

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Marcus and Emily



We are Marcus and Emily. We are high school sweethearts and best friends who have been married for 12 years and together for almost 20! We spend our time together binging our favorite shows, experimenting in the kitchen, playing board games, and traveling when time allows. We also love taking long walks with our dog, Teddy. (He's a silly and snuggly boy that we know will be a sweet and protective big brother.) We love spending time with friends as well, and often host game or movie nights at our home; most recently we've joined "just for fun" kickball and bowling leagues. Most of all, we love to laugh and be silly together – random dance parties are a common occurrence in our home. We live in a friendly and diverse neighborhood close to a park and with many children and families nearby. Marcus programs industrial robots for a living and Emily has been teaching preschool children for the past twelve years. While Emily loves her job, she is excited to become a stay-at-home mom once we become parents. We always knew that adoption would be a part of our story and we are beyond excited and ready to begin this journey!

We cannot imagine the difficult emotions that come with a decision like the one you are facing. We want you to know that we are thankful for you, humbled by your selflessness, and thrilled that you are taking the time to get to know more about us. We are dedicated to providing a life of unconditional love, security, and openness for your child and would be beyond grateful to share this experience with you.

About Marcus

- **Age:** 36
- **Occupation:** Robotics Engineer
- **TV Shows:** Bob's Burgers, Black Mirror, Game of Thrones
- **Music:** Stevie Wonder, The Roots, Eddie Vedder
- **Food:** Japanese, Mexican, anything grilled
- **Movies:** X-Men/Marvel franchise, Star Wars
- **Hobbies:** Woodworking, cooking, video games, disc golf
- **Places I Want to Visit:** Italy, Ireland, Costa Rica

About Emily

- **Age:** 35
- **Work:** Preschool Teacher
- **Hobbies:** Reading, family history research, cooking and baking
- **Books:** The Alice Network, What Remains
- **TV Shows:** This Is Us, Downton Abbey, anything true crime
- **Dessert:** Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- **Role Models:** Fred Rogers, Michelle Obama
- **Places I Want to Visit:** Japan, Portugal, the English