

# HELLO & THANK YOU!



WE ARE  
**RICHARD &  
CORNELIUS**

*a young, active, full of life,  
fun, loving couple.*

**THANK YOU** for considering us. We can't even begin to imagine what you are going through considering an adoption plan for your baby. Both Richard and I have longed for the opportunity to raise and help shape the lives of successful individuals. Through prayer it became very clear to us that our path to becoming parents was through adoption. We are excited that you would even consider us to help you provide your baby with the best possible life and dreams one could only imagine.

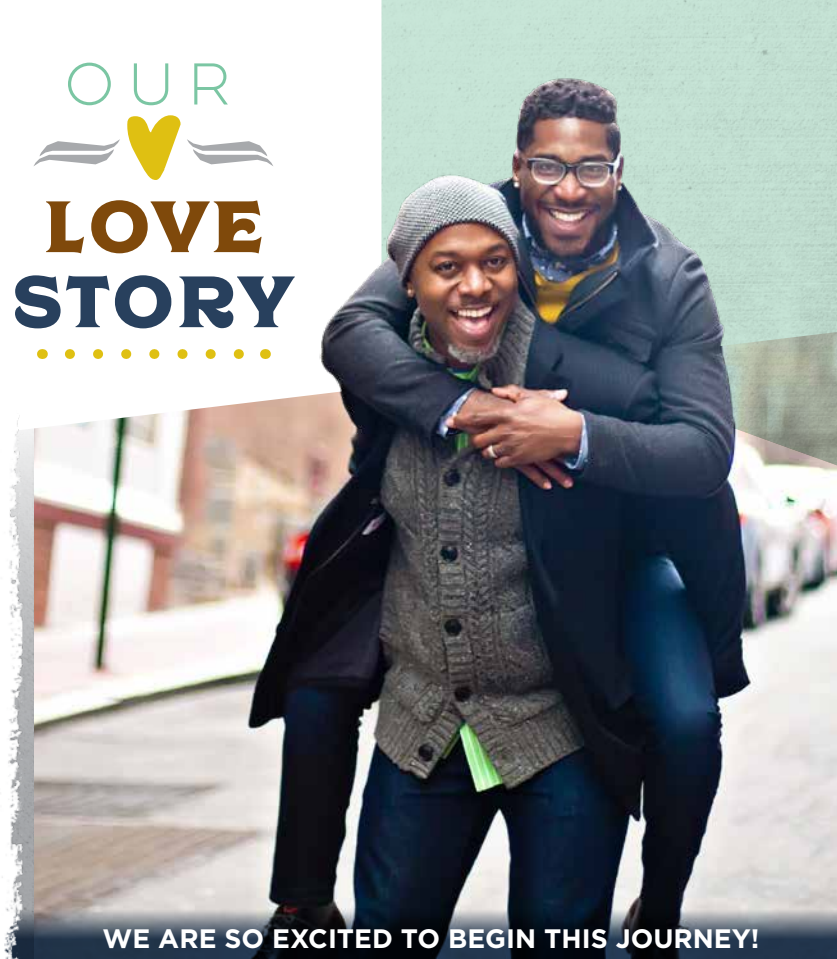
*> with love, <*  
**Richard & Cornelius**





To most our story seems a little corny, but to us it keeps our foundation strong. We met five years ago through a mutual friend who obviously now thinks she's the ultimate matchmaker. **It was truly love at first site.** How else could we explain this extreme bond that we've had with each other over such a significant time. On our first date we discussed marriage, our love for children, and family tradition and not one of us ran from the conversation. To most this must seem like such a heavy and should be third or fourth month conversation, but not for us. We dated for almost two years before deciding to take the leap of faith and get married and have been living our life full of love since. **WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER AND TRULY HAVE FOUND OUR BEST FRIENDSHIPS ARE IN ONE ANOTHER.**

## OUR LOVE STORY



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BEGIN THIS JOURNEY!

### INTRODUCING RICHARD

Richard has been in the beauty industry for just over 20 years in different roles, an educator, a stylist, and most recently a salon owner. He just celebrated the 4 year anniversary of his salon suite. **BEING A BUSINESS OWNER GIVES RICHARD FREE TIME AND FLEXIBILITY IN HIS SCHEDULE.** He enjoys his motorcycle, movies, and spending time with his friends and family. Richard uses the words thrilling, freeing, and adventurous to describe the feeling when driving his motorcycle. His favorite movies are all from the Marvel franchise, and he especially loves action films. When Richard is not on his motorcycle or watching movies he looks forward to Sunday brunches with his closest friends and family.



### INTRODUCING CORNELIUS

Cornelius is a 12 year veteran in the cosmetology or beauty business. He has recently just celebrated his one year anniversary in his new salon suite in Washington, D.C.. It was a bold move opening a new salon space, but **HAVING MORE QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY WAS HIS ULTIMATE GOAL.** Aside from opening a new salon Cornelius has had plenty of time to explore riding his motorcycle during his leisure time. There is much excitement that comes from riding on a nice summer day, listening to music and feeling the cool breeze hit you as you're riding down nice country roads.



EXPLORING MIAMI



ENJOYING A BEAUTIFUL DAY OUTSIDE TOGETHER



### 4 WAYS WE EACH SHOW OUR LOVE

- TREAT EACH OTHER TO TRIPS FOR BIRTHDAYS, USUALLY ALWAYS SOMEWHERE THAT'S WARM
- REGULAR DINNER DATES AT ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS
- NEVER HANG THE PHONE UP WITHOUT SAYING I LOVE YOU
- SURPRISE ONE ANOTHER WITH FAVORITE SNACKS OR CANDY AT WORK OR HOME



### OUR FAITH



**WE WILL RAISE OUR CHILD IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH.** Richard grew up Baptist and Cornelius is non-denominational. **One of our favorite holidays is Christmas** and we use this time to decorate our home to make it festive and cozy, and hanging our stockings. Usually around this time of the year we will also host a group of friends and their kids for holiday parties or just to share some of the love during the holidays.

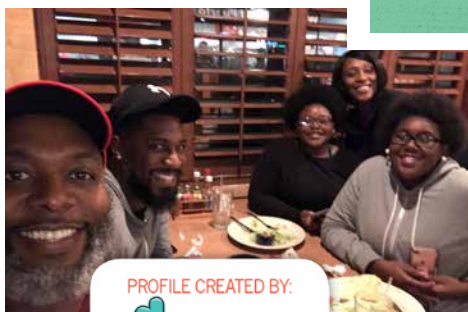


## LOVE MAKES A FAMILY



SPENDING TIME WITH OUR GODDAUGHTER

FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. We came from strong rooted families and those bonds have grown. Our family and friends are so supportive of our decision to become parents and have already extended their thoughts and prayers even through out this process. We absolutely love spending time with our families. Richard's family gets together quite frequently for cookouts, cruises, and the holidays while Cornelius' family normally travels to visit us on the regular to just hang out and visit museums. Cornelius calls his mother daily and Richard speaks with his mother several times a week. These relationships are what have helped build our strength and character as just plain respectful human beings. We've built our relationship with family and each other on simply nothing but LOVE.



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## OUR HOPES & DREAMS

As parents, we both believe higher education is an excellent path toward success. We will do our best to support and encourage the opportunity to go to college and to foster a sense of pride in earning a higher education. We realize that we are our child's first teachers. The best way to teach is by being a good example. We believe in positive discipline and the power of knowing right from wrong.

A SPECIAL  
MESSAGE  
TO  
YOU

We understand this must be a very difficult decision for you and no one can understand how you are feeling. There is nothing anyone can say to make this easy. You are very brave and noble. You are being very selfless to choose someone else to parent your child. Let us assure you that you can trust us to support you in any decisions you make. **WE PROMISE TO LOVE YOUR CHILD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS** and to support him or her throughout life. **Whatever your child goes through in life, we will be here. You are a good mother and will always hold a special place in our lives and hearts.**



A PERFECT DAY IN GEORGETOWN