

*Alejandro + Tanaya*

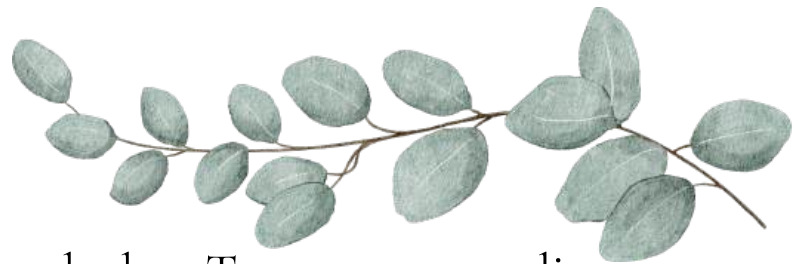
# Hi there!

We are Alejandro and Tanaya and we have always hoped adoption would bless our family. We hope that our book gives insight into the compassion, fun, respect, trust, and bond we have as a family. We are so excited to welcome a child into our big, loving family and home.

We hope that the right family calls out to you, and we appreciate you taking the time to read our book to learn more about us.

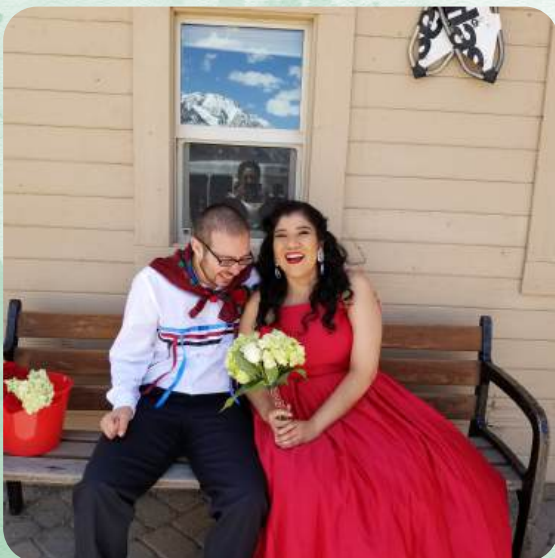


# Our Story



We met through a close mutual friend when Tanaya was traveling as a spoken word poet and singer. After hearing about each other for years, through a mutual friend, we finally met at one of her performances in Chicago and instantly felt at ease together. Alex says he fell in love the moment he heard Tanaya sing, and Tanaya knew right away that Alex had a kind, steady heart. That weekend, he carried her guitar, made sure she had food, and opened every door, small gestures that meant so much.

After that, we became best friends and began a long-distance relationship between Colorado and Chicago. Three months later, Alex moved to Colorado, where we spent three wonderful years hiking, cooking, and enjoying shows together (we're big Great British Bake-Off fans!). Alex later proposed by writing and singing Tanaya a song called "Baby, Will You Marry Me," and we were married near her hometown in Colorado. Now living in Albuquerque, we've been happily married for four years. While we've traveled to many places, our favorite is the loving home we've built together, and we are so excited to grow that love through adoption and welcome a child into our family.



# *A Little About Alejandro*

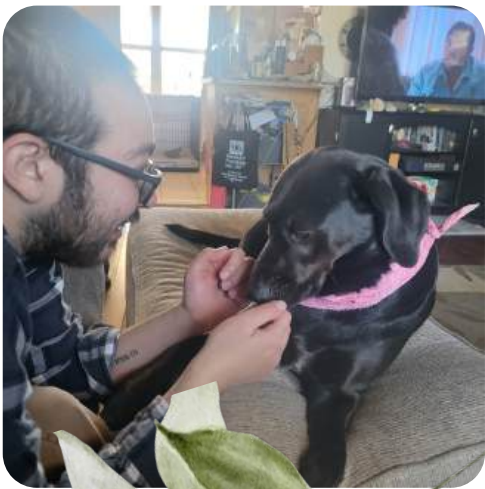
It's Alex for short! He grew up in the heart of Chicago with his mom, right next door to his grandparents. He loved going to their home after school for snacks, time with their pets, and a close bond with both his grandma and grandpa. He still enjoys visiting his extended family in Chicago, especially for good food like Italian beef, tacos, fried chicken, and deep-dish pizza.

Alex loves playing bass, making music, hiking with our dog, reading, weightlifting, watching movies together, and cooking, often trying new recipes in the kitchen. He especially enjoys sharing meals with friends and family, and his homemade salsa is a favorite! Alex is finishing his Associate's degree at Central New Mexico Community College and works as an Account Manager at Apex Insurance Agency.



# How Tanaya Sees Alex

Alex is one of the kindest and most compassionate people you'll ever meet. He is an amazing person with a good heart and will always go the extra mile for his loved ones. He is a hard worker who always pushes himself to learn as much as he can. I love watching him play with my nephew or his cousins. He is so kind and patient and not afraid to be silly. He has a tender heart and loves animals. Whenever I watch him interact with the children in our families or the animals in our families, I know he's going to be an amazing father. I can already see how great he'll be at it. There's no one else in the world that I'd want to go on this journey of life with and I cannot wait to raise a family with this man. He is my best friend and my safe harbor - I can be myself with him, my spirit is at peace in his presence, and I've never felt more loved or taken care of. Alex is a grounding presence. Everyone in my family loves him and the warmth he brings.



# *A Little About Tanaya*



Tanaya grew up in a small southern Colorado town with no stoplights, where everyone waved hello and community meant everything. Surrounded by her older sister, two younger sisters, and two younger brothers, she learned early on the importance of togetherness, tradition, and family. She's also a proud and devoted aunt to her first (and so far, only) nephew.

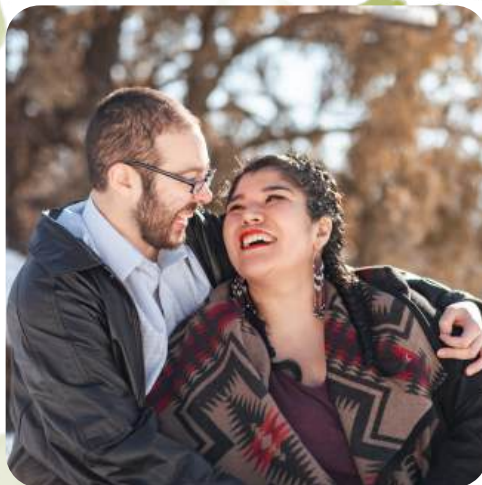
Tanaya has always loved to sing; you'll often find her singing while doing dishes or playing with the dog. She also enjoys reading, writing poetry, and playing her acoustic guitar. Summers were spent in Nevada with her grandparents and cousins, swimming in the lake and learning to bake her grandmother's favorite cake recipe, which she now makes for Alex.

After high school, Tanaya graduated from Stanford University and later earned her Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in Albuquerque. Raised to value education, purpose, and service, Tanaya is passionate about using her gifts to uplift others and give back to her community.

# How Alex Sees Tanaya



Tanaya has a soul I often describe as being ‘too sweet for this world’. She is a wonderful balance of determined and compassionate, fiercely protecting and lovingly caring for those she holds close. She is my best, best, best friend, unafraid to be goofy and sing silly songs. She is a great baker, singer, and a prolific artist. She is someone who has accomplished much of what she has always wanted to do, and is now fully focused on preparing the space to raise a child. She is wonderful with kids and animals, always trying to see the point of view of the smaller being. I cannot wait to see her show this love and empathy towards the baby that grows our family.



# Our Favorite Things

## *Alejandro's Favorites...*

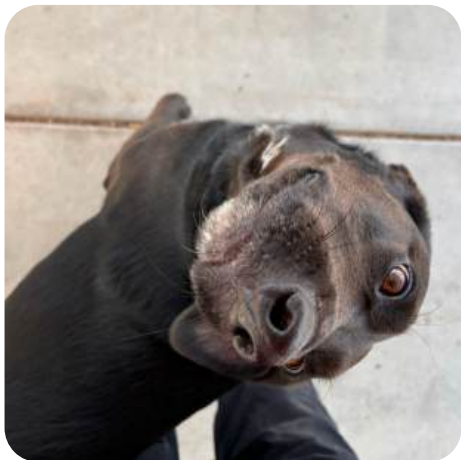
- Color: Green (because he loves trees and being in nature)
- Ice cream: Chocolate Chip
- Food: Deep Dish Pizza (so much so he knows how to make it)
- Holiday: Thanksgiving
- Music: Rock & EDM
- Pass time: playing music, old Nintendo games, and hiking



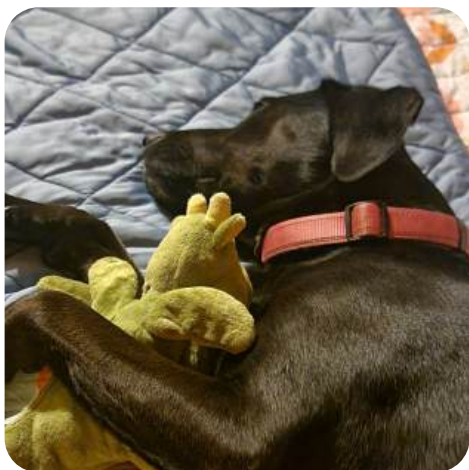
## *Tanaya's Favorites...*

- Color: Red (Together we are Christmas!)
- Ice cream: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
- Food: It's a tie between spaghetti and Frito pie
- Holiday: Christmas
- Music: Oldies & Motown
- Pass time: playing music, reading books, and watching movies

# Our Sweet Pup Harper



Harper is a 5-year-old lab mix who joined our family in March 2025. She is a loving, cuddly, happy goofball who loves to play fetch. She's very gentle about passing off her ball and when taking treats. She is gentle and kind with our 4-year-old nephew and 2.5 year old niece.



Harper has lots of stuffies that she likes to play with every night after dinner. She knows commands like sit, stay, shake, wait, lay down, and more!



# Alex's Extended Family

Alex's family is warm, friendly, and outgoing. Mostly located in Chicago, his family consists of his mom, two aunts plus their husbands and children, an uncle and his grandma. He is the oldest of his cousins, and they are very close as he babysat them all throughout their childhoods. Alex is an only child but his aunts are only about ten years older than him, making them feel more like sisters. His family enjoys going to White Sox and Bears games, visiting the beach on Lake Michigan, and enjoying the delicious food Chicago has to offer. We try to visit at different times of year to enjoy fun seasonal events like the German market at Christmastime or different parades and shows. They also come visit us in New Mexico at least once a year, with his mom stopping by a little more often for holidays and his birthday.



# Tanaya's Extended Family

Tanaya's family enjoys making tortillas, stews, salads, and tacos. Whether it's eating together at restaurants, having potlucks, or going to movies or cultural events together, you can always find them sharing stories and laughing. Family is important and we do everything we can to show up to support and spend time with both of our families as much as we can.



# Our Family Traditions

We decorate and dress up for Halloween and make sure to buy candy to hand out to all the trick-or-treaters in our neighborhood.

We love to host Thanksgiving dinners at our house making recipes that were passed down in our family. Alejandro loves making the turkey!

We love decking our house out for Christmas from putting up the tree and decorating it with ornaments we've gathered throughout the years.

We are also big on celebrating accomplishments and little "wins" we have personally and professionally. Sometimes, we'll order a pizza, go to a movie, or make a special dinner to uplift each other. We look forward to celebrating and uplifting our child in this way, too!



# Our Home and Community



We live in a neighborhood of mostly single-family homes, and many of the families have been here for generations. We're very blessed to live in the home that Tanaya's grandfather bought when he first moved to Albuquerque. We are lucky to also own the home next door so that one day our parents can retire next to us and eventually our child can have a home next door should they want to stay close by.



Our home is close to all the stores with the necessities we need, there's a nice park that's a 10-minute walk away, and the Sandia trails are about a 10-minute drive away. Every time our family from Chicago visits, they are always so amazed at the view we have and how close the mountains are to our home.



We enjoy sitting out on the porch with our tea, playing fetch with Harper, and reading our books. Our spacious big yard has plenty of room for family gatherings, movie nights with friends, and grilling, one of Alex's favorite pastimes.

# *Our Promise*

We promise to always cherish, uplift, and support your child. We commit to loving them unconditionally and support them through anything and everything. We promise to live continually holding gratitude for them and for you in our hearts each and every day. We promise to honor the gift they are and the gift you gave us by choosing us to love your child in this way. We will help celebrate their growth and individuality. We will support them through life's stumbles and the lessons they learn. We will hold them tenderly, for they are a blessing. We promise they will know how loved they are, by us and by you, each and every day. We have so much love to give.

Thank you for taking the time to read our book and getting to know us a little better. We wish you nothing but the best for you and for baby.

*-Alex & Tanaya*

