

**FOTIS AND NAVRIN**





FAMILY SHOULD  
BE THE PLACE  
WHERE YOU CAN  
BE YOUR MOST

complete self.

OPRAH WINFREY



# Howdy

## FROM TEXAS!

We truly thank you for taking the time to learn about us and get a brief glimpse into our lives. In the following pages, you'll hopefully see that we are a kind and thoughtful couple who enjoy the simple things in life, whether it's a lakeside walk with our little dog or trying new places to eat. You will also quickly notice that we come from unique cultures and have diverse backgrounds. We look forward to sharing that part of us with your child, among the many other milestones and memories we hope to make. As first-time parents, we are excited as we start on this journey.

**At the same time, we believe it is a huge honor and privilege to become adoptive parents.**

We accept our responsibilities to you and your child with the utmost respect and commitment. We're grateful for your consideration and wish you all the best, whatever path you ultimately choose.

**All our love, Fotis and Navrin**



# our story:

## EAST MEETS WEST.

Our story begins in 2011 when a tornado outbreak struck our town. Navrin knocked on Fotis's door to ask if he had power, and this short conversation led to their first date. One date led to another, and without even realizing it, we fell in love. Life has its twists and turns, though, and our story was no exception – Navrin moved to Arizona for a job opportunity later that summer. Fotis already had his job, family, and, of course, Alabama football. It seemed like it was the end of the love story of a 6' 3" Greek guy and a 5' 1" Indian girl. Fortunately for us, love conquers all. We kept dating long-distance, and Fotis moved to Phoenix the following Spring.

We eventually had a small, intimate wedding with family and friends in 2014 but didn't stay in the desert long. Being close to family was important to both of us so after Fotis graduated with his MBA, we moved to Texas in 2015.

**We are still there today and bought our first house in 2016, where we are looking forward to starting a family.**





# choosing adoption

We knew early on in our relationship that we wanted children and had a shared vision for how we planned to start a family of our own. Even though the “how” has changed, we wholeheartedly believe that sharing these common core beliefs has made our relationship stronger. If anything, our appreciation of what makes a family has only deepened through all the ups and downs. We’ve evolved as our circumstances evolved and have learned so much about adoption these last few years.

**We are excited as we start yet another adventure together and are both committed to providing a loving and nurturing home for our child to thrive, explore, and, above all, be happy and healthy.**



# meet Navrin

**TOLD BY FOTIS**

Navrin is originally from India, where she grew up surrounded by a close-knit community of family and friends. Everyone knew everyone else in her hometown; although people didn't have much, they all supported each other. Fast forward a few years, and Navrin and her family were fortunate enough to have an opportunity to immigrate to the US. She soon found herself moving to Oklahoma and finishing high school. It was a transitional time in her life, but Navrin fought through the adversity of learning a new language and adapting to a new country and culture and showed the kind of resilience I've come to know and expect from her. She went on to get her bachelor's degree while working and paying her way through school. This dedication and hard work continued, and Navrin eventually earned her Doctorate of Optometry. However, Navrin is not so easily satisfied and opted to continue her learning by choosing to complete a year of residency, this time in Alabama, and setting the stage for where our stories meet.

**I have no doubt Navrin will make a great parent due in no small part to her life experiences and never giving up. She is an amazing eye doctor because she is empathetic, friendly, knowledgeable, and patient. She is strong and can do anything she puts her mind to, taking full advantage of any situation she is in. She will be a loving and devoted mother, just as she is a loyal and caring wife.**





# meet Fotis

**TOLD BY NAVRIN**

Fotis was born and raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Both of his parents originally came from Greece. English was their second language for them, but that didn't stop them from working hard to learn a new language and finding work to support themselves and their children. Fotis is the middle child of three and grew up in a stable and loving home where the emphasis was always on family unity, good ethics and morals, as well as education. Fotis came from humble beginnings, so he always strives to put 100 percent towards all his goals. After he earned his MBA, he was offered a job at a university in 2015, and since then, he has been steadily getting promoted.

**As a couple, we have been together for over a decade. Fotis is committed, present, and supportive, and most importantly, he still makes me laugh. I know he will bring the same dependability, love, and resilience in raising our child and will always make them know they are safe and protected.**

# things we love



## Navrin's favorite things

- Loves drinking homemade chai every morning. The day doesn't officially start until she gets a cup in.
- Loves spending time with (and spoiling) her nephew and niece!
- Loves binge-watching Hallmark movies during the holidays.
- Loves walking Neo around the neighborhood and catching up with both human and furry friends alike.
- Loves reading e-books and learning new things.

## Fotis' favorite things

- Loves to plan all our travel itineraries, from places we visit to the hotels we will stay. It is his passion!
- Loves to spend a few minutes every day completing a crossword puzzle.
- Loves watching, especially his football team, the Alabama Crimson Tide, from his hometown. He never missed a home game until he moved to Phoenix.
- Loves chocolate, especially cookies and cake. Chocolate is his favorite dessert!
- Loves taking longer hikes whenever he gets the opportunity.



ADVENTURES WITH OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW



SNUGGLES WITH OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW



# home sweet home

**OUR TWO-STORY BRICK HOME OFFERS  
EVERYTHING A CHILD COULD NEED.**

We have four bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and a fenced backyard with a covered patio. This has been the perfect house for us since we moved in seven years ago, and it will also be the perfect house for raising a family. Safety, schools, and community amenities were always at the forefront when choosing a place to call home, and we are so glad we chose such a quiet, safe, and diverse neighborhood.

There are many things for a child to explore without getting in a car and driving anywhere. We are within walking distance of two lakes, two playgrounds, and walking trails. More importantly, we have fun and friendly neighbors, many with their own children who play outside together, whom we've come to know over the years.

# our community

We cannot emphasize enough that your child will grow up to be in a safe, diverse, and family-friendly neighborhood. We walk twice a day with Neo and are fortunate that we've made friends with so many of our neighbors. Our HOA also does an amazing job of fostering a sense of community by hosting different events several times a year, our favorite being the catered BBQ and ice cream on the evening of our city's 4th of July fireworks, which we can view from the lake.

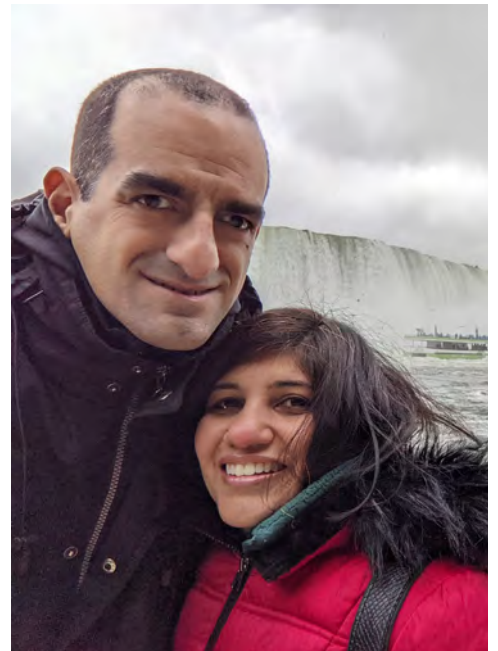
We chose to live in the suburbs because it allows us to be close to other metropolitan areas and gives us easy access to various kid-friendly parks, shopping, doctors and hospitals, and most importantly, our places of worship and great schools. The best way to describe our neighborhood is that it's a little hidden oasis. **We can't wait for your child to experience all the wonderful amenities in our neighborhood and surrounding community.**





LOVE RECOGNIZES NO BARRIERS.  
IT JUMPS HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES,  
PENETRATES WALLS  
TO ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION  
*full of hope.*

HIKING WITH OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW



LUNCH WITH FAMILY





# extended family

## FOTIS' FAMILY

My extended family is in Greece, but my parents live in my hometown in Alabama, where they've been for over five decades. My dad is retired and my mom works part-time. They are both busybodies and will undoubtedly dote on their first grandchild. My older brother works as an engineer in Florida, and my younger sister is a scientist in Boston. Even though we are scattered around the country, we talk on the phone at least once a week and always make a point to get together for Christmas and sometimes even Thanksgiving. If we're lucky enough, there's also the chance that we get together for a post-season Alabama football game.



# NAVRIN'S FAMILY

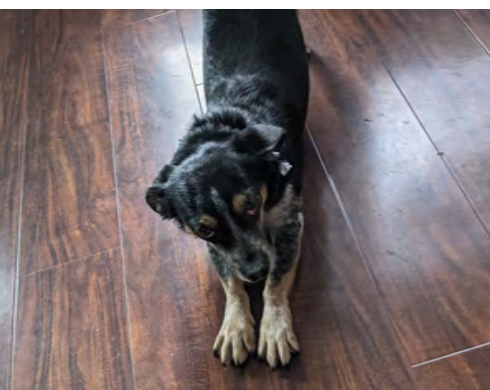
My father still lives in India, but he comes to visit me and my older brother every few years, usually staying for several months. Most of my extended family lives in India, although I do have two cousins and their families in Texas and another in Georgia. Thankfully, with smartphones and the internet, staying in touch is easier than ever. My brother and his wife have two kids, and they live in Oklahoma. Since we are close by, we make regular visits, mainly to play with and spoil our nephew and niece. My brother and sister-in-law are both business owners.



# Meet Neo!

Neo is a small dachshund mix that we rescued when visiting family in Oklahoma. He's as innocent as can be and is naturally curious, but don't let his size fool you. He loves his morning and evening walks around the neighborhood; we average almost two miles daily. It's no wonder everyone in the neighborhood knows Neo (although the kids still call him a "puppy"). He's super friendly and absolutely loves kids and would take quickly to an addition to our family – as long as he can keep his favorite blanket.

**He has never met a stranger and loves kids especially – probably because he is small too – and we're convinced Neo will instantly fall in love with his new baby brother or sister.**



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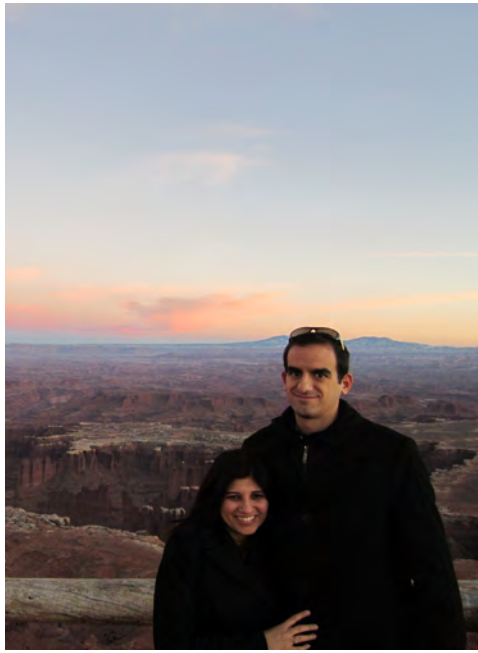
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we believe in compassion, tolerance, and generosity.

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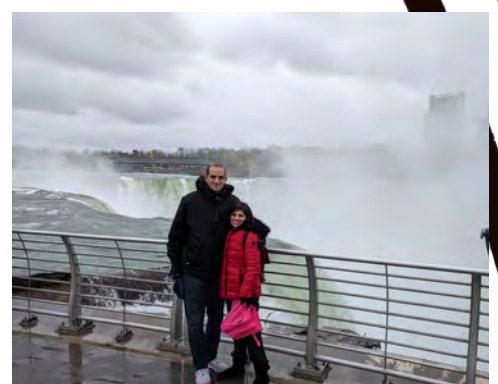
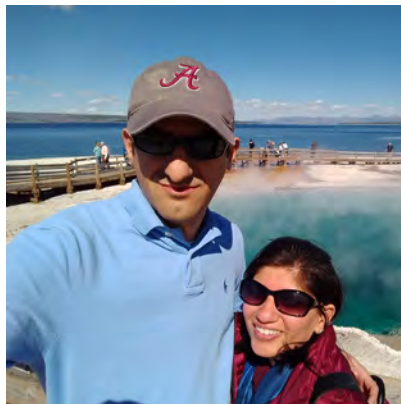
we want our family to be happy, healthy and united.





# our adventures

We both love traveling and seeing the world. We value experiences and love to take one or two trips a year to places we haven't been. We love exploring nature and love visiting National Parks. We prefer road trips over flying, but we also love visiting other countries and cultures. This way, we get out of our comfort zone and learn about other people. We hope to continue that once we bring a baby home, especially as they grow older. Our goal is to make our child's world bigger and not simply scratch items off a bucket list. Visiting extended family in Greece and India is very important so our child has the opportunity to meet their relatives and understand their parents' heritage.



# our promises

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are encouraged by your strength and bravery and so very grateful that you have taken time to consider us.

## IF CHOSEN WE PROMISE TO:

**We promise to** encourage your child to follow their dreams.

**We promise to** be good role models for your child and model good ethics and morals.

**We promise to** provide structure in your child's life.

**We promise to** teach your child to be resilient in life and to work hard toward achieving their goals.

**We promise to** provide your child with social, emotional, and academic education.

**We promise that** your child will be loved by us, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

**We promise to** raise your child to be responsible, respectable, and resourceful.

**We promise to** be positive about your child adoption story and honor your role in your child's life.

We are sending lots of love your way and thank you for your consideration from the bottom of our hearts!

**Fotis and Navrin**



