



**BILLY & CESAR**



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## INTRODUCTION

Hi! We appreciate you taking time to learn more about us.

We are Billy and Cesar (and Austin and Alfie!), former Midwesterners enjoying life in Washington state. We are honored and excited to expand our family through open adoption.



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## OUR **RELATIONSHIP**

We met through a mutual friend in 2011 in Columbus, Ohio, and instantly hit it off. Our relationship is a classic "opposites attract" story, and we feel our differences complement each other and contribute to our strong connection (and our future parenting styles!).

We moved from Ohio to Washington in 2020 - after eloping in Seattle in 2016 - and truly love the Pacific Northwest. We look forward to growing our family here!



FROM  
2011



TO  
2022





## ABOUT **BILLY**

I was born in Columbus, Ohio, and raised in a small, one-stoplight town next to a beautiful lake and surrounded by endless cornfields.

I have three siblings and four step siblings, and enjoy spending time with family when we travel to Ohio. My grandmother, Joan (pictured here), was particularly special to me and I cherish my many memories of her.

I graduated from and started my career at The Ohio State University, and now work in organizational change management for a large retail company based in Seattle.

I was drawn to parenthood at a young age while helping raise my little brothers, and am very excited to grow a family with Cesar and our child's birth family!



## FUN FACTS

1. I'm an avid reader. My favorite author is Gillian Flynn (and I've met her!).
2. Florence + the Machine is my favorite band. I've seen them in concert many times!
3. My favorite sports are gymnastics and football. Go Buckeyes and Seahawks!
4. I was a college cheerleader and participated in national competitions!
5. I follow politics very closely and enjoy volunteering for campaigns.
6. I'm pretty good at grilling food for cookouts, especially steak!





## ABOUT **CESAR**

I was born and raised in Lima, Peru, then immigrated to the U.S. with my family when I was 9 years old.

My younger sister and brother-in-law live in Chicago, where they are expecting their first child. My parents recently moved to Florida after my dad retired. We are very close and talk every day.

I graduated from The Ohio State University, where I also worked for about 13 years. I now work for a college access non-profit organization based in Seattle.

I was drawn to parenthood after meeting Billy then witnessing our friends become first-time parents. I enjoy interacting with kids and am thrilled to grow our family through open adoption.



## FUN FACTS

1. I am a native Spanish speaker and learned English in one year.
2. I am of Indigenous (Quechua from Peru), Italian, and Romani descent.
3. I have lived in 4 states: New York, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Washington.
4. I enjoy running and have completed 5K, quarter half, and half marathon races.
5. I love listening to pop culture, true crime, and news podcasts.
6. I have a HUGE sweet tooth and love carrot cake, key lime pie, and all things chocolate.





## OUR HOME

Our home is a modern, new construction house built in 2021 with 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms. We love the open and functional floor plan (especially our small backyard where our pups can play, covered balcony for all-weather cookouts, and having a bathroom on every floor!).

We have great neighbors with several young children, and safe streets for walking, biking, and playing.



## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a great South Seattle community. Across the street from our neighborhood is a beautiful Japanese garden, where we enjoy long walks with our dogs and friends.

South Seattle is wonderfully diverse with strong community engagement. We enjoy attending neighborhood events, such as educational activities at our local urban garden!





# SOME OF OUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES AND TRADITIONS

HIKING



ATER



LIVE MUSIC

HALLOWEEN



TRAVEL





# SOME OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

BILLY'S MOM (R)  
& AUNT (L)



BILLY'S MOM,  
SIBLINGS, & NEPHEWS



CESAR'S PARENTS &  
SISTER



BILLY'S DAD &  
STEPMOM



CESAR'S FAMILY &  
SISTER'S IN-LAWS



CESAR'S PARENTS, SISTER,  
& BROTHER-IN-LAW



BILLY'S EXTENDED FAMILY









## HOPES AND DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD

We hope our child feels love from all directions - from us, their birth family, and extended family on all sides. We hope we can get through the challenging moments in life and come to view and love each other as people who are simply trying their best. We hope they have a childhood and adolescence that serves as a jumping-off point for a life journey fueled by self-confidence, respect for others, and lots of love.



## OUR OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS

We hope our child's support network includes their birth family to the degree everyone involved feels comfortable. We appreciate and respect the unique roles that adoptive and birth families will play in our child's life.

We want our child's birth family to see us as a bridge, not a barrier, to their biological child. We also hope all lines of communication between us, our child, and birth family remain honest and open.





**THANK YOU!**

