



# WHY WE DIG EACH OTHER

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I LOVE that Derek is a kind, patient husband and father. He's a P.E. Teacher who inspires 100s of students to be healthy and believe in themselves. He's fit, healthy and into sports. He makes time for family like teaching Sloan to swim or scheduling a surprise date night. He's fun and adventurous (hikes, camping, overnight beach getaways) he's always up for a good time! — Cristabel

#### She's the Be<mark>stest!</mark>

My wife is an affectionate and beautiful person and mother. I love that she enjoys helping others. She's Honduran and speaks Spanish/English and wants to pass that on. Her favorite animal is a parrot (LOL) – it's her dream to own one! Since the pandemic started, she's focused more and more on taking care of us as a family, making yummy meals and my favorite desserts. I love that we're never bored of each other and always find reasons to laugh and have random dance parties with each other. I can't wait to introduce another son or daughter to my funloving silly and sweet wife! — Derek



# WELCOME TO OREGON!



Portland is known as the **City of Roses** because of our beautiful bloom in spring. We get all four seasons in Oregon. In the Winter the rain brings the scent of Christmas trees, fresh donuts and Oregon's famous coffee — a little rain never stops us! It rarely snows but when it does we love to go snow-boarding, tubing and taking pictures! Summertime is all about family, friends and BBQs. We go on nature walks, kayaking or take a beach day.



## OUR STORY, NUESTRA HISTORIA

BIRTH

#### How We Met

We volunteered through our church to serve at an orphanage in Mexico and met while serving the kids. We fell in LOVE with how much we had in common and wanted to have lots of kiddos! After 10 years of hoping and praying we never got pregnant. We grieved our dream, comforted each other but STILL wanted to have a family.

LOVE.

#### We Adopted!

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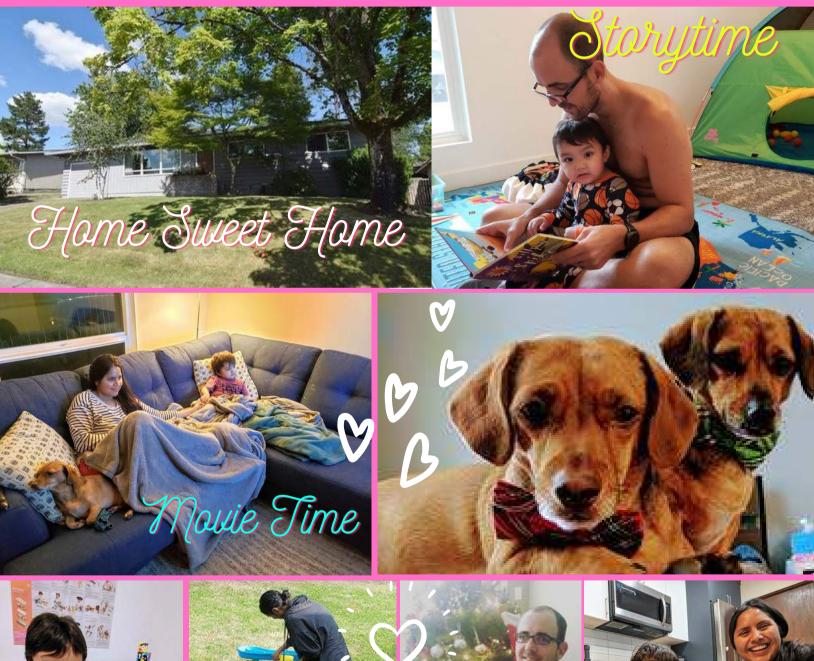
Our son Sloan is 2 years old now and we have an open relationship with his birth mom, brothers and sisters. **We visit San Antonio annually to bond with his family and even celebrate birthdays together.** We want our kids to know and love their birth moms.



### OUR HOME, NUESTRA CASA

#### Cuddles, Food and Fun!

Our home often smells like the latest yummy stir-fry, fried plantain or fresh baked cookies – we love feeling cozy. We have two little dachshund mix dogs, Wally and Charlie – and any excuse to cuddle and play is good enough!













## THANK YOU For getting to know us!

It's a blessing that our journeys have brought us together — and we're beyond excited to meet you! As adoptive parents with a lot of love to give, we want to do this next chapter with you as we grow our family. Here's to a lifetime of friendship!



¡**Estamos ansiosos por conocerla!** Es una bendición que nuestros caminos se cruzaron. Tenemos mucho amor que ofrecer y estamos encantados de empezar este próximo capítulo juntos ¡como amigos de por vida!



We Look Forward to Meeting You!