Lesli &
Umang

Although we don't know the specific circumstances connecting our lives, we are grateful that you are taking a chance to meet us through this book.

We have always been excited to parent and we look forward to building our family through adoption.

We wish we could meet you in person and tell you all about ourselves - instead, we've put our heart and soul into these pages. There is so much love in our hearts to welcome a child into our home and our families...

If you decide adoption is the right choice for you and your pregnancy, we hope that you can see the love we have for each other, our cultures, and future child. No matter your choice, we are thinking of you and wishing for the very best.

We hope that you have supportive people in your life who can respect and honor your decision for this pregnancy, whatever that may be.

Much love, Lesli and Umang

Our Memories

Met in 2006

Started dating in 2007

Engaged in 2011

Married in 2012

Lesli transferred colleges as a sophomore and met Umang at Transfer Orientation

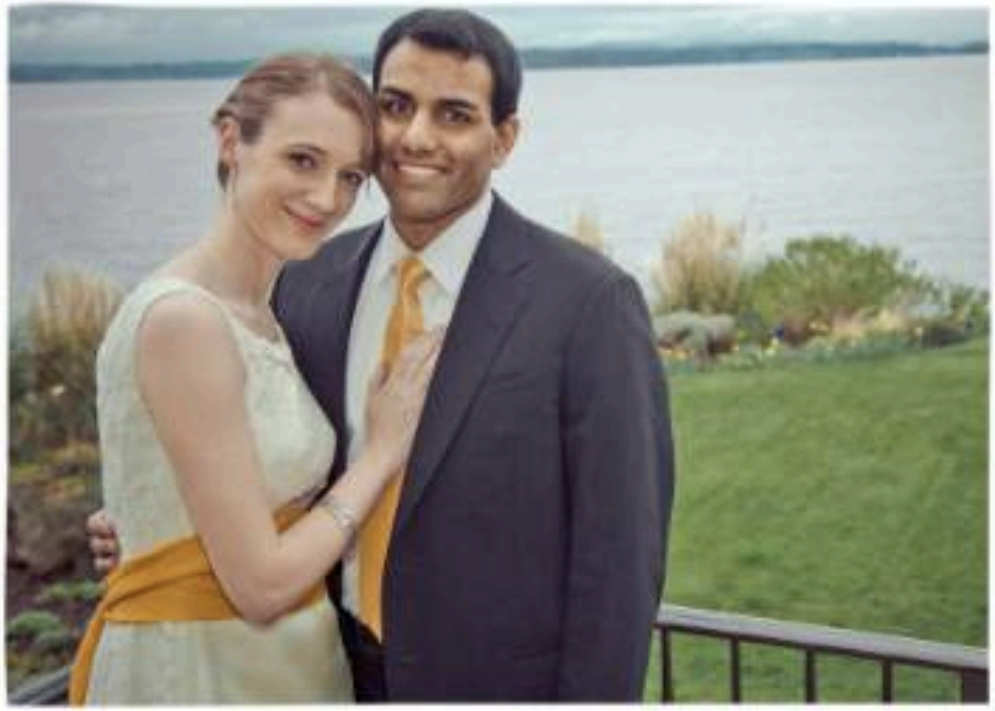
We found an instant friendship and got to know each other for the first few months before going on our first "official date" to a college basketball game

We continued to date throughout college and graduate school - for graduate school, Lesli moved to Washington State and Umang moved to Maryland

After getting engaged, we planned two weddings to honor our cultural and religious differences, making one family

In 2013, we began trying to have a child but experienced many challenges and losses

Our passion for welcoming a child into our forever home has brought us to adoption and we are excited to meet you



FUN FACTS:

We enjoy trying new recipes and cooking together

We have lots of little traditions - homemade pizza and a movie on Friday nights, homemade chai and dog park walks on Saturdays!

We take thousands of photos every year, capturing our favorite memories and silly moments

We have friends and family across the country and look forward to visiting them often

We love to be active - exploring new cities, playing sports, and spending time chasing our dog

Lesli

I was born and raised in Seattle, Washington

I have one brother, 3 years older than me, and my parents still live in the house they bought when they first got married

I danced for 14 years, played soccer and volleyball, and fell in love with crafting and spending time with kids through babysitting and nannying

I've known since highschool that I wanted to be a therapist and have worked hard to build my own business, offering me lots of flexibility for a family

I Am
Able to

Umang

I was born in India and adopted by my parents in Texas

I was raised in Houston with several dogs, who were some of my best friends

I played lots of sports over the years, including football, basketball, soccer, baseball, and golf - and I continue to play them whenever I get the chance

I currently work at Amazon, managing our healthcare initiative to improve care for all Americans

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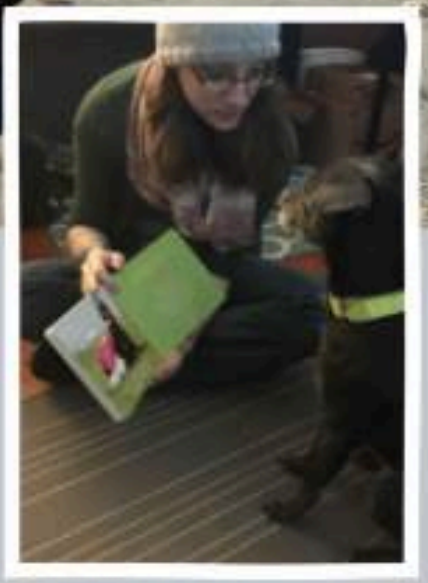
PLAY LIKE
CHAMPION
TODAY

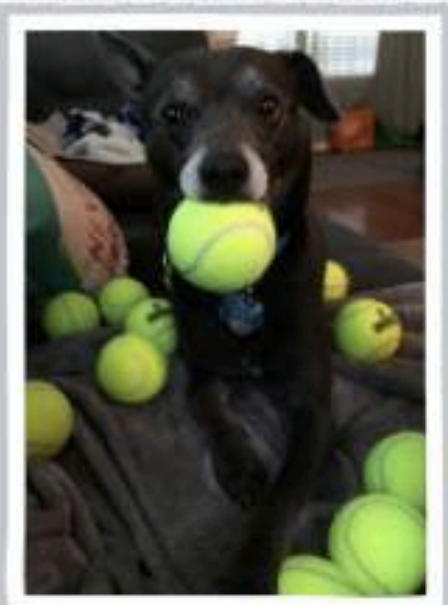
Assam

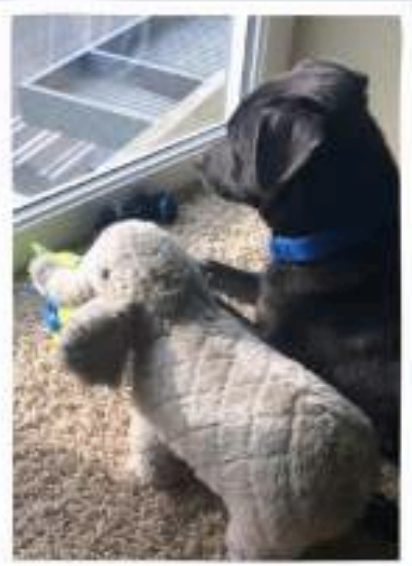
I was born in an apple orchard in Eastern Washington (where Lesli's grandparents used to live!) and adopted at 10 weeks old

I am named after Lesli and Umang's favorite tea from India, Assam tea, because it's the same color as my coat - almost black with hints of silver

I love spending time with children as much as my parents and I only start licking when a kid is curious or interested in me and ready to play too







home is WHERE THE heart is

Lesli and Umang both love the West Coast and Lesli was excited to move closer to family and friends

After getting married and spending a year in San Francisco, we moved to Seattle and two years later bought our home (3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, and a fully fenced yard), which feels perfect for growing a family

Together, we enjoy daily walks around the neighborhood, celebrating local summer festivals, and frequently hanging out with friends

Family Time

Lesli's Friends and Family

Together We Make Our Family

Umang's Friends and Family

Traditions and Highlights

New Year's Eve with board games

Sports - especially putt-putt golf!

Lesli attends church weekly and Umang joins for major holidays

Amazon Family Events

Holi, Diwali, and Raksha Bandhan as part of Hindu traditions

Fourth of July with friends at a local lake

Visiting a pumpkin patch with our dog

Thanksgiving Dinner - with 20-25 people!

Christmas, including tree decorating, stockings, and "poppers"

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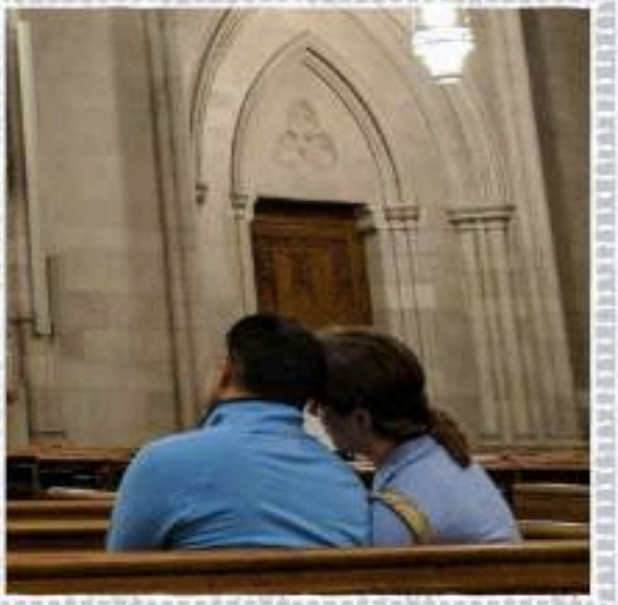
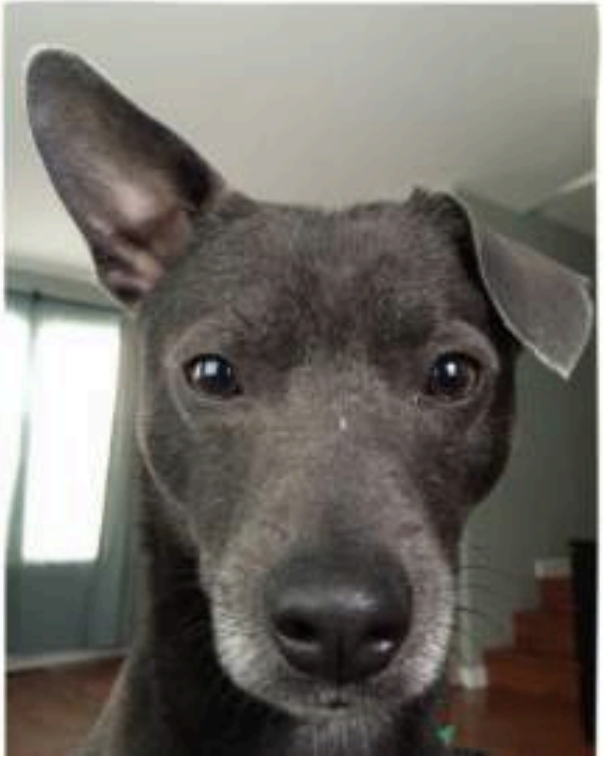


Our Family



Love

My child,
adoption is a promise.

To have and to hold from this day forward.
I will always be on your team, in your corner cheering you on. Today I make a vow to you that I will try everyday to be the best parent I can be for you.

For better or for worse.
In rejection. In pain. In sleepless nights. In joyous mornings. In victories won and hard-fought battles lost. I will still be your Mamma.

For richer or for poorer.
We're in it together if I lose my job or become a millionaire. I will always take care of you.

In sickness and in health.
In cancer, in autism, in spelling-bees, in honor rolls and in the thick of the stomach flu. I am not going to walk away.

To love and to cherish.
My heart is on the line. I promise to be present both physically and emotionally to you and to give you just as many hugs as you need, plus a few extra.

Till death do us part.
This commitment is for life baby. Yours and mine. Whichever one ends first, I am in it for the long haul. That however doesn't mean you can't leave the nest at some point though.

Thank You & God Bless!

LEGACY OF AN ADOPTED CHILD

ONCE THERE WERE
TWO WOMEN
WHO NEVER KNEW EACH OTHER.
ONE WHO IS PRESENT IN YOUR HEART,
THE OTHER YOU CALL MOTHER
TWO DIFFERENT LIVES.
SHAPED TO MAKE YOUR ONE
ONE BECAME YOUR GUIDING STAR
THE OTHER BECAME YOUR SUN

THE FIRST ONE GAVE YOU LIFE
AND THE SECOND TAUGHT YOU TO LIVE IT.
THE FIRST GAVE YOU A NEED FOR LOVE
THE SECOND WAS THERE TO GIVE IT.
ONE GAVE YOU A NATIONALITY
THE OTHER GAVE YOU A NAME.
ONE GAVE YOU A TALENT
THE OTHER GAVE YOU AIM.

ONE GAVE YOU EMOTIONS
THE OTHER CALMED YOUR FEARS
ONE SAW YOUR TEARS
ONE SOUGHT A HOME FOR YOU
THAT SHE COULD NOT PROVIDE
THE OTHER PRAYED FOR A CHILD
AND HER HOPES WERE NOT DENIED

AND NOW YOU ASK ME
THROUGH YOUR TEARS
THE AGE OLD QUESTION
UNANSWERED THROUGH THE YEARS
HEREDITY OR ENVIRONMENT
WHICH ARE YOU THE PRODUCT OF?
NEITHER, MY DARLING, NEITHER
JUST TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF
LOVE