



Angela + Richard



Hello

We are Angela and Richard. We understand the deep level of trust you need to have in selecting a potential adoptive family for your child.

And to trust us, you must know us. Richard was a Nigerian immigrant boy who came here in his early years with his family, and Angela was a Vietnamese immigrant girl who made a long and difficult journey across seas and refugee camps to be in America with her family. Our character and perspectives have been shaped through financial struggle, the loss of parents at a young age, and other difficult circumstances.

However, these personal experiences have given us a mutual trust and we have built family together on that foundation. Today, a beautifully diverse group of Blacks, Asians, Caucasians, Muslims, Christians, and Buddhists make up our extended family.

We always wanted a family, but were unable to have children. Two years ago, we adopted our daughter Nayan, and it has been the greatest joy we could possibly imagine. She is excited to be a big sister and we are ready to grow our family again through adoption. We both had siblings and large families and it is our hope that our children know the joy of a big, energetic family, as well.

We are hopeful you will give us the responsibility to provide this joy, love, and support for your child. We are strong believers that it takes a village to raise a child. A community, like ours, where their uniqueness, cultural differences, and individual journey will be supported by family and friends who will celebrate and nurture them.

We know that the choice ahead of you is a difficult one. More than anything, we hope you will make the best choice for you and your baby.

With much love and respect,

Angela & Richard





About Us



Hi! We're Richard, Angela & Nayan!

We are a loving, active family who enjoy spending quality time with each other.

We love going to the beach, the pool, and parks. The outdoors are where you will find us most weekends.

We also love walking LuLu, our sweet goldendoodle. She is very affectionate and is great with kids!

We try to go to toddler day events at the zoo, museum, and botanical gardens when we can.

Family is everything to us and we have so much love to share. We look forward to growing our family through adoption and providing unconditional love, support, and guidance to another child.



Our Story...

We met in college and started dating a few years after we graduated. We have now been together over 17 years, and we were married in 2012. We are proud of our diversity and our friends often refer to us as "BandY" (as in Black & Yellow), our nickname and homage to our African and Asian backgrounds. Overcoming adversity, remaining optimistic in the face of struggle, and focusing on the team are characteristics we share and admire in each other - and what brought us together.

We are true partners in life and make a great team. Richard is intellectual and technical, and Angela is the creative and practical one. ;)



- I was born in Nigeria, but grew up in Atlanta. I also lived in Belgium & England before moving to the US.
- I studied English & Philosophy, played soccer, and ran track for Oglethorpe University.
- I work as a Solution Engineer for technology companies.
- I have volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters as a mentor.
- I love traveling, reading, writing, playing guitar, and picking up new technology skills.



Richard

Adventurous - Philosophical - Athletic

Angela about Richard:

"I admire how reflective Richard can be and his commitment to life long learning. There is no topic or person that he does not find interesting and wants to learn more about."





- I was born in Vietnam and emigrated to the US with my family when I was young.
- I have a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Oglethorpe University.
- I work in Finance Operations for technology companies.
- Family is very important to me.
- I love traveling, reading, cooking, gardening, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Angela

Creative - Resilient - Devoted



Richard about Angela:

"I admire Angela's calmness in trying moments and her devotion to friends and family. She is always looking for a way to keep those bonds healthy and current."



Fun Facts!



1. We both love to cook and try new cuisines.
2. Over the years, we have celebrated New Year's in over ten different cities.
3. Our birthdays are only 8 days apart
4. We are amateur movie critics and have seen several films dozens of times.
5. We have trained for multiple triathlons together.



Curious - Funny- Talkative

- Nayan is 2 years old.
- Nayan is a smart, funny, and very communicative little girl.
- She loves board books and instruments, as well as learning games that involve shapes, colors, numbers, and letters.
- She loves bananas and soups like chili, chicken noodle soup, and ramen.
- Her favorite songs are "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," "Old McDonald," and "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes."
- Nayan likes to play with other kids, so she would love to have a younger sibling!





As a couple, we have visited multiple continents around the world, and have travelled to over 10 countries: Canada, Italy, Brazil, France, Belgium, Switzerland, The United Arab Emirates, Spain, Vietnam, and The Netherlands.

We absolutely love to travel. We love exploring new places, trying new cuisine, and meeting new friends.

But travel is more than just a hobby. As a culturally diverse family, having a global perspective is very important to us.

We look forward to exploring the world together as a family!





Home

Our home is a spacious and cozy ranch in a wonderful, diverse neighborhood. We have a great backyard where we love playing with Nayan or grilling out with friends and family.

We even have the baby's room ready. :)

There are several great elementary schools in our neighborhood. The middle school and high school are also in our neighborhood, within walking distance.

We love our town because it is highly progressive with strong middle-class roots, and still has a small town feel even though it is only minutes from Downtown.





Richard's Family



Richard has a younger sister, Alinot, who is married and lives close to us. His mother Toyin also lives near us, and we get together with them often.

Richard's father, Fatai, died of lung cancer when Richard was 12 years old. Losing his father at such a young age has shaped him and given him a deep appreciation for being a father and mentor.



Richard's mother has 8 siblings, and his father was one of 12 children, so Richard has an endless number of cousins, aunts, and uncles!

Angela's Family

Angela has two older brothers and one older sister. Her brother Ethan lives in Vietnam, but her brother Tri and her sister Sandy live nearby us with their families.

All of her siblings are married and we have 2 nephews and 2 nieces. We took in one of Angela's nephews, Tyler, when he was in high school and he is still like a son to us.

Although Angela lost both of her parents (Lan and Tu Van), she has several aunts and uncles who are very much a part of her life.

Both of our families are excited to welcome a new child into the family!



Traditions

We have lots of fun traditions. One of our annual traditions is hosting a chili cook-off, which always brings a crowd. We even give out prizes and trophies to the winners!

Thanksgiving is usually at our house and is a very multi-cultural event with everything from traditional American holiday dishes to Vietnamese, Italian, and Nigerian flavors.

We also go to the beach every year for Memorial Day (and celebrate our birthdays!).

Our newest family tradition is a fall cabin trip. It's a great way to get away but not too far since there is a lot to bring for toddlers! Nayan loves walking with us and our dog in the woods and trails.

We can't wait to share these traditions - and make new ones - with another child!





Community

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of friends that form our community.






Some of our closest friends are childhood friends that are still a part of our lives. We also have many mutual friends we have met over the years from college, our travels, work, and our neighborhoods.

We love hosting gatherings of all our friends and family and it is very rewarding to be a part of such a wonderful support system.



What is important to us

We are very spiritual and care deeply about our impact on others and our environment. These are the principles that guide us in our daily lives that we hope to pass on to our children:

-  Try to do no harm to others, the environment, or yourself.
-  Try to leave things better than how you found it.
-  Pursue and do meaningful work that nourishes your mind, body, and spirit.
-  Be intentional and make good decisions.
-  Be empathetic to others.

Closing Thoughts

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We would love to meet you or answer any questions you might have about us.

We share updates and photos with Nayan's birth mother, and want you to know that whatever level of communication you are comfortable with, we would be committed to honoring you in your child's life, and making sure they always know of your love for them.

We hope you trust us with the great responsibility of looking after and protecting your child. And to instill a strong moral compass and love for the world in your child when they are young, and light a path for them as a young adult, so that they may make wise choices to go out and make a difference for others.

We are so incredibly grateful to you for considering us in this great honor, and wish you all the best in your decision and personal journey.

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