

SHIVANGI & VIKRAM

Hi, there!

We are the Raos. We are in our early 30s and live in San Francisco, California. We are excited to share with you a bit more about ourselves and why we want to start our family!



To find out more about us, please contact our licensed adoption agency (Adoption Connection) by calling 1-800-972-9225, texting at 415-355-4636, or sending an email to families@adoptionconnection.org.



OUR STORY

2011

We met in 2011 in Washington, DC through a non-profit organization we both volunteered for. Our passion for helping our communities allowed us to form a friendship.

2015

Over the years, our friendship evolved into a passionate, deep, and respectful love. We spent the first year of our relationship in Washington, DC and then took our love (and our dog) bi-coastal to California.

2017

Within months of sharing a home together in San Francisco, we got engaged. A year later, we got married in front of our closest family and friends. We are enjoying marriage and looking forward to becoming parents.

FUN FACTS

FAVORITE TRADITION



Shivangi: Cooking for the holidays with her family
Vikram: Watching movies and eating his mom and Shivangi's holiday feast

FAVORITE ACTIVITY



Shivangi: Spending time outside or watching Michigan football (Go Blue!)
Vikram: Playing golf or watching Ohio State football (Go Buckeyes!)

FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION



Shivangi: Maui, Hawaii
Vikram: Santorini, Greece

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD BOOK



Shivangi: Matilda
Vikram: Harry Potter

MEET SHIVANGI - A COMMENTARY BY VIKRAM

FAMILY

Shivangi was raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan with a strong and diverse community of friends and family. Her entire family has migrated to the west coast over the years. Her parents currently live in Southern California, and her brother lives in the Bay Area with his wife. They are expecting a baby boy in December, and she can't wait to be an aunt! Shivangi has received so much love, acceptance, and security from her family, and can't wait to provide that to her future children.



PASSION

Outside of her fulltime career as a healthcare professional, Shivangi has a passion for cooking and loves how food brings people together. She loves to host family dinners and create colorful food using natural and healthy ingredients. She has made her passion into a small business as a food blogger. She hopes to help others find their way to optimal health through her cooking, recipes, and lifestyle approach.



BALANCE

Shivangi believes in finding balance between work and life so she can spend time with her friends and family. In her spare time, Shivangi practices yoga, paints, spends time with her family and friends, and walks outside with the dog. Shivangi continually impresses me with how she finds balance in every part of her life.



MEET VIKRAM - A COMMENTARY BY SHIVANGI



FAMILY

Vikram was raised in a family of four in a small and humble town in Ohio. He has one younger brother who lives with his partner in New Orleans, and his parents still live in the home he grew up in. Vikram grew up playing baseball, participating in school plays, and singing classical Indian music. Vikram wants nothing more than to pass down the values he was given from his parents including humility, education, and family to his future children.



AMBITION

Vikram is a very ambitious and goal oriented person. He runs half marathons, taught himself how to bake beautiful loaves of bread and cake, and became fluent in Spanish in addition to pursuing a successful career in finance. He also recently taught himself how to play golf and hopes to become the next Tiger Woods!



CONNECTION

Vikram believes in creating a strong community wherever life takes him. His friends and family mean the world to him, and he has kept in touch with friends since he was in elementary school. Vikram has also created a close-knit group of friends and relatives in the Bay Area. Vikram has an infectious personality that people just want to be around all the time. He continues to amaze me with how open, honest, and loving he is as a person.



OUR HOME

We live in San Francisco, California in the sunny neighborhood of Potrero Hill. This is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city that sits atop a hill. It is filled with beautiful kid-friendly parks, classic homes, and is very family oriented. There are new shops and restaurants opening all around us, and we neighbor the culture-packed neighborhood of the Mission, as well as the growing neighborhood of Dogpatch that overlooks the bay.

We live with our 65 pound rescue dog named Anya Nala Rao. She is a golden lab mix and the most loving, playful, and sweet dog we've ever met (we may be biased). She is wonderful around our friends' kids whenever they come over. She's also a huge fan of Potrero Hill since she gets taken to the dog park on a daily basis and gets to meet and play with other neighborhood dogs.

Shivangi loves to cook. When she's not at work, she's usually whipping up a new recipe to artfully photograph and share with her community. She's frequently hosting dinner parties with friends and family. She also enjoys sitting outside in the backyard drawing or painting, or visiting her local yoga studio to unwind, stretch, and breathe. Vikram can't wait to see the joy Shivangi will find as a mother.

Vikram loves coming home to Shivangi and Anya. He recently taught himself how to bake, so he tries to find time on weekends to bake. Otherwise, he's catching an early golf game on Saturday mornings, watching football, or spending time with his family and friends. He loves taking care of Anya, and is always on point to give her baths, cut her nails, and even cook her food! Shivangi can't wait to see him be an amazing father.



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO START OUR FAMILY

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as potential adoptive parents. Over the years, Shivangi has known several adoptive parents and adopted children who are her friends. We have both grown up in stable and loving homes, and cherish our memories and identities being raised in the US by first generation parents. Together, we both want to adopt and raise a child with the values, love, and care our parents provided us. We want nothing more than to start a family together and be responsible and loving parents. We are hopeful and excited as we embark on this new chapter in our lives.

We hope we have the chance to meet you soon, learn about you, and share more about our journey with you. We couldn't be more excited to finally become parents! This is a big moment for all of us and we are grateful that you may consider us as adoptive parents.

Warmly yours,
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