



CHRIS, NINA, + FRANKIE



*Hello there,*

Our names are Chris, Nina, and Frankie. We hope that as you flip through the pages of our album, you see a loving, joyful, and compassionate family. We also hope that you see how much we would love your baby if you chose us to be a part of your adoption plan. If you create an adoption plan with us, we promise always to love and honor you. Children are one of God's greatest blessings, and we will always love your baby unconditionally and completely.

We have prayed about pursuing adoption since the beginning of our relationship. We know that God has a magnificent plan for you and your baby's life. We have been praying for you every night! You are a selfless person who carries courage, bravery, and grace. Thank you for considering us to parent your baby.

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# Our love story

We are a dating app success story! Our first date was meeting each other at a dog park. Nina was already creating an “escape plan” on the way there on how to leave the date early because she had been disappointed by so many dates with other people. However, we ended up enjoying each other so much that we spent more time together than we originally anticipated. Since our first date, our story just got better and better. We love being with one another and couldn't imagine our lives any other way.

Something special about us is that we planted a fig tree during our wedding ceremony. We both love to garden and even intertwined our wedding vows with the symbolism of planting this tree together on our wedding day. Just like a tree, we recognize that our marriage will go through different seasons. We have chosen one another through our struggles, our celebrations, and anything else that comes our way. Our love for one another is deep and our roots will just continue to get stronger!



# Our adoption pursuit

Adoption has always been in our family. Many of our family members, friends, and neighbors have chosen to expand their family through adoption. Chris and his sister, Caroline, are adopted as well! From the beginning of our marriage, we knew we wanted to have a biological child and an adopted child. When we felt the time to adopt was right, we began exploring different agencies. We came upon Christian Adoption Services and felt like this was the right agency for us. Then, we asked Chris' Mom which adoption agency he was adopted through, and we were amazed that it was the same one. We were so surprised, and we were overwhelmed with how God works in such specific, detailed ways. He creates the most beautiful stories!

The Bible says over and over again that God's love for us is endless. He is constantly pursuing us. Someone once told us that the closest thing to understanding God's love for us is like the love a parent has for their child. A love that is selfless, unconditional, and unexplainable. Your baby will always know you love them! They will know that they were loved, pursued, and prayed for before they even came into existence.





# Meet Chris

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*Selfless | Loyal | Steady | Innovative | Kind*

Nina thought she was sociable, but then she met Chris! He makes a habit of capturing a room! While so many people are drawn to Chris, only his close friends and family are the ones to peel back his layers and know and love him on a deeper level that he chooses to reveal. He's pure gold!

In Chris's spare time, he loves to fish from a dock or on our family's boat. He loves building and tinkering with projects around the house. His latest project was a trellis system for Nina's blackberry and raspberry plants. Before meeting Nina, he traveled across the country, visiting many National Parks and off-roading in his jeep. He hopes to bring his family back to his favorite, Zion National Park in Utah.

While his true passion is working in Food and Beverage, he knew it wasn't conducive to the life he wanted to live since there isn't a great work, life, and family balance in this business sector. Chris ended up getting into Sales and then began managing a handyman franchise. He now has his own Handyman & General Contracting company.



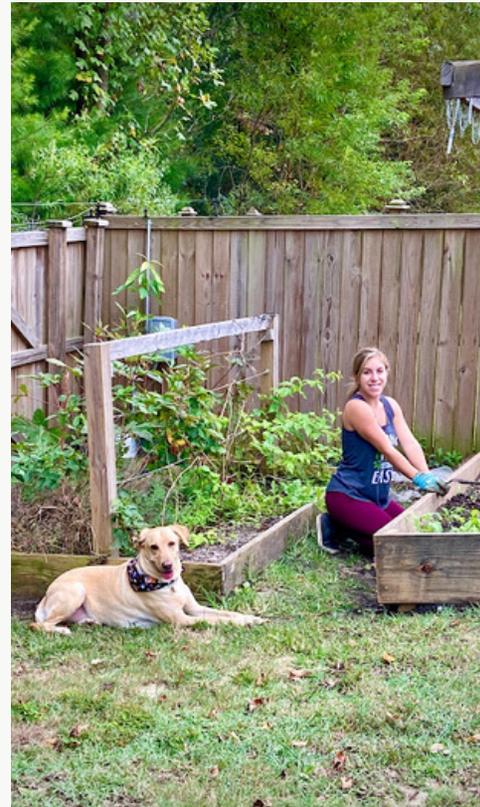
# Meet Nina

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*Determined | Decisive | Active | Personable | Compassionate*

Nina's favorite thing to do is sit on the beach all day and start and finish a book. Although this doesn't happen often anymore because we have a little one, this is still one of her favorite pastimes. To share her love for reading, she has taken our son Frankie to the library every week since he was two months old. She brings home a stack of books each time to read to him every night before bed. She gardens nearly every day of the year, tending to new vegetables in each season. She also considers herself an excellent cook and loves experimenting with new recipes. On the weekends, you can find us hiking local trails or riding mountain bikes as a family. Frankie loves sitting in his shock-absorbing caboose on the bike!

After spending a few years in Human Resources, Nina decided to go into one HR specialty as a Recruiter, specifically for a Defense Contractor. Nina loves that the majority of people she hires are veterans who want to continue serving our country but in the private sector. Every day is exciting because she hears people talk about all they did for their previous employers, such as NASA building rocket ships or how they use tech to help make airlines safer for the Department of Homeland Security. Once another little one is added to our family, Nina plans to become a stay-at-home Mom and enjoy every minute with the kids! She doesn't want a day just to pass her by. She doesn't take family time for granted and is really looking forward to having a couple of littles running around the house.



# Meet Frankie

Frankie is the sunshine of our lives! He brings joy to anyone who meets him. He is playful, inquisitive, interactive, and so funny! He always has us laughing with each new thing he does. He loves to do anything and everything outside, which, luckily, fits our lifestyle well. He currently goes to a daycare and is one of the favorites. They have nicknamed him “Hercules” and “The Builder” since he was four months old. He loves rearranging the room’s toy bins, highchairs, and even the teacher’s bulky rocking chairs!

He is already very focused and determined. He will point at his favorite book as a way to ask us to read it for him over and over again and go up and down the same set of steps for 15 minutes straight. He doesn’t stay in a new development stage for long because he works hard and endlessly to do the next thing. We have confidence that he will be the best big brother, always watching out and helping his little sister along!





# Our families

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Nina is a twin and comes from a very large Italian family. She has 32 first cousins, all of whom she grew up with in New Jersey, and still visits often for holidays and family events. Nina's family enjoys celebrating the Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve and hopes to one day participate in the family "Sauce Day" when we can 500+ jars of marinara from fresh tomatoes!

Chris's parents and many of his extended family members live an hour and a half away and stay for the weekend almost every month or so. Chris has a few cousins across the West Coast and Midwest, and we have been lucky enough to see them twice a year for many family celebrations recently!



# Our friends

We have been so blessed to have friends who have been in our lives for a long, long time. One of Nina and her twin's closest friends, who is more like a brother, is named Greg. Nina's family lived just a few blocks away from Greg throughout their childhood, and Greg went on family trips with them as kids. Her twin brother now even attends Greg's in-law's family events. Nina has many friends who have been in her life for over 11 years, and Chris has friends that travel across the country to see him!



# Daily rhythms & weekends

We love spending time on our boat cruising down freshwater ways or fishing in the intercoastal. We also enjoy grilling out at our neighborhood clubhouse and swimming in our community pool. In the cooler months, we have a lot of fun attending local events and outdoor concerts. In addition to these activities, we hike and ride our bikes through trails! We have set a goal to ride the entire Palmetto Trail in segments that runs the entire length of South Carolina.



# Holidays & travels

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Throughout the summer months, you can find us at the beach all day and then stopping by our favorite hot dog shack on the way home. Chris' grandparents took him to the same one when he was growing up, so it's a pretty sentimental spot for us! We also love camping at State Parks and going to Disney World. In the Fall, we are huge fans of the Food & Wine Festival at Epcot. During the holidays, we typically take extended visits to see family members and friends.



# Home

We live in a neighborhood filled with young families and people who have recently retired to live closer to their grandkids. We recently moved into our dream home that sits in a cul-de-sac on half an acre which is perfect for a future play set under the shade of trees, our garden, and our family's mini orchard! At night, we sit on the back porch and look at the sunset over the nearby pond. It doesn't compare to the sunrise we see that fills Frankie and your child's future room as we wake them up each morning. Our home is two stories, with a large living room downstairs and a movie and playroom bonus area.



# The baby's nursery



# Our family values

## *Thankfulness*

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It's so easy to take things that one possesses or encounters in one's everyday life for granted. One way we prioritize thankfulness every day is by taking the time to get to know each person in our lives. We do this with Frankie's daycare teachers, our church friends, and with the people we work alongside. We pray for the people in our lives daily and intentionally let them know how we are praying for them. We invite people over for dinner and spend quality time with them. We believe that each person placed in our lives is there for a reason. We want to steward all of our relationships well and honor God with them. We are so thankful and blessed for each person in our lives!

## *Community Service*

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Up until recently, we were heavily involved in dog rescue agencies through fostering. Together we have fostered about 30 dogs. We have a big heart for rehabilitating dogs that can no longer hunt or race. We love giving these dogs a comfortable home to live in and a caring family to love on them! That may be no surprise to you as our first date was at a dog park.

## *Prioritizing a culinary culture*

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We recognize a lot of people may say this, but we all love to eat! We take trips centered around foodie cities, have a garden so we can cook with fresh produce, and all the gatherings that we host are centered around delicious food.

# Sentiments

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We have been praying for years for your little girl! We dream of all of the moments we will share with both children. From little feet pitter-pattering down the stairs Christmas morning to leaving sparkles at their windows from visits from the tooth fairy, each new moment will be a huge gift to us. We look forward to spending chilly mornings together as a family in the park sipping our coffee and last-minute weekend getaways. Your little girl is the missing piece to our family puzzle!

For as long as we have been praying for your beautiful baby, we have also been praying for you! You are so important to us and already carry a special place in our hearts. We know the Lord has a specific plan for you and your life! We are praying that peace overwhelms your heart during this challenging time of making decisions. We would love to be a part of your life if you would like to have an open adoption. No matter what decision you make on this journey, we know your child will always be loved by many people.

*Love,*

*Chris, Nina, and Frankie*

*Thank you for  
considering our family!*

**Chris, Nina, and Frankie**