



Lindsey and Jamel

A large green five-petaled flower is centered in the top left. To its left and above are several horizontal brushstrokes in a reddish-brown color. A smaller green flower is partially visible on the far left edge.

Hello!

We know that you are making a really tough decision. Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We know that what you are doing is the hardest thing you will ever have to do. Neither of us have been in your position so we can't even begin to know what you are going through. We just know that we will be the very best parents that we can possibly be.

LOVE,
Lindsey and Jamel

A large, stylized green handprint is in the bottom right. To its right is a large, light pinkish-orange shape with three curved lines, resembling a smile or a stylized face.

WHY *adoption*

We are considering adoption for a number of reasons. **Jamel was adopted as a child and wants to provide a good life for a baby.** Lindsey loves children and can't wait to be a mom. We know that we will provide a safe and happy home for a baby.





OUR *story*

We met online and immediately connected. One of our first dates was on Jamel's birthday! Lindsey took Jamel to a restaurant with outside seating because it looked fun. It turned out to be terrible and we still laugh about it today. Our next date was at the Harlem Globetrotters where we first started talking about raising a family together.

WE HAVE SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER AND A LOT IN COMMON.

JAMEL *says...*

Jamel fell in love with Lindsey at first sight. He loves that Lindsey is willing to go outside of her comfort zone and try new things with him. He loves that Lindsey laughs at herself and knows they are a great match. Lindsey convinced Jamel to go to the ballet with him and he really enjoyed it. He can't wait to raise a child with Lindsey.



LINDSEY *says...*

Lindsey was attracted to Jamel's positive attitude and work ethic. Jamel always wants to do the right thing and always wants to improve. He talks about his work challenges to Lindsey and she loves to help him solve problems. He's the first one she wants to talk to about everything. He always tells her to look for the silver lining when things don't go her way. He's strong (physically and mentally) and persistent. He cares deeply for his friends and his sister, Shamika. He's playful and easy to be with. Lindsey loves his smile and his willingness to try new things.

OUR LIVES together



We love to laugh and share the same sense of humor. We love spending time with family and friends and playing games. Jamel is very competitive and Lindsey does her best to offer him a challenge. We play UNO, cards, Scrabble, and Hive. We love to watch Seinfeld together, too.



Meet Lindsey

LINDSEY HATES COLD WEATHER, THEREFORE SHE CHOSE A COLLEGE IN THE SOUTH IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE WINTERS OF NEW YORK.

She studied Political Science at UNC Chapel Hill. She still loves to learn and loved her classes in college. When she was younger, Lindsey and her dad would talk for hours about public policy issues and government. An avid reader, she regularly selects non fiction books about psychology, current events, and social issues. Lindsey works really hard. In fact, in college, along with her courses, she worked two jobs, one at Bruggers' Bagels and the other in the Wilson Library. She fell in love with the climate of Chapel Hill and has since lived in North Carolina.





Loving life-balance, Lindsey is really happy to have a very flexible job. After working in college admissions and school counseling for fifteen years, Lindsey met Brooke, the owner of the company Lindsey now works for. In 2017, Brooke hired Lindsey as her first employee. The company has grown tremendously since and now has franchises across the country. Along with working with high school students as they search for and apply to college, she also supports the college counseling team. Her job flexibility allowed her to live in New York City for a month in 2022. She rented an Airbnb and lived out a life-long goal of living in the city. She knows that flexibility will be invaluable as she and Jamel start their family





Meet Jamel

JAMEL HAD A GREAT EDUCATION AND IS NOW AN ENTREPRENEUR.

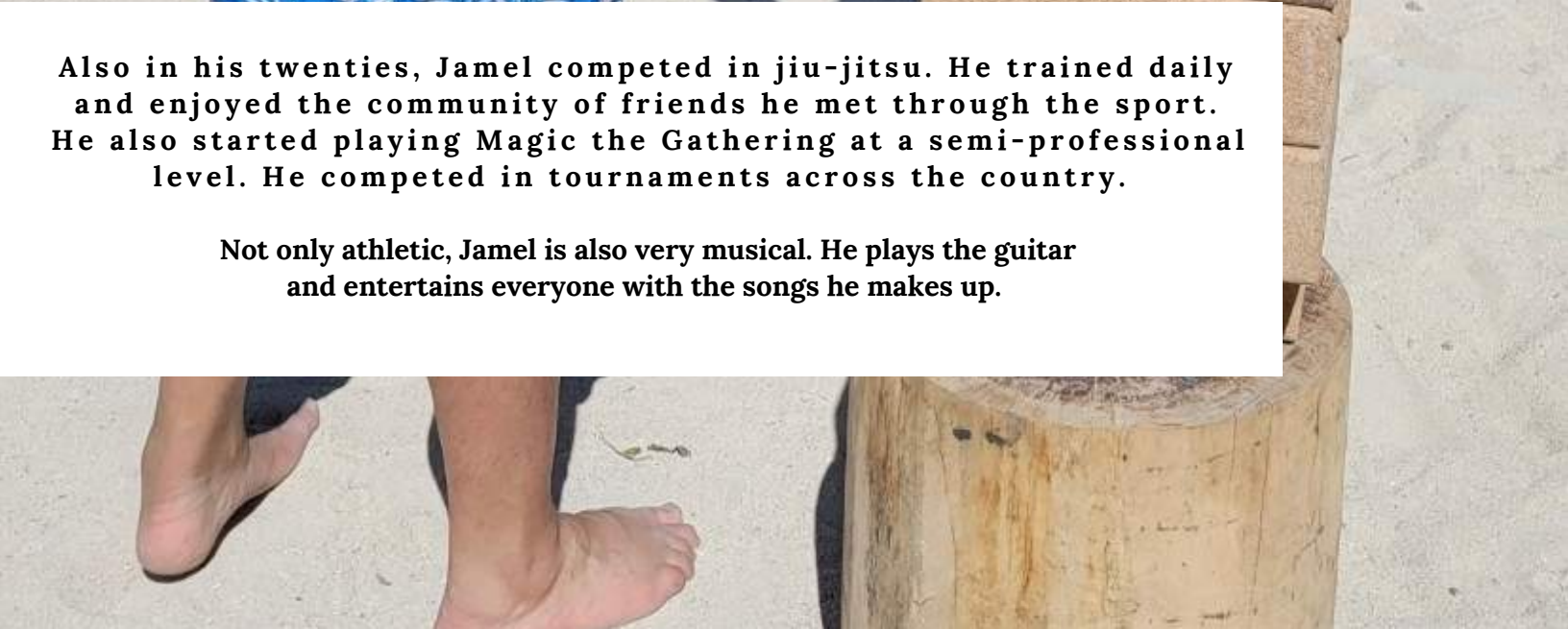
An athlete, Jamel was able to participate in an abundance of activities, including swimming, diving, wrestling and cheerleading. Jamel is still very athletic.

After high school, Jamel pursued college in Massachusetts, but prior to graduation he moved to North Carolina. In North Carolina in his early twenties, Jamel explored trade schools and different careers. He found that he enjoyed the moving industry. Through hard work and perseverance, he founded his own moving company. The company is in its third year and is thriving.



Also in his twenties, Jamel competed in jiu-jitsu. He trained daily and enjoyed the community of friends he met through the sport. He also started playing Magic the Gathering at a semi-professional level. He competed in tournaments across the country.

Not only athletic, Jamel is also very musical. He plays the guitar and entertains everyone with the songs he makes up.



OUR home

We just bought a new house this past October. We love it! We live on a street with friendly neighbors and in a community with a pool and a lot of playgrounds. Our house has a great front porch and a big screened in back porch. Lindsey's sister lives in walking distance to our new house and she and Lindsey's nephews ride their bikes over often.



MEET JULIP, OUR CAT

She loves to sit in the windowsill and watch our neighbors walk their dogs. Lindsey's nephews love to play with Julip. They buy her new cat toys all the time, to see what she will like to chase and play with.





MEET LINDSEY'S *family*

Lindsey was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. She's the big sister to Tracy. They are four years apart and best friends. In fact, they live less than a mile apart! Tracy and her husband, Anthony, have two kids, Parker and Gavin. Jamel and Lindsey love spending time with the whole family.

Lindsey had a really happy childhood and is still very close to her parents. Lindsey's parents divorced when she was 14. Though her mother never remarried, her father remarried a woman named Sue. Sue was also a nurse like Lindsey's father. Lindsey's mother worked at the Post Office, just like her grandfather. Lindsey's mother was from a big family (one of 12 siblings), so there were always cousins and aunts and uncles around.

MEET JAMEL'S *family*

Jamel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Jamel was in the adoption/foster care system since birth with his younger sister Shamika. He had two primary homes. The first being with a woman named Sue. Sue was a foster mother and raised many children. After living with Sue for a while, Jamel and Shamika were adopted by Mary. Mary was affluent and Jamel was grateful to live with Mary. She was a single mom and did the best she could for Jamel.

After his sister, Shamika, graduated from high school, Jamel encouraged her to move to North Carolina, too. Shamika lives really close to Lindsey and Jamel and comes over for dinner all the time.




MEET OUR *friends*

WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS.



Our close friends, Greg and Aijia, just had a baby boy. His name is Nash and he is really cute! We are looking forward to raising babies together.



Our
promise
to you

We can't wait to create our family through adoption.
We have terrific support from our family and friends. We know parenthood will be challenging, but we love each other and want to share our love with a baby and grow our family. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

ALL OUR BEST,
Lindsey and Jamel



Thank you!

