

Mario & Cynthia





Hello There

We would like to thank you with all of our hearts for taking the time to read about our hearts for you.

To us, you truly are the most amazing woman we will ever know! We can't imagine what you've gone through to get here, but we would like you to know how inspired and amazed we are by you. We know this is not the easiest road, but it is definitely the most courageous, thank you so much for your courage! Our hope is to assure you and bring you peace as you read through this book.

We want you to know that you are not alone, you now have the two of us who will pray for you, and champion you. We desire nothing more than to bring joy to your life and hopefully make you feel grateful to have met us.

We are very excited at the possibility of meeting you and walking alongside you through this journey! If you give us the honor of caring for your baby, we promise to love your baby, and give them the happiest life possible. We have so much love to give, and our dream is to share all of our love with your child. If you choose us, we plan to bring your child into a huge and very loving community of people. Your child will have cousins, friends, and a very long list of aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas.

Mario & Cynthia



Our Story

IT STARTED AS A SOLID FRIENDSHIP AND TURNED INTO FOREVER

In a time when we were both not necessarily looking for love we found each other in an opportune way. I (Mario) was working at the mall at a cell phone kiosk where my manager was Cynthia's cousin. One day Cynthia came in with her cousin and I saw her observing the phones. I walked up to her with a big smile on my face because of how beautiful I thought she was and introduced myself. It was love at first sight, well for me. I then asked my boss at the time to introduce me and we went on our first date later that week. We hit it off as our conversations were seamless and engaging. We talked about everything from politics to WWE wrestling which we both enjoyed and were fans of.

We went on dates to the movies, we enjoyed dinner together, we went to the beach and enjoyed every moment together. At one point we even had the same job and would spend our weeks together. We fell in love and became great friends which led us to wanting to spend the rest of our lives together. Five years later we were saying I do on April 22, 2007.

WE HAVE
BEEN MARRIED

15

AMAZING YEARS



The Proposal

After 4 years of dating, we both felt marriage was the next step for us. But more than a “next step” we were really excited and couldn’t wait to bring our lives together. We made plans to go to our favorite restaurant for dinner. The lights were dim, and the mood was right. Once dinner was over I, Mario, told Cynthia how much I loved her, and how I wanted to spend the rest of my life loving her. I pulled out the ring and asked Cynthia to marry me. She said yes! The people around us clapped and cheered as I placed the ring on her finger. After shedding some tears (of joy) we walked out of the restaurant engaged and excited to share the news with our loved ones.

The Wedding

We were excited to get married! We expected to get married on a beautiful spring day. The weather had other plans. Instead of a crisp spring day, we were met with April showers. We had planned to be married on a plush green lawn, however the lawn was wet and muddy. Thankfully our family and friends sprung into action. They began decorating the gazebo and making sure the place looked great. All of our family was tightly squeezed including Cynthia’s grandparents from Mexico, we had a loving and intimate ceremony under the gazebo. We danced all night with our family and friends. There were so many good laughs and such a good time surrounded by our closest friends and family.



Our Family Believes...

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PERSEVERANCE

When life gets tough we say, “our family never gives up.” We press forward and find healthy ways to advance. We know life can come with ups and downs and there is grace around every corner. We want to live a life of positivity and love.

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GENEROSITY LEADS

Generosity is our privilege. We freely give our time, resources, and finances whenever possible to bless and help those around us. We believe in truly loving others and showing up in real and tangible ways to show support and care.

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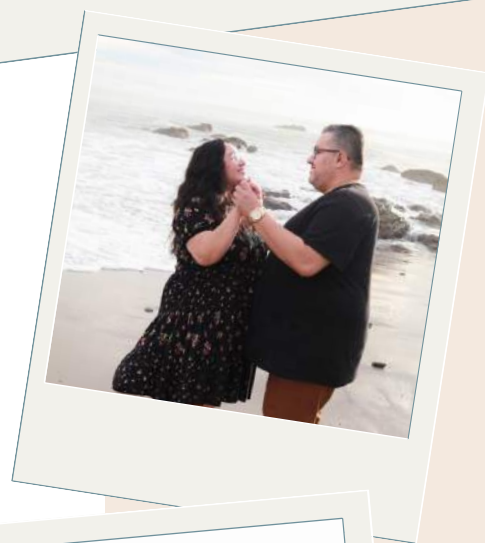
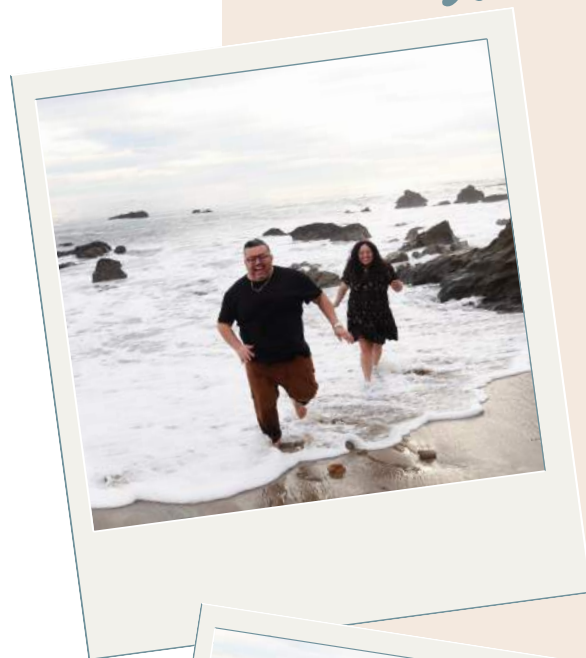
FAITH ROOTS US

We believe that God is good and is present in every area and at every instant. He adopted us into His family and calls us His own. We find everything that we need in a genuine and honest relationship with Him.

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ADVENTURE AND FUN

We only have one life to live and we always make the most of our time. We love creating spaces for our family to connect together, our marriage to stay strong, and for time to continue building memories together.





OUR HEART FOR ADOPTION

Mario and I have been on a journey towards growing our family for fourteen years now. When we first started trying, we did not anticipate how many challenges and obstacles we would encounter. We have tried to welcome children into the world the good old fashioned way, but have not been able to naturally conceive. We have tried infertility treatments and lots of prayer, but have not been able to get pregnant. I have a condition that makes getting pregnant really tough, and Mario also has some challenges on his end.

Even though it's been a very difficult journey, our hearts are still so hopeful to the possibility of welcoming children into our lives, and our home. Even before we met, we both had expressed our desire to our families to one day adopt a child. We have always seen adoption as such a privilege and honor, and an act of extreme selflessness on behalf of you, a courageous and strong woman. In our faith, we learn how God has adopted us into His family. This has been life-changing for us. It has given us identity, and shown us how incredibly loved we are. In this same way, we plan to love your child, and give him or her a safe place in knowing how incredibly loved they are. We are so thankful that adoption will also give us the honor of getting to know you, we already admire you so much! We will forever hold you in our hearts. Both of us feel like we have been parents for some time now. We are leaders within a small community and serve the people of that community as father and mother figures. We offer them understanding, guidance, support, and lots and lots of love. If parenting was a seed, that seed has been planted in us, and has been watered little by little throughout the years. We have a huge space within us to love and care for a child and to be parents that will support and encourage our child as they grow. For us, adoption is our first choice in growing our family, we feel so honored to be on this journey to become parents and we cannot wait to get to know you more.

MEET

Caring

A Good Listener

Funny



My Career

I am very fortunate and blessed to have two amazing and very fulfilling roles. My first, is being pastors of our church. I get to learn a lot about people, their struggles and their triumphs. I love partnering with Mario, which is awesome because we are able to lean on each other, and support one another.

My second role is being a graphic designer. I am a very creative person, so being a graphic designer is the perfect outlet for creative expression.

Cynthia

IN BECOMING A MOM...

I am really looking forward to waking up to a little one playing in their crib, or to watching them sleep peacefully. I am very excited to be able to hear first words, and changing diapers. One thing I really loved was walking through milestone with the twins we fostered, so I am very excited to be able to walk through that again. More than anything, I am really excited to step into the privilege of raising an amazing little human, and being there for them through the ups and downs. I have had such a deep desire to be a mother for over a decade, and the thought of finally being able to step into that role fills me up with more joy than I can express with words.

In Mario's Words

Cynthia is such a gift to my life. She is a funny, kind, creative, loving, generous, and smart individual. She has such an amazing heart for people . I have seen her give hours of her time to listen to someone that is hurting in order to help them. Her eye for creativity is truly a gift. She is a photographer, a graphic artist, and a creative director. She can sing, she can dance, and loves to make her family happy. She is a great listener, and so loving which makes her a great wife and great future mom! Often, if I am in the office working on something, she will come in and dance and make me laugh. She hugs me and kisses me and goes back to what she was doing. Her attention to detail is so amazing. She makes our house into a home.

I have seen my wife interact with many children from all ages. Our nephews were the first babies in our family. We have three of them, Aiden (10), Jeremiah (10) and Ian (6). Cynthia has been so loving and attentive towards them. My wife is full of energy and will play on the floor with children and join them in their games. She loves to make them laugh. I saw her be a mother to two twin babies we fostered for 5 months and her attention towards them was so amazing. She prepared herself every step of the way and knew what to do when challenges arose. She was so loving, caring, and patient with them. She has a lot of love to give to our future children and I can't wait to see it.



SHE LIGHTS UP ANY ROOM
SHE WALKS INTO AND
LOVES PEOPLE WHERE
THEY ARE AT WITHOUT
EXPECTATION



MEET



Caring

Wise

Funny

My Career

I work as an account manager who helps musicians get paid. It is a wonderful non-profit organization who truly supports their employees. I love how family friendly this organization is.

I am also a Pastor for a wonderful group of believers. We believe in second chances and seeing people become who God called them to be. I have enjoyed seeing families restored and individuals grow in their faith. We've had the pleasure of being there when people are at their best and at some of their toughest moments in life. We do life together and this is a community that will support us tremendously.

Mario

IN BECOMING A DAD....

I look forward to raising and loving a child. Watching them use their imagination to dream and play and create home for them to thrive and explore. I can't wait to see them become all that they can. I look forward to being adventurous with them. Going to the beach, camping, and connecting as a father with our child. Creating memories around our home and with our family as they learn about life and grow up to be amazing humans. I look forward to seeing them grow up through all of the seasons of life. I will always prioritize being there for them and being intentional in their life.

In Cynthia's Words:

Mario is awesome! Around the house I actually call him "Amazo." I always tell him how amazing he is, so I shortened that and landed on "Amazo." I feel like I won the lottery with Mario, he is so caring, he always goes above and beyond to care for me and make sure I'm good. Whenever I'm sick or not feeling well, he is so quick to bring me medicine, make tea, rub my back or even make me soup. He's very selfless, he's always looking for ways to serve and love others. Mario is the most funny person I've ever met, his silliness and jokes fill our home with laughter and joy. I really admire how determined, intelligent, kind, and loving he is. He is also so supportive. He is very encouraging, and gives the best advice! I also admire how wise and patient he is. It is all of this and so much more that makes me fall in love with him more every day.

We have three nephews, Mario has been an active part of their lives since they were born. Once our nephews were old enough to walk, Mario and I would take them to the park to run and play. Mario also attended and cheered them on at their soccer games, and basketball games. Mario always knows how to make them laugh and have a fun time. He is quick to drop to his hands and knees to crawl around with them. Two of my nephews lost their dad, and I've seen Mario step in as a father figure to give guidance and love.

In 2021, Mario and I became foster parents to a set of twin baby girls. They were 3 months old, and it was amazing to see Mario jump in and learn how to care for them. He changed diapers, made bottles, and woke up every morning at 2AM to feed them, burp them, and rock them back to sleep. He would get on the floor and help them go from their backs to their tummies. He was so proud when both of them were finally able to roll. He was also quick to help them learn how to crawl and even feed themselves at 5 months. Mario is great with kids, he is so patient with them, and is always very willing to be silly with them. He is going to be an incredible dad.



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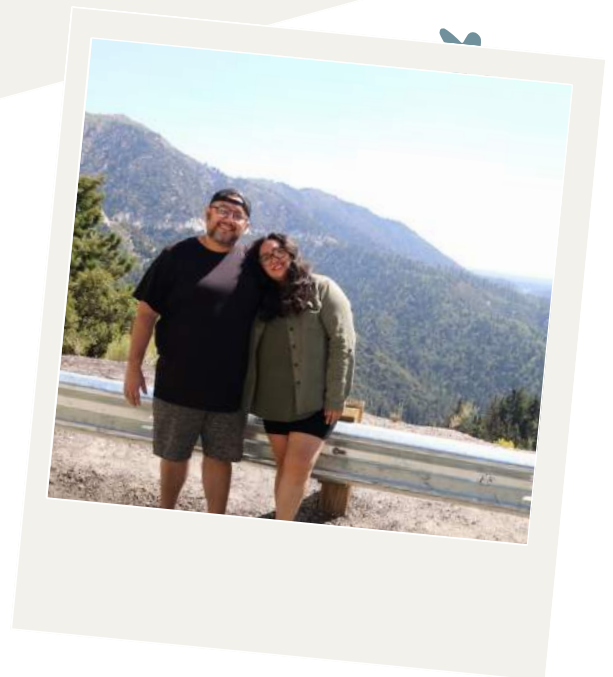
MARIO IS THE TYPE OF FRIEND WHO SHOWS UP WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS HIM. HE IS CONSTANT AND DEPENDABLE.

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HOPES & DREAMS

We have vision and hope for the future of our family and home. We are always planning for the future and expect great things to come. We hope to buy a home very soon for our family with more rooms and bigger space to make many more memories. We do enjoy the surrounding community as it has many awesome places to visit and it's very convenient. There are great schools in the area and places to take your family to have good family fun. We love to travel as a family and plan on taking family vacations when the time comes. Our hope is to enjoy each other and build a deep lifelong connection with our children. We do want to grow our family but we put that all in God's hands. We want to continue to have an open adoption and share your child's life with you as they grow.



Our Community

OF FRIENDS

There is this portion in the bible that says, "a cord of three strands is not quickly broken." We have been very fortunate to find strands, or friends, that have come alongside us and have become as close as family. Over the past decade or so, we have been able to grow with and lean on our amazing friends. They have been a helpful source of comfort, support, laughter, and even healing - this is who we do life with.

When we decided to become foster parents, our friends rallied together and surprised us with what they called, A Foster Parent Shower. They set up a dinner for us and showed up with books, diapers, clothes, gift cards, basically everything we could possibly need for a child placed in our home. Because of their kind and thoughtful gifts, we were all set when we were given little notice about our first foster care placement.

Every week we get together to catch up and have huge laughs over dinner. We share our faith, encouragement and our highs and lows. If you chose us, your baby will be loved by an endless supply of honorary aunts, uncles and even some little cousins.



FOR FUN



“ We love creating fun memories that take us to new places. ”



We spend a lot of time together doing the things we love. We enjoy walks around our neighborhood together and talking about life and our future. We also love the beach in the summers and enjoy the breeze and reading. We also enjoy dinners with friends and having a great time with our family. We love to take our nephews out to the park or for ice cream and enjoy quality time with them. We enjoy watching movies together and snuggling together in our home. We cannot wait to plan days with our child and find things they love. We will always help our children find what they are passionate about and be intentional to help them discover it more.





DURING SUMMERTIME

One of our most favorite things to do is to go on road trips. Whether far or close, we love getting in the car for a drive with our favorite playlists to discover new places. We usually pack up our camera and some snacks and stop along the way to take pictures. We also really enjoy going out for walks, we both work from home, so going for walks around our neighborhood have become one of our favorite things to do. We love picnics at the beach or at the park, we especially love to go watch movies outdoors during the summer months. We are big on family, and we love to take our nephews out and spend time with them. One of our favorite places to take them is a place called Sky Zone which is full of trampolines where they can jump basically all day. We both love family, so spending time with family is something we both really love. If chosen, we plan to make sure your baby not only has love and care, but a great life full of fun, laughter, and adventure.



OUR NORMAL

We love that our lives are flexible and we get to work from home. This allows us to eat breakfast together in the mornings, take a walk together in the afternoons, and be present in each other's lives. We like to structure our week with intentional time together and then plan fun weekend adventures. This allows us to have a healthy structure at home having a flexible home life will allow us to be very involved in our child's life.



H O M E

We love our home and it's a place where you can put your feet up and feel like family. Our home has 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. It is a remodeled home with great space in our living room to play and hang out. A dining room with our big table for family dinners. Our kitchen is really nice, we cook as a family and eat dinner together every chance we get. We watch movies in our living room and enjoy family time with lots of laughs and joy. We will put music on and dance around while doing house work or just having fun. We take pictures of each other and enjoy making memories. We have ample space on our side yard and our front yard for barbequing and relaxing on our lawn chairs. We could definitely see our kids playing and enjoying these areas of our home. Although we love our current home our plan is to get a bigger home with more rooms to make more memories in the near future.

Our home is filled with family, good food, and is a place of safety.



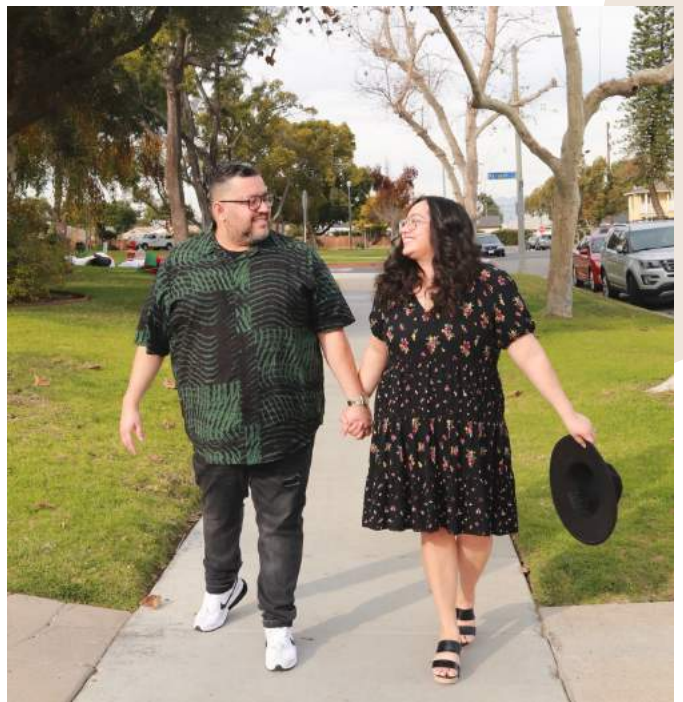
OUR COMMUNITY

Built on love



*We appreciate the
diversity that is celebrated
in our city*

Our local community is quite diverse. There are all types of backgrounds and cultures in our area. This makes things so beautiful because there is so much to explore and learn from one another. The school district here is exceptional and there are plenty of private schools that do a great job in educating the children of our community. There is a local library which holds events for children to learn and develop. We definitely plan to take our children to these learning experiences. There are lots of activities, wonderful parks, and the city holds different events for families in our area. Such as movie night on the lawn, live music, and dance shows for the family. There is a famous aquarium that many parents take their children to on the weekends. Due to the diverse nature of the city, the places to eat are also amazing. We are also a close drive to the beach, lake, and mountains.



Family



MARIO'S FAMILY

My parents are extremely supportive, they are always very quick to step in to be there for Cynthia and I. My mom is the sweetest, she is also an amazing cook! I always tell her she needs to write down her recipes and pass them along. My dad is the definition of a hard working man. Growing up, he worked several jobs at a time in order to be able to provide for us. He and my mom have both worked and modeled hard work for my brother and me. We all go to church together so we get to see my parents about 2-3 times out of the week. My brother Jessy and his family recently moved to Arizona. They used to live with my parents, so their move was a pretty big adjustment for our family, we really miss them! Thankfully we all get to text and jump on family video calls with him a lot throughout the month. These calls are always very funny, especially because my mom is not very tech savvy, so watching her figure out how to facetime is pretty hilarious. My family is really excited about our adoption plans. They can't wait to meet the child we will bring into our home. We were lucky enough to be foster parents to a set of twin babies last year, and I wish you could have seen my parents with them. Both of them welcomed those babies into our family and loved them so much!



OUR FAMILY IS FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR DESIRE TO ADOPT. THEY WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.



CYNTHIA'S FAMILY

My family is supportive, and caring and they show up whenever we need them. My sisters and I have a text thread where we share funny videos, memes, and check-ins every week. I see my parents, sisters and nephews once a week. We usually head over to their home on Sundays to have dinner, which always ends up with playing in the front yard with my nephews afterwards. My parents home is warm and loving, my parents love being grandparents. I love my family, and really enjoy spending time with them. My family is really BIG on family, and they are so happy at the possibility of welcoming another member. I think I've mentioned we cared for a set of twin babies, well, when my sisters found out they all rushed out and bought so many clothes for them. They all bought two of each outfit! My family has seen our ups and downs with our fertility journey, and they're so excited to see our family grow. They would absolutely welcome an adoptive child, and love them so very much!





Traditions

WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER...

with our extended family, church community, and friends. Normally for birthdays we have a get-together and always create a space for that person to feel so special. We enjoy going on vacations or road trips for birthdays. Getting away on birthday weekends is important to us. We celebrate Thanksgiving with our extended families. We will either be with my parents or Cynthia's parents and there is always so much food. We give thanks for what we are grateful for as a family before we eat. We make sure to be intentional about how grateful we are.

Christmas is important for us in our home. We will play Christmas music and put up our tree together. We enjoy our time and are intentional about what these Holidays mean to us. Every year we make it a point to bless our surrounding communities. We give gifts to people in need via our church every year or we might volunteer to help those in need. We want to be a great example of giving and generosity to our children. We give gifts to each other and our nephews during Christmas. We play games and tell stories as we spend quality time together as a family. It's a very fun time.

We would love to hear if there are any traditions you would love to see celebrated in your child's life as they grow.



WE LOVE LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND CREATING TIME TO CELEBRATE LIFE





Education

Our goal is to have them in private school especially in the younger years. We want our child to have an amazing education and all the opportunities available. We want our child to grow in their creativity and education. To become who they are called to be and fulfill their purpose in life.

Our hope is that our child would attend college and receive the best education that they can. We don't want to pressure our children into anything but we want to encourage them to find something they love and receive the best education for what they feel passionate about. We will teach our children that education is important but it also doesn't define them. It is a tool to get better opportunities in their future. Every individual is different, we will try to guide our child in the best direction that suits them. After all, our goal is for our child to be successful in life and that includes being happy with their choices.



Our Faith

We are part of an amazing church community, we are like a family that loves each other and are there for one another. We believe in forgiveness, in second chances, and redemption. We love people and bring hope where it's needed. We plan to raise our child in places that are safe and loving. Where our child can be uplifted and encouraged by our friends and church community. Our church is filled with supportive people, sweet grandmas and grandpas, mom's and dads, and many other amazing people who encourage us and will be a big help and support to our child.

Our child will meet other children here and grow long lasting relationships with them. They will learn about love and forgiveness that will shape how they treat others. Our community will love our child and support them as they develop.



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OUR HEART IS TO GET TO KNOW YOU MORE AND SIT WITH YOU AND LISTEN. WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR DESIRES FOR YOUR CHILD AND HOW WE CAN MAKE THOSE A REALITY AS THEY GROW. WE WILL LOVE THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY OF THEIR LIFE, LETTING THEM KNOW HOW SPECIAL THEY ARE.

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OUR PROMISE

We promise to love and care for your child as if he or she has always been a part of us. We commit to knowing you and honoring your wishes for your child. We promise to create a life and home where he or she can grow into who they uniquely are. We promise to be honest with you and follow through with what we say. We promise to always take time to listen, put their needs first, and hug them every single day. We will always be their greatest advocate and biggest cheerleader. We will speak well of you and help this child understand the incredibly difficult decision you had to make was made out of love.





Before You Go

We truly hope this book has helped bring some ease to the next few steps of your journey. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to read and learn about us and our hopes and prayers for you. Your bold choice is something we will forever admire, and it is something we plan to share with your child. We want them to know how brave and courageous you are, and we only hope to nurture that in them as well. We would love to honor you in their lives and share all we can about you with them. We hope to be able to meet you and learn more about your life, hopes, and dreams. Thank you for sharing this part of your life with us. We pray you are filled with peace, hope, love, and so many blessings. You will forever be in our hearts, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Mario & Cynthia

WE HOPE IN THIS TIME OF HARD
CHOICES YOU FEEL COMFORTED,
LOVED, AND SUPPORTED FULLY FOR
WHO YOU ARE.





*Our hope is that you feel seen, you
feel heard, and that above all else
you feel loved.*

