



CHRIS & TANYA



Hello! WE ARE
CHRIS & TANYA

FROM VIRGINIA

SKIING IN
LAKE TAHOE



HAVING FUN RIDING SCOOTERS

We are grateful for the courageous decision you have chosen for you and your child and for taking the time to learn more about us. Our hearts are overflowing with unconditional love that we are looking forward to giving to our future child!

We live an active, positive, and productive life and truly enjoy each other's company. Adoption was always the plan for us after having biological children; however, since we have experienced fertility issues, adoption is now becoming a blessing earlier than expected. We fondly anticipate being loving parents and creating wonderful memories with our child. We hope this is reflected in our profile, which we thank you for reading.

HOW WE BECAME US

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WE HAVE ACTIVE LIVES.

We exercise three to four times a week and read success principle books on a daily basis. Also, we belong to a wonderful Church and donate essential items to less fortunate kids every month. Depending on the day, we could be at a restaurant (we're foodies!), traveling, sightseeing, and/or catching up with family and friends.

LOVIN' THE SCENERY AT GREAT FALLS NATIONAL PARK



ENJOYING A
DELICIOUS BRUNCH

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES

👉 **Can't live without** Both: Good food

👉 **Hobby**

Chris: Reading
Tanya: Baking

👉 **Instrument I play**

Chris: Trumpet / drums
Tanya: Piano / clarinet

👉 **Place to take a child**

Chris: Amusement park
Tanya: Zoo

👉 **What I like to collect**

Chris: Books
Tanya: Colorful glasses and earrings



GEARING UP FOR A
VIRTUAL REALITY GAME

WE'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 12 YEARS

We actually met on Match.com! We talked on the phone for three weeks before our first date since we lived a couple of hours from each other. Throughout our initial phone conversations, we learned we shared several values, such as the importance of having a family, being a blessing to those around us, and working on being the best version of ourselves every day. These values have continued to make our marriage stronger year after year. We appreciated that both of our Match.com profiles were written from a positive viewpoint and were future focused. We got engaged a year and a half after our first date and married a year and half later!

ABOUT CHRIS

BY TANYA



CHRIS HELPING HIS GODSON WITH HIS LEMONADE STAND



TICKLES AND SMILES WITH A FRIEND'S CHILD

WHAT I DO FOR FUN!



BOOK SIGNING,
BOBBY FLAY!

My hobbies are varied, but I really simply enjoy learning.

I have an insatiable appetite for knowledge. I just like to know and understand stuff, which is why I'm always reading a book, magazine, or blog post, or watching a documentary of some kind.

But when it comes to activities, besides really enjoying good food, **I have come to enjoy the process of cooking.**

I'm a big sports fan and enjoy playing sports and watching sports. I want to remain active, so I bought a set of golf clubs for Tanya and me. I enjoy being outdoors, and golf is a great activity that we enjoy doing together.

There are so many things I love about my husband, Chris. He is such an intelligent person and can converse about so many topics in detail. **He also has an amazing ability to connect with people of different backgrounds.** People are always commenting about the wonderful "presence" he has.

I'm excited to watch him become a father. He is loving and patient and has a big appetite for wanting to teach kids about life principles. I still remember when he helped one of his Godchildren create a lemonade stand. It warms my heart whenever I think about it.

MY WORK

I WORK FOR A GLOBAL SOFTWARE COMPANY MANAGING ACCOUNTS. I love what I do and the work-life balance my job offers. I work entirely from home and have tremendous flexibility in my daily schedule. My company offers great family benefits and really encourages employees to take personal time off for family and for self-care.

Life is to be lived and enjoyed to its fullest, so I have also done more adventurous stuff like driving race cars, flying airplanes, and even white water rafting.



ABOUT TANYA

BY CHRIS

Tanya is such a blessing. She is incredibly nurturing and supportive of me, which I know she will be the same toward our child. Tanya is also very intelligent.

I was fortunate to find exactly what I was looking for in Tanya. Although I was initially attracted to her outer beauty, it didn't take long for me to recognize and be drawn to her heart and spirit. We had only been dating less than 90-days when my family came to visit from Colorado and Tanya had the chance to meet my two nieces. The three of them immediately connected and still have a strong bond several years later.

Tanya's heart for people in general, and children in particular, is one of the most endearing things about her. While we haven't been blessed with children yet, there are multiple children who have grown up around "Auntie Tanya" and love her dearly.

I WORK AS A PROJECT MANAGER FOR AN IT SERVICES PROVIDER

and enjoy using my analytical, organizational, and people skills to make sure our clients' IT systems are operating efficiently. I am fortunate that my employer is very supportive of working parents and offers flexible work schedules. I work from home and will be able to take 12 weeks of maternity leave.

WHAT I DO FOR FUN!



TANYA GETTING
A WORK OUT

I love baking pies, cookies, cakes, and brownies! There are never-ending requests for my apple pie and chocolate chip cookies, lol!

Being healthy is important to me, so I do high-intensity interval training (HIIT), Zumba classes, and weight training multiple times a week. I keep my mind healthy and productive by reading success principle books (one of my favorites is *The Slight Edge*).

I love sightseeing and trying new things, such as riding around town in a scooter and taking a pottery class. I am also an amusement park fan and always up for attending a sports game.

One of my love languages is quality time, so I enjoy spending time with family and friends, including our nephews, nieces, and Godchildren. It's so much fun building a house with Magna-Tiles with my nephew/Godson or sending him my baked cookies for his birthday.



Also, I take pleasure in providing life advice to my nieces. From time to time, Chris and I child sit for friends who have two boys and two girls, approximately ages six to thirteen. It's such a fun adventure taking them to their sports competitions or playing makeup!

SMILES WITH
AUNT TANYA



BAKING, A FAVORITE!



WE LIVE IN A THRIVING NEIGHBORHOOD IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA, where we are a couple of blocks away from a park! Also, we live in a top ten nationally-ranked public school district.

There are so many points of interest in Washington DC and Virginia that are within driving distance. We love walking or riding scooters around the National Mall. We also like hiking through Shenandoah National Park and Great Falls National Park in Virginia. One of our favorite times of the year is attending beautiful Christmas light shows and drinking a cup of hot chocolate or making s'mores afterward. When we are not out and about, we love spending time in our nice home. We really love our kitchen, and our family and friends always find themselves congregating there, too.

—HOME & Family—

THE PLACE AND PEOPLE WE CHERISH!



CHRIS WITH HIS PARENTS



OUR LOCAL
PLAYGROUND



BEACH FUN WITH AUNT TANYA



We are blessed to be surrounded by wonderful family and friends! Tanya's mom only lives a few hours away in Pennsylvania, making it easy to spend time with her. Her sister's family lives in Atlanta and we see them a couple of times a year. Chris' dad, mom and two nieces live in Colorado and we visit them in person every year or so. Combined, we have one sibling, three nieces, one nephew, and over 20 first cousins. We have a diverse family background, including Black and Hispanic ethnicities.

AND THEN THERE'S OUR CHOSEN FAMILY!

Aside from our family, we are also fortunate to have very loving friends whom we consider extended family and that make up an ideal support system in all areas of our lives. Our future child will be embraced by a community of LOVING, POSITIVE, SUCCESSFUL, GENEROUS, and FUN adults and kids!



ABOUT RAISING A PRECIOUS LITTLE ONE

FROM THE BEGINNING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, WE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT THE INFLUENCE OUR PARENTS HAD ON US.

We recognize that we were both blessed with amazing parents and positive childhood experiences. **Our parents taught us a lot and gave us many positive examples to follow.** Furthermore, we count ourselves even more blessed to have strong relationships with our parents in our adult years.

We've observed and come to believe that the 80-20 Rule applies to parenting in that 80% of what your child learns from you will be passively caught (by observing your actions) and 20% will be learned by you actively sitting down and teaching and telling your kids certain things. With that in mind, there are a ton of things that we want to actively teach our children, but **WE ASPIRE TO ALWAYS SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE SO THEY WILL ALWAYS WANT TO LEARN FROM US.**

Lastly, it is very important we work towards being the best version of ourselves so we can be a blessing to others. In doing so, **we are committed to teaching our child about kindness, responsibility, mutual respect, integrity, and honesty.**

OUR FAITH

Our Christian Faith is very important to us. Faith truly is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. We have learned Faith is an action word that either compels you to boldly step forward, or patiently sit and be still. Actively engaging in fellowship with God is important not just for our spiritual life, but also for our mental and emotional health. We look forward to sharing with and teaching our child all that we have learned about the Word of God.



We are excited and ready to become parents. We promise you that your child will know how much we are grateful for your decision and how much you love him or her. We will make sure he or she is always surrounded by a loving community and spiritually nurtured and raised to be a blessing to those around him or her. We will make sure to provide your child with every opportunity to become a confident, successful, and happy individual.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT US. We are beyond excited about making memories with our future child.

God bless you and the little one inside of you!