

Tamara & Jim Wilson

Arlington, Virginia

As we write this, we admit it's hard to know where to begin to start sharing who we are. We are an

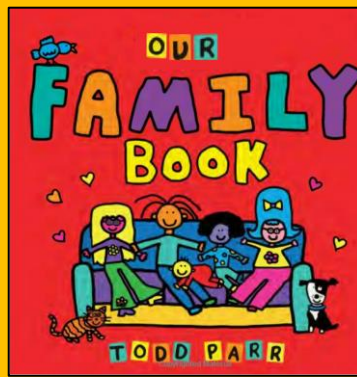
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and happy to share all about ourselves! But words can't capture the range of emotions we are feeling. And we can only imagine how magnified those emotions must be for you.

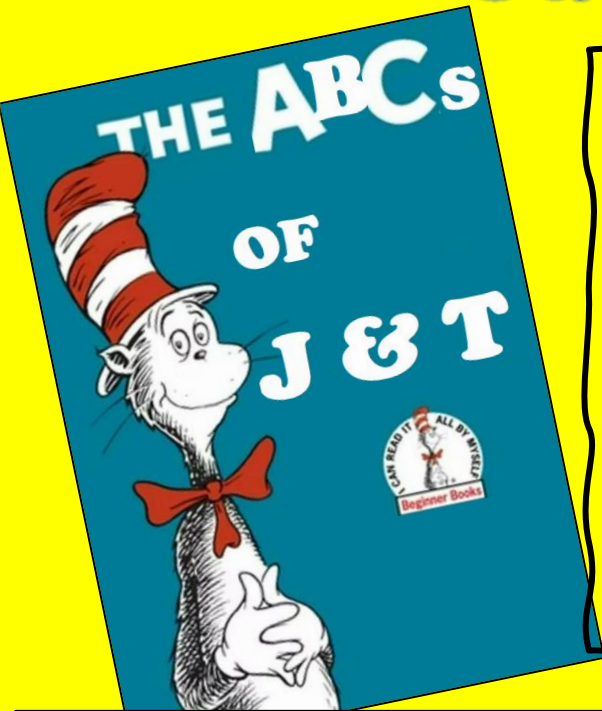
So, we can only start with this:

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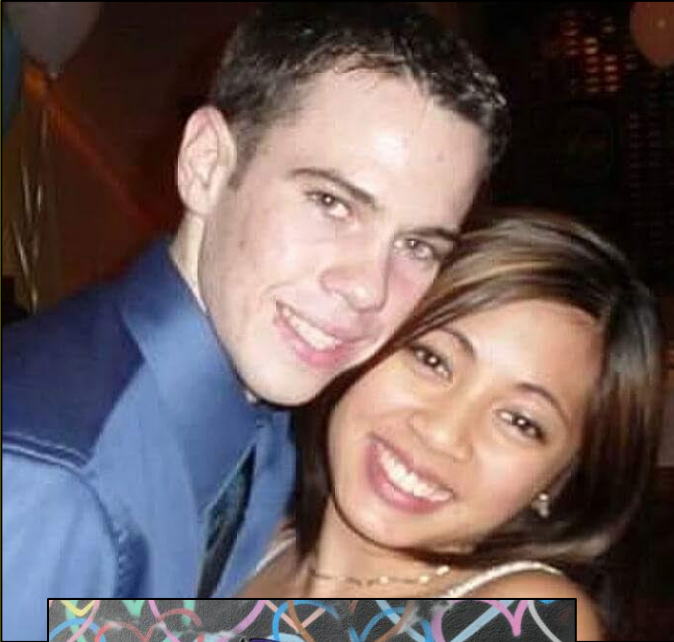
Thank you for considering an adoption plan, and opening your mind, heart, and family to us. We can't tell you how grateful we are!



Our Story

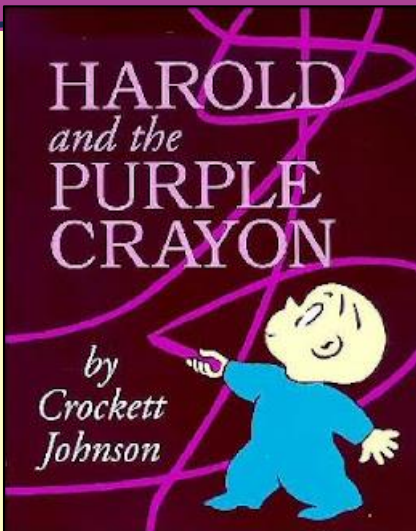
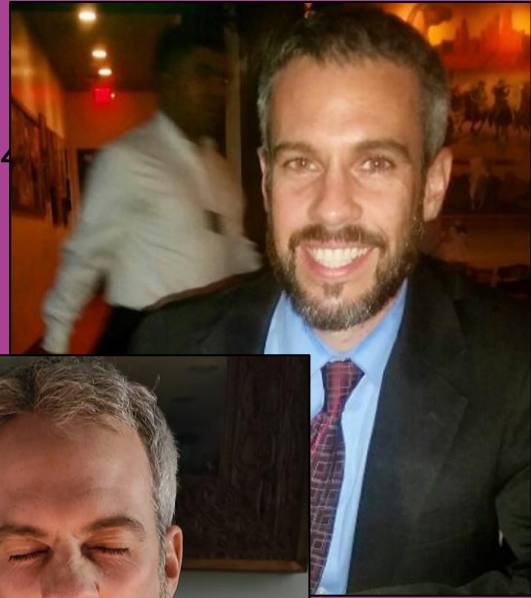


We met in 2003 our first year of college in Virginia, and have spent more than half our lives together. We started dating in Nov. 2003 when we were both 19 years old, and married in May 2010. Two decades together, and 13 years married...what a great rollercoaster ride it's been growing up together through life's highs, lows, and major milestones!



Things I love about Jim

- His kindness and generosity
- He always makes me laugh, even if I'm mad!
- He maintains lifelong friends, whether meeting them 4 decades or 4 days ago
- His natural talent for any new hobby (I'm awed and irritatingly jealous of his ability to do anything!)
- He reads boardgame rules so I don't have to
- He achieves all he sets his mind to
- He's been kickboxing with the same coach since he was 8 (and is a 4th degree blackbelt and multiple World and National Champion!)
- He picks up languages effortlessly (fluent in Mandarin, is brushing up on Spanish, and knows some Japanese and Portuguese)
- He spends hours on the same level of a video game to make sure he's seen it all
- He always has no fewer than 4 books on his nightstand – just like his dad



Jim's favorite book growing up was Harold and the Purple Crayon. He loved the book so much that Jim's mom lovingly calls him "Harry" sometimes.



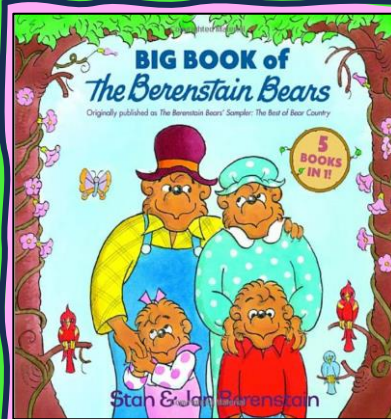
Things I love about Tamara



- She is kind, patient, smart, and a true empath

She went from never having run a race to running a 10-miler in mere weeks!

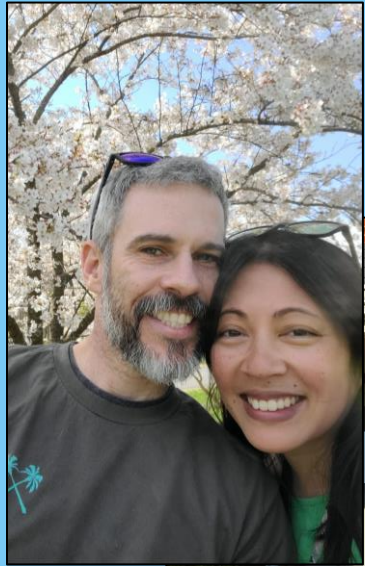
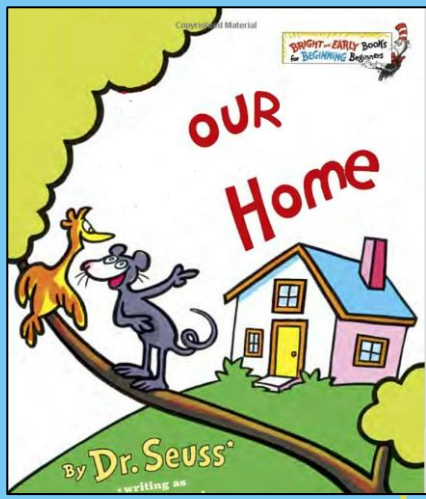
- She loves languages (including Spanish and Chinese) and cultures (her own Filipina-American and those of the world)
- She always looks out for the little guy, making sure everyone is heard
- Her creativity, like writing a play based on her parents' love story
- She's amazing at getting to a new city and walking every inch of it!
- Her smile lights up a room
- Her love of the musical *Hamilton* which she rocks daily



Tamara's favorite books as a kid were The Berenstain Bears series – a love she has still to this day. She even bought the whole series in English & Mandarin when studying in China.

Our Home

We live in Jim's childhood home in Arlington, Virginia. Our four-story, four-bedroom, three-bath townhome is just a few minutes away from our church and great local schools, including a Spanish-immersion grade school. Anywhere in the neighborhood, the greenery, cherry blossom trees, pool, basketball courts, and parks are full of sounds of children, furry friends, and laughs.



There's also great walking paths in our neighborhood, which our two dogs love. We rescued our younger (but bigger!) dog Khyber from overseas, and we adopted our older (but tinier) dog Katara from Paris (Kentucky!). Katara's fancy, prim personality perfectly compliments Khyber's street smarts.

Oh, the Places

we'll Go!

We can't imagine all the considerations you are grappling with right now, and the least we can do is give you our commitment.

A promise to provide your child a forever home with:

- **Unlimited love**
- **TONS of bedtime stories!**
- **A Safe space for lots of laughs**
- **Support for everything in between.**
- **Unconditional support**
- **Open, honest, communication**
- **A Brave space to shed tears**

We promise to give your child love, support, and adventure. And we pledge to take you along every step of the way, sharing in every development and milestone.

Thank you for opening your family to our family, and for taking the time to get to know us. You and your family are forever in our thoughts.

Love, *Jim and Tamara*

