

Ra & Ayano

Hampton, Virginia



Hi, this is Ra + Ayano = RAyano! Ra is a native of Virginia and has many families within and around the state. Ayano is from Japan and has lived in the US for 20+ years. We try to visit Ayano's family in Japan every year. We love watersports and outdoor activities but also love relaxing at home, listening to music, and enjoying home-cooked meals. Ra is an IT consultant and Ayano is a translator. We have been working remotely for the last several years. The pillars of our relationship, "Family, Deep Connection, Adventure," have guided us along our 7-year journey together. Growing our family through adoption and raising a child will be the greatest adventure of our life! We are hoping to create a nurturing environment where the child feels loved and safe to be who she/he is. We look forward to sharing our life and what we have built with the little one!

With the warmest regards,
Ra + Ayano = RAyano

PARENTAL PLACEMENT FAMILY PROFILE

PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT(S):

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HEALTH STATUS: (Describe your overall health, current health problems, any recent major illness/Hospitalizations/Mental Health Treatment)

We are both healthy and active.

OCCUPATIONS: (Describe what you do for a living as well as list your job title/position)

Ayano is a freelance translator and researcher working for a Japanese media production company which is based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ra is a Principal Consultant working remotely for a Richmond-based IT firm focusing on database administration.

Neither of us travel for work and have the fortune of working from home which we think is a great benefit for raising a child.

INTERESTS: (Describe things you enjoy doing in your free time or any hobbies or special talents that you have)

We love nature and enjoy outdoor activities such as kiteboarding, bicycling, and hiking. We also like spending time around the house gardening, cooking, listening to music and watching movies.

EDUCATION: (Describe the level of education you have achieved and any thoughts/opinions you have about educating your child)

Ayano earned Associate Degree in Arts from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, CA, focusing on Motion Picture and Video.

Having gained interest in computer programming while attending the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA, Ra moved on and became a successful, self-taught database administrator and computer programmer.

We believe successful career paths come with specialization. So, we will encourage the child to pursue their passion by learning as much as they can about it. We will also encourage them to focus on the basics of math, science, arts, finance, language, and psychology so they can have a balanced life.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: (describe the role religion plays in your life as well as the denomination and/or name or type of church you attend)

We are spiritual but not religious. We both practice mindfulness, yoga, and meditation.

EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN: (describe types of contact you have with children – nieces/nephews, godchildren, friends, etc.)

Ayano has a nephew and Ra has many little cousins in his family, so whenever we go home, we have opportunities to play with them. Also, some of our close friends have children and we sometimes look after them.

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY: (describe level of financial assistance you believe you feel comfortable providing to a BP – if flexible, state that)

We are flexible around helping within legal guidelines.

HOME ENVIRONMENT: (describe your house and the neighborhood where you live)

We live in a relaxed and friendly neighborhood walking distance to a local beach. It's countryside enough to be surrounded by nature and parks, but city enough to be convenient, within 15 minutes to stores, schools and hospitals etc.

We live and work at home, so we have made our house very comfortable. We have an extra bedroom that will be the child's room and our fenced backyard has a plenty of room for the kid to play.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISCIPLINE: (Expectation of yourselves as parents and methods of discipline)

We believe that “self-awareness and understanding” is an important key for discipline. During the child’s early developmental years, we will sit with the child and talk through the issue and how to be more mindful about their handling of it as we remind them that we are here to love and help. As the child grows older, we’ll continue to talk through the issues but give them space and time to reflect on her/his actions and manage their own emotions.

RESULTS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD/SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY RECORD AND CHILD ABUSE CHECKS: (indicate if these checks were received by agency and what, if any, information was shared)

No criminal or sex offender history.

MARITAL RELATIONSHIP: (Describe the length of time you’ve been married; any previous marriages; and any statement you wish to make about the quality of your current marital relationship – IF SINGLE – describe your support network)

We first met the week before Christmas in 2013 and we have been happily married since Feb 2016.

We do everything together and are well known amongst our friends and family as RAYano! Often, we are referred to as a good example of marital partnership.

This is second marriage for both of us.

DESCRIPTION OF CHILDREN ALREADY IN FAMILY: (describe the ages, gender and interests your children have)

Currently, we do not have any kids. We plan on spoiling the hell out of this one (but not too much).

DAY CARE PLAN FOR CHILDREN: (Describe what you hope your day care plan will be if you both plan to return to work)

We work remotely 100%. So, no daycare plans at this time.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF CHILD YOU FEEL PREPARED TO PARENT: (Please list background factors, health conditions, maximum age and race of child that you are willing to consider. If flexible in any of those conditions, feel free to state you are willing to consider other situations not mentioned)

We prefer minority race children, newborn to 2 years old.

We are open to adopting children with mild or medically correctable physical challenges.

LEVEL OF OPENNESS: (Please describe the level of openness you believe you can commit to i.e. type of contact, how frequent, with whom – just BP’s or also extended family, etc. If you are flexible and willing to consider other situations, please indicate that)

We are open to all contact including phone calls and in-person visits before adoption placement, sharing photos and letters, phone calls, and visits after adoption placement. This could be extended to birth family.



RAYANO

we love



Beach Strolling



Kiteboarding



Biking around



Traveling



Inner Peace



Eating

Above all



Chillaxin'

To see more photos and how our life is, please visit us at www.facebook.com/rayanoadopt or www.instagram.com/rayanoadopt/

Meet our Tribe

Our Moms
Sachiko & Darlene



Our Dads
Randy & Takaaki



Ayano's sister Natsue & nephew Sou



Family

Ra's brother
James



Ra's side of Family



Ayano's side of Family

They live in
VA, MD, NY.



Cousin & her kids who live in Atlanta



Aunt & Cousin whose family live in Boston

House Party at
Casa de Rayano



Friends

Friends gathered around Ayano's dad



Hanging out with Ayano's childhood friends in Japan



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Where RAYANO Live



A beach, Nature Preserve, and a boat ramp are all walking distance! We enjoy strolling or biking there.



We are surrounded by water and we enjoy activities in the water.



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Dear Parent:

Thank you for considering us to love and nurture your child.

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are a biracial couple - Ayano is Japanese and Ra is African American. From the beginning of our relationship, we agreed that we would build a stable foundation upon which we'd raise a family. We've accomplished a lot in our seven years together. Now, we're ready to experience the joys and challenges of guiding a new life on their path to adulthood. We look forward to being reliable guides on the child's journey to happiness and independence.

A few years ago, we tried to expand our little tribe. We even tried two IVF cycles but neither cycle worked out. Even after those challenges and disappointments, we are still excited to have the chance to be parents.

In the summer of 2017, we attended a family BBQ in Baltimore. We met a cousin who had a newly adopted baby. It was our first time witnessing an adoptive family together. The cousin, his mom, and his brothers care deeply for the baby and really demonstrate how there is no difference between "traditional family" and adoptive family. The entire extended family adored the baby. Seeing their comfort and happiness inspired us to begin our own adoption journey.

We are open-minded people and are blessed to create a tribe of diverse friends and family including people of different races, beliefs, and backgrounds. As we are striving for ourselves, we would like the child to be an awesome global citizen who values variation and harmony on Earth. We are committed to create an environment that encourages the child to be a well-rounded, full-hearted, wonderful human being.

We believe that open adoption is the best approach for raising a child and we are fully committed to support it. The more love for the child the better! Our vision is to build a circle of loved ones centering around the child, including birth families, where she/he feels safe to establish their sense of self and belonging. We are willing to maintain contact with the birth parents and the birth families if they desire and be flexible with contact as times and priorities evolve. We value openness and honesty in our relationship, and that will be extended to the child. We will share the story of the child's origin from the beginning in the level appropriate for the age.

Thank you again for considering us to be parents of the life you created. This is one of our biggest honors and we are very grateful beyond words.

With gratitude and respect from the bottom of our hearts,

Ayano & Ra