

Hello from
KERRY
& TIBI
in New York City!

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. It takes a courageous woman to consider open adoption, and we're honored that you're thinking about making us a part of your and your child's lives. We hope that this letter gives you some sense of the immense excitement we feel about becoming parents through open adoption. We very much look forward to getting to know *you* after you read about us.

Kerry Whigham & Tibi Galis





On a bridge in Venice, one of our favorite places to visit and the site of our wedding



Entertaining our friends' son, Nicolás

• OUR STORY •

Growing up, we never imagined that one boy from the Deep South and another from Transylvania would end up falling in love and being so happy together. Our first date was one of those dates that neither of us wanted to end. Before it was over, Kerry excused himself to the bathroom so that he could text his *best friend* that he had fallen in love. On our second date, Kerry mentioned how Venice, Italy, was the most magical place he'd ever visited. Later that night, Tibi secretly booked a trip to Venice for the two of us one month later. That trip to Venice really sealed the deal. A couple years later, we returned to Venice with a group of friends and family to get married.

All these years later, we still love each other like crazy. We have as much fun together traveling the world as we do sitting around our dinner table in New York and talking about our days. From the beginning of our relationship, we resolved that we want to create a family through open adoption. We can't wait to begin this next chapter.



Reading to our friends' son, Wiley, after a weekend dinner party

• OUR HOME •

We live in a beautiful two-bedroom apartment in the lively and diverse neighborhood of South Harlem, New York. It's a friendly, residential neighborhood where we are surrounded by lots of young families. We are so excited to take our child for some pastries at the bakery downstairs before heading for an afternoon stroll in Central Park, which is just a few blocks from our apartment. We look forward to taking our son or daughter to the Natural History Museum, where we can look at the dinosaur fossils and the giant blue whale. We also can't wait to introduce him or her to the nearby hills and forests of the beautiful Hudson Valley.



Preparing lunch together on a weekend in the city

• FRIENDS & FAMILY •

Our child will be surrounded by a loving community of friends and family, both near and far. Kerry's parents, brother, and sister-in-law live in Georgia, along with his extended family. His sister, brother-in-law, and our wonderful niece and nephew live in South Korea, where they are stationed with the US Army. Tibi's parents and extended family live in Transylvania (a region of Romania), and we visit them at least once a year for Christmas or Easter. Even though our families are far from us, we are all very close-knit and make every effort to talk to each other and see each other as often as possible. The whole family is excited to welcome a new little one into the mix.

We have a vast group of friends, both in New York and around the world. We spend time with our New York "family" constantly. Most of them have young children—our honorary nieces and nephews—whom we love to babysit. We are thrilled to introduce them to their new "cousin" any day now. We also stay in constant contact with our friends in Romania, Argentina, Italy, and Belgium, and are fortunate to be able to visit them frequently.



Cuddling on the sofa with our friends' son, James



A trip to Buenos Aires with Kerry's mom



Playing around on the Upper West Side with our friends' son, Jonah



Tibi's first time holding our beautiful niece, Sadie



Admiring some flowers with our friends' daughter, Myra

• OUR CAREERS •

Tibi is the executive director of a not-for-profit organization that works to prevent violence against minority groups around the world. Kerry is an academic researcher and college professor. We are both lucky to have flexible schedules that allow us to work from home sometimes and get away for long vacations. Our work takes us to fascinating places all over the world, where we interact with incredible and diverse people. We look forward to bringing our son or daughter along on these trips, too, so that they can develop a love of the world and all of the people and cultures that fill it.

• THINGS WE LOVE TO DO •

When we're home in New York, we love to cook together. Kerry can't wait to pass down his grandmother's fried chicken recipe to our child, and Tibi is excited to share his family secrets of Transylvanian pastries. We love having friends and their kids over for dinner and play parties, and we look forward to our child playing hide-and-seek with their friends while we parents speak about their latest accomplishments at school. As you have surely already noticed by now, our greatest love is travel, and we are truly enthusiastic about introducing our child to the world.

Between the two of us, we speak six languages—including English, Spanish, French, Italian, Romanian, and Hungarian—and we are dedicated to raising our child in a multilingual environment so that he or she can experience the world through multiple cultures. We dream of watching our child play soccer in the public squares of Venice and Buenos Aires with the local kids or inhaling a Belgian waffle in the parks of Brussels. But we are also so excited for our child to introduce us to their interests as they grow older.



Getting a kiss from our friends' daughter, Ella, on a trip to Boston



Relaxing by a lamppost before a delicious meal in Amsterdam

• OUR PROMISE •

Open adoption is such a special gift. The fact that our child will know about her or his birthparents and that you will remain an important part of our lives is truly invaluable to us. Our commitment to you is that we will surround our child with love and all the best care that we can provide. You will always have a special place in our lives and our hearts. Thank you for taking the time to learn a bit about us. We cannot wait to share more, but also to learn about you! We await your call or email anytime. We are so excited to meet you!

• CONTACT US ANYTIME •

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