

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Duston and Carly



We are so humbled and thankful that you are taking the time to learn about us as you consider the best possible future for your child. We cannot begin to imagine how you are feeling right now as you are planning for this important decision. Please know that we think you are so brave and selfless in the love that you are showing to your child. If chosen, we promise to love and care for your little one with all of our hearts. We have so much respect and awe for your courage and bravery and pray that you feel peace with whatever decision you make.

We met in Southern California during a five-week healthcare professional preceptorship while Duston was in medical school and Carly in nursing school. We both desired to empower and advocate for people and populations who had been marginalized, disenfranchised, and unfortunately, sometimes forgotten by our healthcare system. This has led us to work in multiple different settings, but most recently for a non-profit in the Detroit area that works with patients who have a difficult time obtaining medical care. Because of this mutual desire, we also have found ourselves living in areas in the United States where we are the minority race. It has been such a huge honor to be welcomed into others homes, families, and cultures, and to be able to broaden our world view in order to be better community members. We spend much of our time learning from and listening to our friends and community stakeholders. We each have always had a desire to grow a family via adoption if a birth parent would so choose us.

More than anything, we want you to know that we will love and care for your child with all of our hearts and do our best to provide the best life possible for them. We want to raise our child to know where they came from and will make it a priority that they know about the sacrifice and love that you showed to them by choosing adoption. Thank you for considering us.

About Duston

- **Age:** 31 years old
- **Career:** Family Physician
- **Favorite Food:** Gumbo, Detroit Style Pizza
- **Favorite Book:** Yes to Life: In Spite of Everything by Victor Frankl
- **Best Trip:** Iceland in the summer
- **Dream Vacation:** Pan-American Highway road trip
- **Holiday Tradition:** Making King Cakes at home with friends for a Mardi Gras/Easter activity.
- **Activity With Friends:** Weekly coffee/tea gathering
- **Favorite Thing about Carly:** Her dedication to justice and fairness in our relationship, friendships and her work.

About Carly

- **Age:** 29 years old
- **Career:** Registered Nurse
- **Favorite Food:** Grandmother's Christmas Casserole
- **Favorite Book:** The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
- **Best Trip:** Albania
- **Dream Vacation:** Turkey
- **Holiday Tradition:** Practicing Advent and anticipation for Christmas
- **Activity with Friends:** Eating and cooking new foods
- **Favorite Thing about Duston:** His intentionality and genuine spirit in friendships, decisions and interactions with others are my favorite thing about him.
- **Favorite Activity to do with Duston:** Camping in new places