family.
- I'm right-handed and am 5'10" tall.
- I love to sing.
- I played the flute in high school.
- I love to serve and engage my community! I have a non-profit organization- Healthy Always 365 Food Pantry!
- I love the Lord and am a licensed Minister at our church.



Favorites:

- **Color:** Purple
- **Movie:** "Little Mermaid"
- **Song:** "Made New" by Lincoln Brewster
- **Sport:** Track and Field
- **Dessert:** Ice cream
- **Food:** Anything delicious

- I've been to fun countries (Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico)
- I played piano at university.
- I LOVE watching Track and Field.
- My first job was at Burger King.
- I love deeply and compassionate!

My Wife, Demetrice

by Willie

As many times as I practice this in my head, when it comes down to it, I still sometimes fail to find the words to describe my wife and my feelings for her.

She is warm, gentle, kind, and an all-around good human being. She inspires me to be my best self, to always try harder, and to continue to grow in all areas of life.

Before I met Demetrice, I had an idea of what my ideal partner should be and I had checkboxes. When I met Demetrice, she met all of the checkboxes and many more.

She is my perfect partner, Peanut butter to my jelly, and I love navigating all of life's adventures with her. I'm excited and thrilled about this next one.



She is...

**kind, brilliant, beautiful,
courageous, and patient.**

GET TO KNOW Willie

Career:

As a Special Education teacher working in the public school system, I have learned to be patient, humorous, and spontaneous. I enjoy how children play, learn, listen and succeed.

i am also the site director for 5000 Role Models helping young boys become great men. I like teaching Children's Sunday School and of course singing.

I don't take being entrusted with small children for granted and am humbled to help shape future leaders of tomorrow.

**I believe that
persistence will always
lead to greatness.**

Things you should know...

- I am a simple guy but very particular about what I like.
- I believe all human beings should live by a code of honor.
- I truly love to cook which is my favorite pastime activity and hobby



Favorites:

- **Color:** Blue
 - **Movie:** "Coming to America"
 - **TV Series:** "The Godfather"
 - **Sport:** Football
 - **Dessert:** Brownies
 - **Food:** Beef Ribs
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- Growing up I spent my summers with extended family.
 - I'm right-handed, brown eyes, and 5'11" tall.
 - I would grow and raise all of my own food if I could.
 - I love anything competitive and can handle myself pretty well in any arena.
 - I am always looking for the next challenge in life and believe I have a work ethic that is unmatched.
 - I am cautious in everything I do.

My Husband, Willie

by Demi

Willie is the ultimate protector and provider. He takes his role as a divine man very seriously and dedicates his energy to being the best person and partner he can be.

I love that Willie's strengths balance out my weaknesses. Where I can be shy, he is confident and outgoing. Where I might hesitate or need motivation to act, he is on the move and gets things done.

What I love about Willie is that his life experiences have made him wise and intuitive. He is so committed to growing that it inspires me. Plus, he is an incredibly talented chef, which makes our food adventures some of the best experiences I've ever had.



He is...

**kind, strong, intelligent,
determined, and brave**





It takes a village!

We very much believe that it takes a village to raise a child. In our case, we are blessed to have an solid support system through our wonderful families and friends. I

Included in these are friends we've had for decades (from elementary school). Even their children call us auntie Demi and uncle Willie.

All this to say, your child will be well-loved.



**Our families and friends are some of the best people you will ever meet.
We are so fortunate to have them in our lives.**

Willie's Family

He has one brother and three sisters. He has a niece and three nephews who are the light of her world.

Willie and Demi are planning to travel to Turks & Caicos soon to eat delicious food, sandy beaches and fun in the sun.

Willie also has very close friends who are more like family to him. There is never too much love!

They are amazing, all of them.





Demi's Family

Demi comes from a big family! Her niece is an excellent golf player at ten years old and has been featured in many golf tournaments.



Even though Demi's parents have been remarried, they remain very present and involved with their kids and grand children.

We all love having family reunions with all of our loved ones.



Our Faith

- We take time to thank God for His love and all the people who love you! It is His gift to you and, We believe, one of the most valuable gifts that you will ever receive which is love.



We are humbled to serve, to give, and to love.

Our Traditions



- **Birthday shopping:** Each year, on each of the kids' birthdays, we take them out for dinner and shopping
- **It's a Wonderful Life:** We always watch this Christmas movie on Christmas Eve
- **Family camping:** Each summer with close family

- **Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving:** We all take turns hosting with both families
- **Summer in Atlanta:** We take a drive to the Atlanta and close cities one summer weekend each year.



We love our traditions and plan to keep making new ones.

Our Home

We live in an gated estate community in a single family home (four bedrooms, two bathrooms, open concept kitchen and living space, laundry room, and garage) with a large backyard big enough to play that is situated in a lovely suburban neighborhood. It has everything within walking distance: a huge park, splash pad, soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and even an elementary school that we practically see from our balcony.

We are close to friends and family members, close to malls, hospitals, the lake, and many parks and trails.





Please know...

The child entrusted with us will:

- not always get what they want, but will always get what they need
- have a big, loving community
- be read to and be given every educational opportunity
- get to be totally themselves and still feel good enough
- eat the most delicious and nutritious homecooked food
- have friends of all ages and races
- be prepared to handle life's challenges
- probably listen to a lot of oldies (particularly Elvis, the Beatles, Marvin Gaye) and musical soundtracks
- enjoy the outdoors and go on a lot of adventures
- play A LOT!
- learn to love and have respect and compassion for others
- BE loved



**God bless you and your
little one.**