

Lauren & Rahul



HELLO!

We are Lauren & Rahul, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.



ADOPTION

has always been our first choice for growing our family.

We knew we wanted to become parents by adopting instead of having biological children because we wanted to share out love with a child who is already in this world. Our lives and home are built around the dream of having a family. We are excited to open our hearts to your child.

We understand that choosing an adoptive family is a significant decision. We are open to the level of openness you feel comfortable with. We believe that the more love a child has, the better, and we are committed to creating an environment where your child feels loved, supported, and cherished by everyone in their life. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and for the chance to share our story with you.

GETTING TO

Know Us

From our first date, we connected over our love for our pets, traveling, nerdy jokes, and food.

Each day together brings us a snuggly moment with our pets, a chance to make each other laugh with an unexpected pun, or a new recipe to explore. We blend our diverse backgrounds through family recipes, from the Indian dishes Rahul grew up with to the cheese fondue Lauren's family enjoys every Christmas Eve. **As a multicultural family, we celebrate a bigger calendar of holidays and are excited to embrace and incorporate birth family culture and traditions into our lives.**



PLAYING TOURIST IN MUMBAI, INDIA
(WHERE RAHUL GREW UP)

Our marriage is strengthened by our commitment to making decisions together, always taking into account each other's ideas and perspectives. Our very different backgrounds provide us with varied styles and ideas for everything from organizing the kitchen to planning for the future. We are proud of our ability to talk through our different ideas, listen to each other, and come to the right decision for us. This intentionality is something we cherish and see as a strength in our relationship.

As we prepare for parenthood, this approach is reflected in the parenting plan we are creating.

We are excited to bring the same level of thoughtfulness and love to raising our child, ensuring they grow up in a home filled with

warmth, laughter, and a rich tapestry of cultural traditions.



CASA AZUL - ONE OF LAUREN'S FAVORITE
MEMORIES FROM MEXICO CITY

CATCHING A SUNSET IN SPAIN





About Lauren



BY RAHUL



LAUREN IN HER HOME ART STUDIO



LAUREN LOVES WILDFLOWERS

MY LOVE AND RESPECT

for Lauren grows stronger each day as she demonstrates courage in her daily life.

One of my favorite examples of her bravery is when she decided to embark on a new career path in healthcare administration. Despite the challenges she was determined, enthusiastic, and committed to personal growth.

Lauren is also a talented self-taught artist. She painted a beautiful original piece that we printed on our wedding invitations. This not only showcased her artistic skills but also her dedication to making our special day even more meaningful.

I can tell Lauren is excited to be a mom. She naturally connects with children. Playtime with our nieces and nephews is filled with laughter, creativity, and love - especially as she encourages imaginative play.



CAKE IS SERIOUS BUSINESS IN LAUREN'S FAMILY

LAUREN

plans to stay at home with our child during their early years.

She will spend her time loving and helping our child grow. I know she will be an amazing mom because she is so dedicated and caring.

SHOWING OFF TAMALE SKILLS IN MEXICO CITY



Lauren's Fun Facts

DEVELOPED A NEW HOMEMADE ICE CREAM FLAVOR BASED ON AN INDIAN CANDY

PLAYS DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH FRIENDS

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT LIBRARY BOOKS



THE HALL OF MARINE REPTILES IS LAUREN'S FAVORITE COLLECTION AT THE LONDON NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

THESE THRIFT STORE COFFEE MUGS WILL MAKE GREAT PLANT POTS





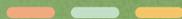
About Rahul

BY LAUREN

RAHUL'S WORK CAMPUS HAS THE BEST LANDSCAPING

RAHUL IS EASY TO LOVE.

His openness to others and welcoming sense of humor make him easy to get to know. He brings sweetness, constant support, and humor to our relationship.



When Rahul befriends someone they're a friend for life. He is committed to his family. He is quick to offer a listening ear or advice to anyone who needs it.

Rahul is dedicated to his career as a software engineer and leader within his organization.

I have loved seeing Rahul delve deeper into his passions. I love that there is always something more he can teach me or share with me, even with things outside my areas of interest.



CHEF RAHUL AT WORK

COCONUT WATER IS LIFE



Rahul's Fun Facts

SPEAKS ENGLISH,
HINDI, AND GUJARATI,
CAN READ FRENCH
AND RUSSIAN

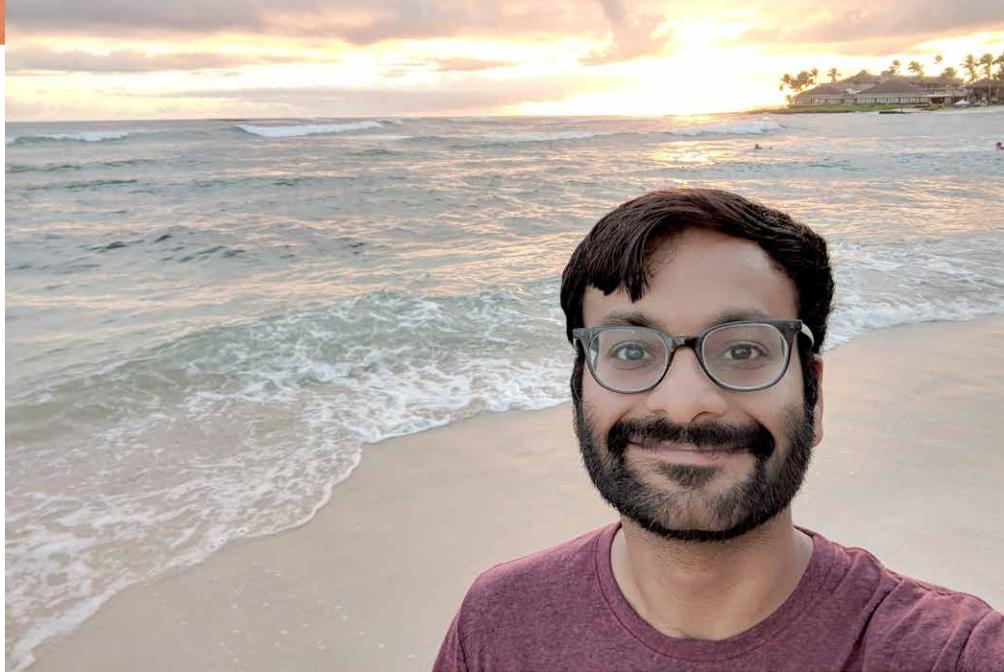
WATCHES EVERY
FORMULA 1 CAR RACE

FAVORITE HOBBY IS
SIMULATION RACING
VIDEO GAMES IN MY
VIRTUAL REALITY
SETUP

DREAM JOB: I MADE
MY JOB INTO MY
DREAM JOB

FAVORITE VACATION
SPOT IS ANYWHERE
WITH SUN AND SAND
(ESPECIALLY HAWAII)

READY TO DRIVE A REAL RACE CAR
ON A REAL RACE TRACK



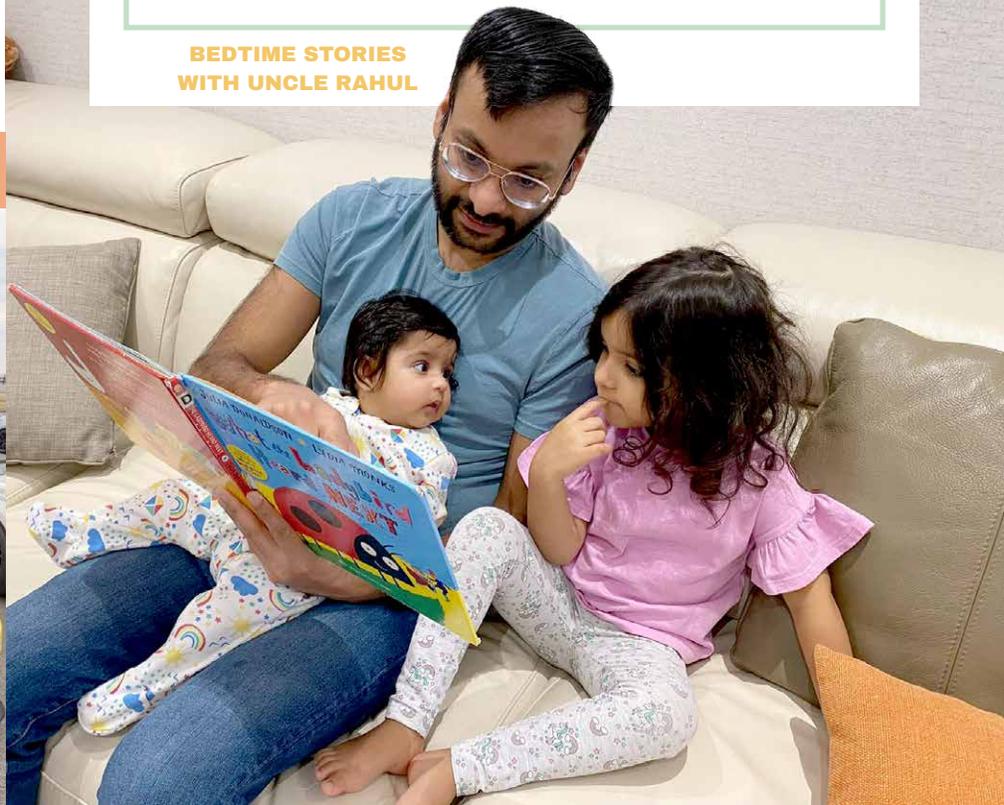
RAHUL'S HAPPIEST ON A WARM BEACH

RAHUL

is naturally good with kids.

He meets kids where they are at with their interests in the moment and lets them lead the game. He will bring his dedication, knack for finding solutions, and willingness to try new things to parenting. He is a beloved Uncle and can't wait to become a Dad. Our child will grow up knowing that Rahul not only changed their diapers but will also help them change their oil.

BEDTIME STORIES
WITH UNCLE RAHUL



Home & Community

We built our home in a beautiful wooded half-acre lot in the Madison, Wisconsin area with our future family in mind.

WE LOVE WHAT OUR COMMUNITY OFFERS:

- Free local zoo (our favorites are the red pandas and big cats)
- The University and local companies attracting people from around the country and the world
 - Events at the Madison Children's Museum

THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT OUR HOME:

- Room for family to stay with us
- Dedicated kid's room
- Large natural prairie backyard
- Cozy fireplace sunroom

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR

the generosity of our local friends and family in helping us prepare for parenthood and sharing their wisdom.

We're looking forward to our child playing with their cousins at nearby parks and playgrounds and walking to our neighborhood elementary.



SUMMERS IN WISCONSIN = LAKE TIME



MORNING COFFEE IN OUR LIVING ROOM



LOTS OF ARTWORK TO ENJOY AT RAHUL'S WORK CAMPUS

WE FIND FUN HIKES AROUND MADISON, IN 3 OUT OF THE 4 SEASONS

COOKING

We share a love for cooking new recipes.

Our weekly menu often finds us grabbing Mexican oregano and chili powders from our dried herb drawer and for another meal, a mix of spices from our Indian collection. We incorporate what we learn from cooking classes while traveling- like croquettas from Spain or mole blanco from Mexico. We also seek out new restaurants with our 'supper club' friends. Madison's ever-growing wood-fired pizza scene is always a hit!

FALL

We can't wait to bring our child with us apple picking in the fall so we can get to

the tallest apples from Rahul's shoulders, and make Lauren's famous apple cider caramels for all our friends and family. Fall also brings our favorite feasts – our niece and nephews from down the street help us decorate for our Diwali party (Indian festival of lights). Thanksgiving at our house is a weeklong affair between prep and the pot pie made from the leftovers.

OUR

Hobbies

& INTERESTS

WE LOVE SNEAKING UP ON WATER BIRDS ON WEEKEND MORNINGS



EVERY FALL, RAHUL PICKS THE APPLES ON THE TALL TREES THAT LAUREN CAN'T REACH



WE CAN'T STOP OURSELVES FROM CHECKING OUT A CLASSIC CAR - AT A CAR SHOW OR ON THE ROAD

WINTER

In the winter, we get cozy with Lego and board games by the fireplace.

When it gets too cold to play outside, we get to walk the dog while finding the latest art pieces around Rahul's work campus 3 minutes away or play stomp rockets with our niece and nephews in the giant auditorium.

SPRING

Spring break offers the chance to travel with our nieces from London letting them show

off their latest swimming skills. Closer to home, our kayaks hit the many lakes around Madison as the weekends warm up.

SUMMER

One of Lauren's favorite summertime memories was helping her grandparents

in their garden. She keeps this tradition alive with her backyard garden and by foraging around the local trails. The kids at the local car meets always love the cars Rahul brings.



OUR
Loved Ones



VACATIONING IN CANCUN, MEXICO WITH RAHUL'S FAMILY



VISITING LAUREN'S PARENTS IN BEAUTIFUL SOUTH CAROLINA

HIKING WISCONSIN SAND DUNES WITH RAHUL'S PARENTS



LAUREN'S FAMILY HELPING MAKE A DIWALI DECORATION



OUR FAMILY

is spread from down the street to across the world.

Rahul's parents stay with us a few weeks with us each year and we expect that to only increase when there is a grandchild to dote

on. Weekly Zoom calls and yearly family vacations keep us connected to those far away, while living close to Lauren's family allows us to share both big and small moments together. Lauren's parents split their time between their homes in South Carolina and in Madison. This allows them to spend quality time with their grandchildren and they're excited for another grandchild in Madison.

Our child will grow up with a large network of 'aunties' and 'uncles' drawn from our close friends – just like Rahul did. To us, they're family. They have been excited to be part of our path to parenthood whether they have kids or not. We've been fortunate to share adoption journeys with our close friends who are adopting children as well. As Rahul shared our plans with colleagues, we found a large community of adoptive parents at his workplace that are supporting us with sharing their experiences as well.

Values We Will Teach

YOUR CHILD

**CURIOSITY/
OPENNESS**
to new ideas

Developing a
**STRONG SENSE
OF SELF**

Helping them understand
they have an ability to
**POSITIVELY
INFLUENCE THE
WORLD IN SMALL
OR LARGE WAYS**

Promoting care and
**KINDNESS TO
OTHERS**

**ENJOYING
SILLINESS**
and always having time
for fun

**LEARNING
ABOUT THEIR
CULTURE AND
HERITAGE**
- both ours and yours



OBERON, THE 80LB LAP DOG

Our Pets

OBERON is our boxer dog, the 3rd boxer Lauren's had. He loves nothing more than meeting new people on walks. **He's a favorite among the neighborhood kids for his calm and sweet personality.** This old dog has learned many new tricks in his annual training classes.

JUNIPER is our outgoing and friendly cat. She loves nothing more than a good snuggle or belly rub. **Our niece and nephew love playing with her - and she's great at being picked up.**



JUNIPER IS VERY PATIENT AND GREAT AT BEING HANDLED

ON PARENTING

One of Rahul's most cherished memories is how honest and humble his parents were with him. They always talked to him in a way that he could understand, which helped build trust. Because of this trust, they could talk about difficult topics, making their family feel safe and cared for. Lauren's parents inspire us with how they care for others every day. They show hospitality to friends and guests in their home and are deeply committed to volunteering in their community.

We want to bring these values into our parenting:

Meeting the birth family at the level of **OPENNESS THAT WORKS FOR THEM**

Having an **HONEST AND TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CHILD**

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF LOVE AROUND OUR CHILD, including our family, close friends, and the birth family - **APPRECIATING THE UNIQUE GIFTS IN EACH OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS**



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We appreciate that you want to make the right decision for you and your child. You will always be an important part of your child's life story. We hope to write the chapters with you - whether it's seeing them unfold through pictures and stories or making memories together.

LOVE AND CARE

are at the center of everything we do. We hope to provide that as your child's parents.