



ANTHONY & NICOLE



Hello, We are Nicole and Anthony and we would like to thank you for taking the time to read our letter and learn more about our family. We hope that we can make a very difficult time for you a little less stressful by telling you about ourselves and our commitment to raising your child in our loving family.

We love to laugh and revel in the joy and silliness that life can bring. Over the 20 years we've been together, we have lots of good times, and built ourselves a home full of love and respect. We have overcome personal tragedies, such as infertility, as well as loss of family members, and other difficulties, and it has made us stronger as individuals, as well as a couple.

We promise to raise your child with that same love and respect, and with a focus on developing their individuality and helping them achieve their fullest potential. We will fill their life with warmth, security, love, and plenty of fun, too!

about us

We met when we were 11 and 12 years old. We grew up in the same neighborhood, went to the same middle school and hung out with the same group of friends. After middle school, Anthony moved away to Virginia to live with his father. When he was 18, he moved back and we reconnected. We started dating and spent every minute together. Nicole began college and eventually earned a Master's Degree in Forensic Mental Health, while Anthony gained many years of experience as a mechanic, and various other trades, including carpentry and plumbing. After 11 years of dating, and living together, we decided to make our relationship even more official and were married in 2012. Both of our families were thrilled and said "it was about time!"



Nicole's birthday (2002)

Our Wedding



We were married in a small private ceremony at City Hall witnessed by Nicole's mom and stepdad. It was one of the happiest days of our lives!



a little about
ANTHONY



I grew up in Westchester County, NY and later moved to upstate NY. I have also briefly lived in Virginia and Florida. I have two brothers and one sister. Unfortunately, my oldest brother unexpectedly passed away a few years ago, as well as my mom and dad. I am blessed to still have my older sister, who I adore, as well as my little brother. I also have many nieces and nephews. Growing up, my parents taught us the importance of family, and having unconditional love for your siblings, and extended family. I graduated High School in 2000 and went on to learn trades in auto repair, plumbing and carpentry. I currently work as a Mechanic and in my free time I love to work on cars, do DIY projects around our house, as well as landscaping jobs. I also enjoy going to the ocean, cooking on the grill and going on road trips. I am a very open-minded person and enjoy meeting new people and learning about other cultures and religions. I love making jokes and having a good time. I have learned never to take anything for granted, and not to take life too serious.



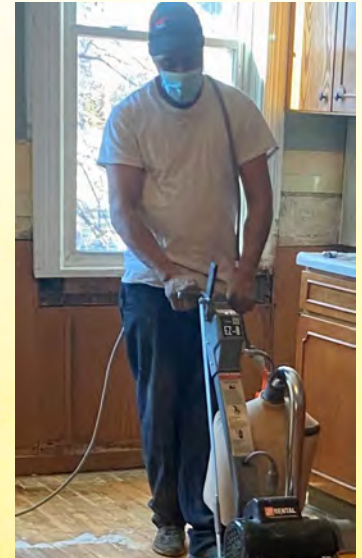
Anthony enjoys performing car repairs, home improvement projects, attending cultural events, and relaxing at the ocean during summer months. Here are a few of his favorite hobbies!



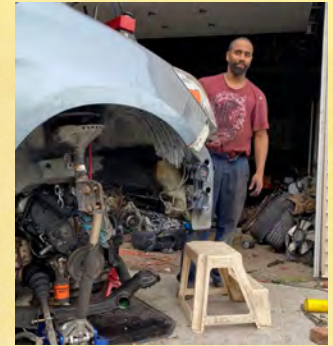
Anthony doing work on our backyard patio



Anthony enjoying a day at the beach



Anthony doing carpentry work



Anthony doing engine work on car

Nicole enjoys spending time with her niece, attending concerts, playing with her cats, as well as going strawberry picking in the summer, taking trips to the zoo and going to the ocean.



Nicole and her niece



Nicole with her cat



Nicole at the zoo



Nicole relaxing at the beach



Nicole at a summer festival



Nicole strawberry picking

a little about
NICOLE

I grew up in Upstate, NY. My parents separated when I was very little and my mother later remarried. I am my mother's only child, and we were extremely close. Unfortunately, both my mom and stepdad passed away a few years ago, but they would have loved to see me as a mother. I also have a half brother on my father's side, named Cameron. He and I maintain a wonderful relationship, and he is looking forward to being a very involved uncle.

My mother taught me the value of hard work, respect for others and the importance of an education. My stepfather struggled with alcohol addiction, in which he was able to overcome and eventually maintain his sobriety. While I was watching him battle with his recovery, I learned a lot about addiction, which is what made me choose a career in the helping field. I earned a Master's Degree in Forensic Mental Health and currently work as an Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator, helping incarcerated individuals reintegrate back into society. I really enjoy what I do and I think it's important to instill in a child that a woman can have both a career and family, while instilling in them self-confidence and the ability to set goals.

In my free time I enjoy decorating our house, going on road trips, playing with our 4 cats and going to concerts, museums and on-stage musicals, as well as spending time with our nieces and nephews. Life is about having love and respect for others, accepting all people no matter their differences, and having many laughs along the way!



Anthony's Family



Sister, dad, me



Me & sis



Mom & dad



Me, sis, mom & brother



Brother & me



Sis & me



Nephew & me



Me & stepdad



Mom & Me



Dad, brother, me, Anthony

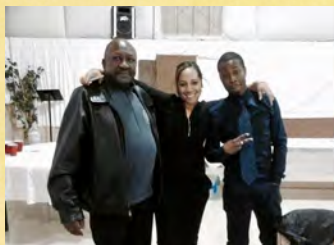


Me & brother

Nicole's Family



Me, dad, Anthony



Dad, me, brother



Dad, me, mom (Nicole was 2 months old)



Mom & stepdad

Friends & Family



Friends, cousins & nieces



Anthony & sister



Friends & family



Nicole & best friend



Nicole, sister-in-law &
nieces



Nicole, Anthony, sister,
nephew, niece & niece

Holidays



We love celebrating all holidays. It's another opportunity to gather together with family and friends and spend time with our little nieces, nephews, as well as our friend's little ones. Holidays are a time to decorate the house with fun colors and decor, a time to go to parades and parties (especially the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade), a time to bond with one another, share in family traditions, and create lasting fun memories. We can't wait to share these traditions with your child.

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a family oriented neighborhood with many schools, local library, parks, bike paths, riverfront trails, and museums, all within waking/driving distance. Our house is a two story home with 4 bedrooms and huge backyard, including a big swimming pool. Our back porch is set up for outdoor entertainment, which includes a projector screen for outdoor movies and plenty of family fun!



Backyard



Our house



Pool



Back porch



Livingroom



Enjoying a walk in our neighborhood



Skyline view of our neighborhood



Our neighborhood playground



Local little league field



Our local park



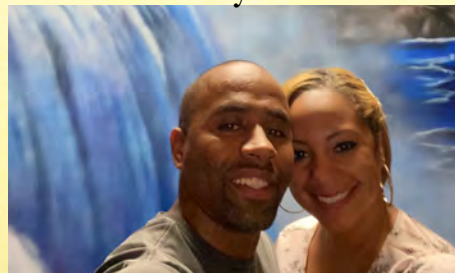
Six Flags Theme Park



Disney World



Boat ride



Niagara Falls

Everyday Adventures

We love to go on trips together. Our favorites are going to the beach, amusement parks and riding the tallest roller coasters, as well as visiting zoos and museums. We also enjoy taking day trips to New York City, as well as exploring other cities in New York State. We also make it a point to vacation in a new place each year. However, our absolute favorite place to go is Walt Disney World, because it allows us to feel all the excitement and magic, as if we were children all over again! Yet, we also appreciate the everyday little things such as going for walks, taking car rides, going to movies and restaurants, and enjoying free plays and concerts at our local park in the summertime. We can't wait to share all these things with your child!

Everyday Fun



Hershey Park Theme
Park



Board walk



Anthony with niece



Enjoying a night at
the beach



Playing miniature
golf



Enjoying dinner with
Nicole's dad & brother



Niagara Falls



At the lake



Enjoying a walk



Enjoying a walk



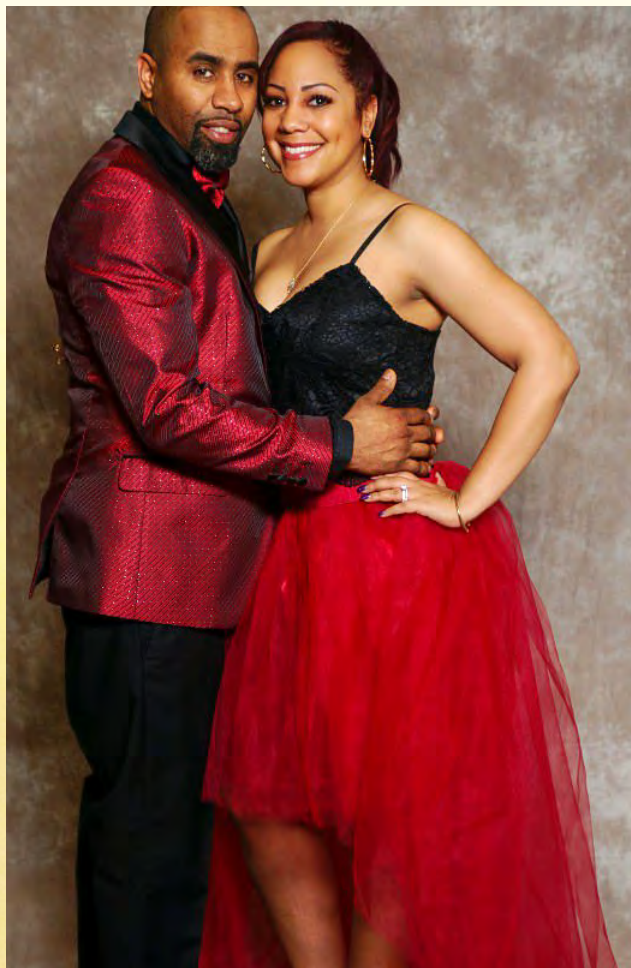
At the beach



Enjoying ice cream cones



Enjoying a day at
the park



This is an annual event we attend in helping to raise money for this amazing organization. Equinox is a human services agency that Nicole previously worked at, that serves youth, adults, and families, whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence, drug and alcohol addictions, mental illness, homelessness, and the challenges living in poverty and violence.

Equinox Charity Event

Our promise to you...

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home! We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share for your child as we expand our family. If given the opportunity to welcome your child in our home, we promise to always love, protect, and support them through all aspect of their life. Our family plays a huge role in our life and will be there to assist in daycare while we are working, and will show a tremendous amount of love for your child. As your child gets older, we promise to provide your child with an excellent educational foundation, that allows them the opportunity to choose a collegiate, or vocational skilled future career.

Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that they will know of your love for them. We like the idea of openness to honor you, and will work with you in this area to respect your wishes. We hope this book gave you a look into our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Nicole and Anthony



If you are interested in learning more about us, please contact our adoption
agency, Forever Families Through Adoption at
adopt@foreverfamilesthroughadoption.org
or 914-939-1180

