

Marisol and
Mike





We first met in Chicago during a summer festival. Ironically, each of us were out with our respective best friends to help in their efforts to find love, but we beat them to it! We grew closer over the next couple of years and our bond as a family strengthened, even before our marriage. We stood by each other's side during the fun times as well as the challenging times like the loss of loved ones, raising a child with special needs, growing our careers and 4 years ago, our first infant adoption and subsequent move to majestic Colorado. Although from different cultures and backgrounds, we learn from one another each and every day and as a team, are unshakeable. We feel blessed for what we have and approach each day with gratefulness, ambition, and open minds.



Why Adoption?

We both learned early on in our lives that families take different shapes and forms, as has been the case with our own. Although our attempts at conceiving a child together have been unsuccessful, our interest in adoption came about even earlier. We had already recognized that our love as parents and as people depends not on common genes but on what is in our heart and in the bonds that we work to create. We are excited to pour out our hearts and grow our family again through the true miracle of adoption. We also understand that others, including yourself, will be a part of this life journey, and we are prepared to fully embrace and celebrate that in the most appropriate way.

Love

How We View Parenting



The world around us changes every day. We feel that it is our responsibility to adapt to such changes and be able to provide relevant learning and growth experiences as parents. We are big believers in children having the opportunity to "get their hands dirty" by way of interactive play and learning, doing versus watching, and socialization. We understand that although technology is now a part of our lives, it does not replace our role as parents. We view early childhood as a critically important developmental stage. We are prepared to serve as role models, to provide financial stability and seek out the best education, to maintain a safe and nurturing home, to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, and most importantly to provide our love, understanding, and patience. Lastly, we understand that you will forever be a part of this child's life story. We will embrace that and support the child while they write that story chapter by chapter.



Get to know Marisol

fun fact:
Marisol is bilingual and originally from Peru where Machu Picchu is located

Mike talks about Marisol
Marisol is the strongest person that I know. She has persevered through tough times and yet maintains a level of determination that is truly inspiring. She is a fantastic mom and consistently looks out for the needs of others. She stands up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. I have been fortunate enough to see her passion for education and disability rights turn into hugs from students, parents, and teachers alike. As her husband, I have truly found a best friend and true love in Marisol. She puts up with my own quirks and (sometimes) bad jokes and continues to be the rock in our family. As we progress on the adoption journey again, I grow more and more excited to be at Marisol's side.

Marisol is blessed with a son, Daniel (Danny). At 3 years of age, Danny was diagnosed with Autism. Now a young man, he has entered University and continues to play a big role in Marisol and Mike's lives. Danny was actually the inspiration behind Marisol becoming a special education teacher.

What Marisol Loves to Do...

COMIC BOOKS

MOVIES Connecting With Family

Trying New Foods Bake

Traveling to New Places

overcoming my fears! Staying Active

Ice Cream

Going to the Beach

It's my BIRTHDAY

WOMAN'S BEST FRIEND

lifelong student

Marisol continues to put her experience as a former special education teacher and instructional coach to use at home raising Kailia and future sibling(s).





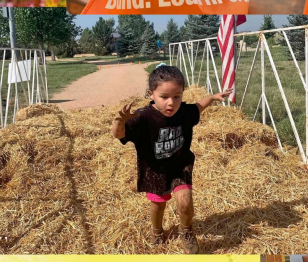


Four years ago we were blessed with the adoption of a baby girl in Arizona. Kailia (Kai) is a joyful, energetic, sweet and extremely caring person. She acts out having a younger sibling almost every day. She inspires us to grow our family again through the miracle that is adoption.



Things I enjoy...

- ...singing and dancing
- ...Encanto, Frozen and Cars
- ...reading
- ...playing outside
- ...building with Legos
- ...playing with friends
- ...going to school
- ...animals
- ...helping in the kitchen
- ...playing dress-up
- ...going on airplanes







WALK!

Meet our
Puppy → **PISCO**

Breed:

Australian Shepherd/Brittany

Adoption Story:

Pisco adopted us as his family on Thanksgiving, 2014.

Fun Fact:

Pisco completed his Canine Good Citizen training in hopes of becoming a therapy dog one day!





our Family TRADITIONS



Vacations

We love exploring new places. Sometimes the best part is getting lost only to make new discoveries.



Lake Time

Summers by the lake kayaking, swimming, fishing, hiking, and bike riding. In the winter time we enjoy ice skating and sledding.



Movie Nights

The best part about a movie at home? Comfy seats and unlimited popcorn! And when we can't agree on a movie (it happens!), a double feature isn't out of the question.



Pizza! Pizza!

We like to celebrate the conclusion of a long week with a hot pizza and good conversation at our neighborhood pizza joint.



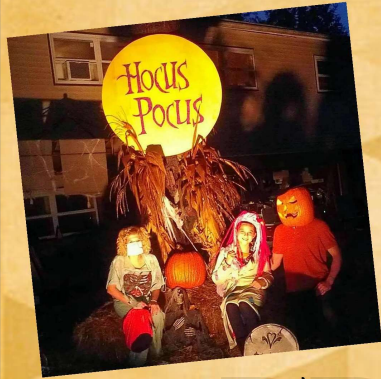
Pumpkin Patch

We absolutely love the fall. Pumpkin carving, hot apple cider, hay rides, the occasional haunted house, and our best attempt at making the world's biggest leaf pile to jump in!



Baking Cookies

The kitchen is one of our favorite places to spend time together as a family. We enjoy cooking and baking, and sharing extras with friends and family.



Always a kid at heart on Halloween

Annual food basket drive



Easter eggs

HOLIDAY traditions



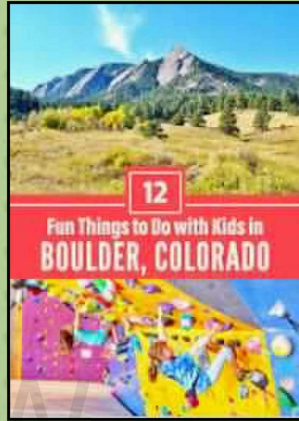
Cutting down our Christmas tree, planting one for the future



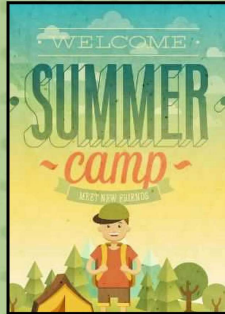
Going for a hike in the mountains



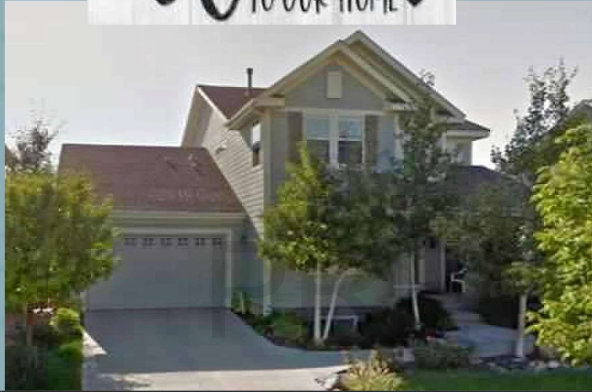
Picking apples (the best ones are always the toughest to reach!)



Our community is very family friendly with countless activities. It is well known for its safe neighborhoods, great schools and abundance of nature.



Welcome
TO OUR HOME ♥



Big backyard
(s'mores central!)

Basement
(movies nights and camp outs)

Garage
(bike, scooter, wagon depot)

Extra rooms
(grandparent sleepovers)

Big kitchen
(where all the action happens)

Upstairs
(stargazing and
dreamcatching)



Endless nature
steps from our
back door...



Time with
FAMILY

Traditions are treasured including holiday dinners, celebrations, and of course spending time with one another. Together we are a diverse and fun loving bunch. Extended family members are located coast to coast and in other countries giving us plenty of reasons to visit!

Family and friends are very important to us. We have a strong network of support and acceptance amongst one another.





We would like to pause this journey, for now, by expressing our admiration for the strength it takes on your behalf to consider adoption for your baby. It is a courageous and selfless decision and we would be honored to be considered as a family for your child. It is our hope that we have given you a sense for what life with our family would be like and what we can offer as parents. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce our family to you in this way, and of course we would love the chance to do so in person.



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