

# Mike & Erin



# Thank you for taking the time to view our profile

We know that however you came to view adoption profiles may not have been an easy choice for you, and we can't imagine what that must be like. We wanted to start off by thanking you for taking the time to get to know us a little bit through ours and hope it gives you a little insight as to who we are and how our family planning journey has led us to you.



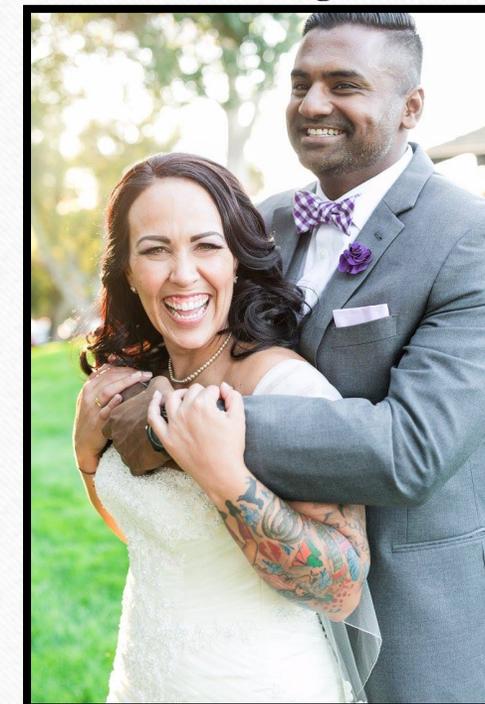
Our first Halloween 2014

Disneyland Canoe races



Powerlifting Competition

Our Wedding 2016



# How we met...

Since 1963 Disneyland has held canoe races around the Rivers of America for Cast Members to race against each other. In 2014 Erin joined a team that Mike had been on for a few years. One day at practice they were both on the canoe dock sitting out their teams trip and began a conversation about music. They found they both had a love for similar music and bands. A band they discussed that covered \*Nsync's Bye, Bye, Bye was playing at a local venue and they decided to go. They both left that day feeling like something had just happened, but didn't expect much to come from it. Little did they know that going to see Our Last Night would be their last night as single people and it would begin their relationship.



# Our Family Planning History

On our second date we discussed things like marriage and kids and learned that both of us wanted to adopt. Erin has always had a desire to adopt a child since she was a kid. Mike grew up with adopted cousins and it sparked his want to adopt. We were married in 2016 and waited about a year and a half before we decided to start trying to conceive naturally. In 2019 we started to realize that we needed help. We sought out fertility clinics and began treatments in January 2020. Due to COVID our experience was pretty unique. Mike was never allowed into any of Erin's appointments, leaving her to be the one to deliver news...good or bad. We underwent 5 rounds of IUI with the third resulting in a lost pregnancy at 6 weeks. We decided to try IVF and underwent 2 rounds; with the last round resulting in our procedure being canceled due to poor response results. To say we were heartbroken is an understatement. We felt like this was the universe's way of telling us to move on. We both found comfort in knowing we already knew where the next step in this adventure would lead us...adoption.



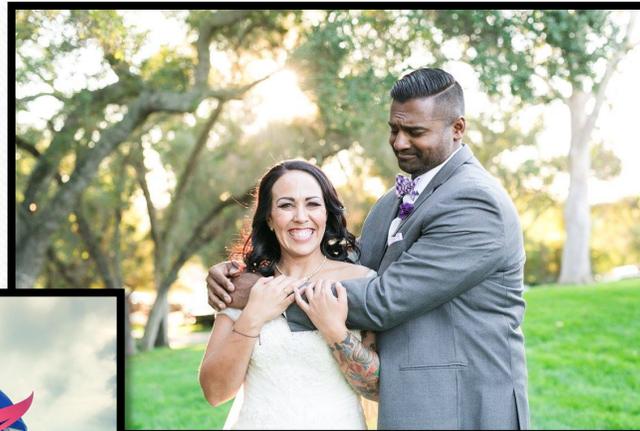
**I Love Scary  
Movies  
exhibit**



**Paris 2017**



**Kenned Space  
Center**



**Angel  
game**



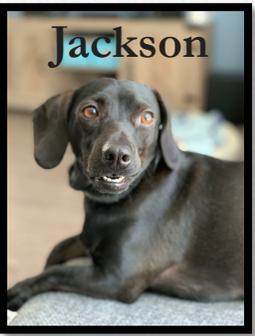
**Disney  
VoluntEARS  
event at a  
nature center**



**We pick out our Christmas  
tree every year from a  
Christmas tree farm**

# Things we ♥ ...

- Dogs, we have 3 rescues:



- Halloween



- Being active



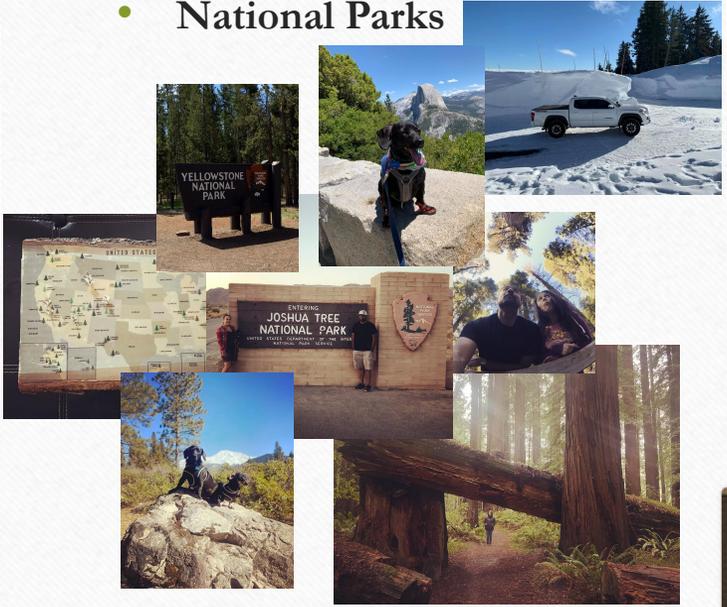
- Camping



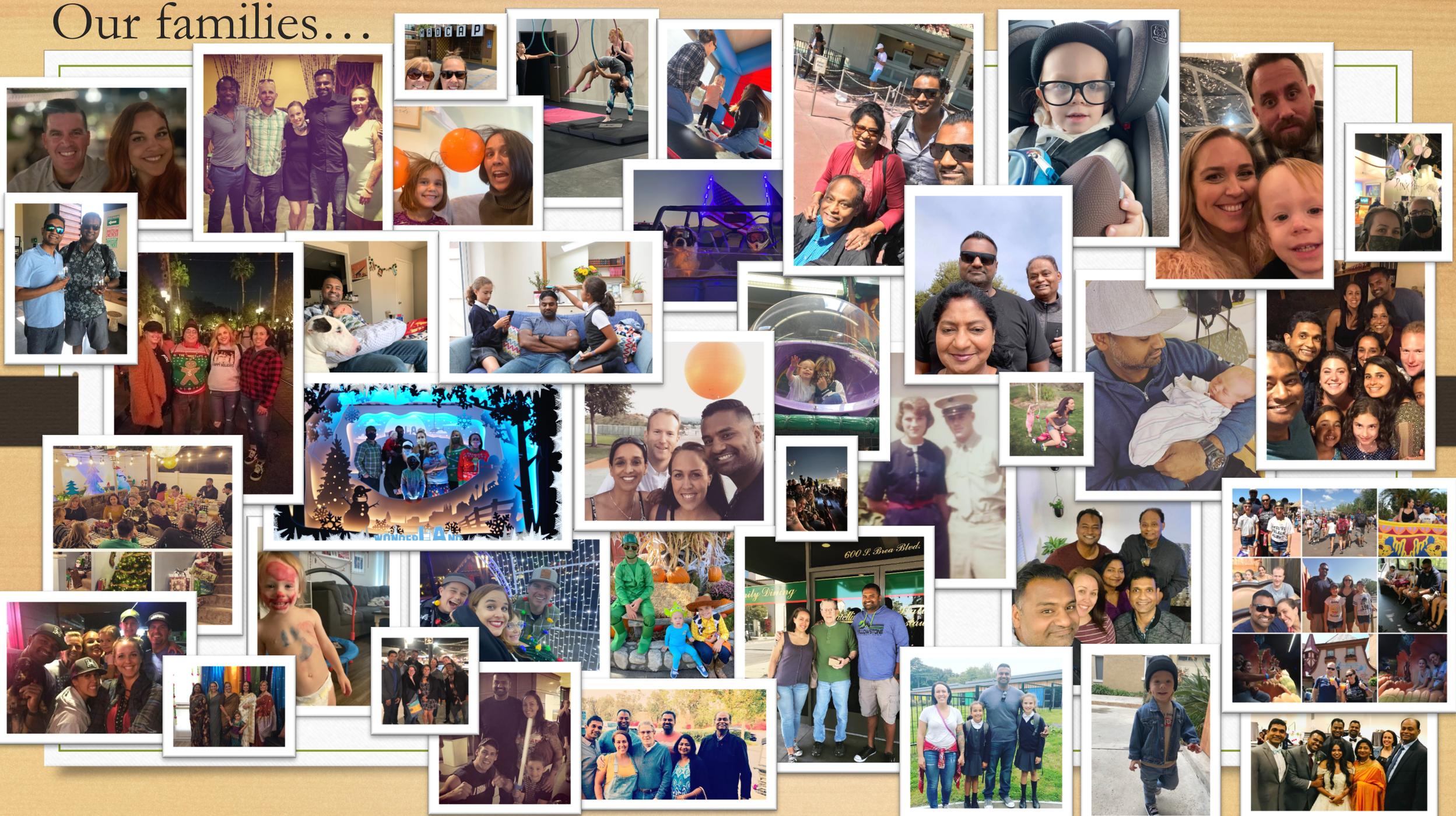
- WWE



- National Parks



# Our families...



# About Mike...

I grew up in a moderate sized beach community here in Southern California with my mom, dad, and younger brother. My two best friends lived within two blocks of me, and together we played around the neighborhood until the street lights came on and it was time to head home. Walking to and from school, Nintendo, BMX, climbing trees, and skateboarding were daily activities. As I got older and started considering careers, I knew I wanted to work for The Walt Disney Company in some way. Fast forward to today, and I have worked for that company for 21 years as a Technical Director creating live entertainment. Working for Disney I have met life long friends, and most importantly my wife, Erin. I love camping and the outdoors, visiting National Parks, and taking road trips. I love lifting weights, and I spend a few hours a week coaching clients on how to weightlift as well. I have rescue dogs that I adore, and my family is close by; especially my mom, who cannot wait to spoil a grandchild. We celebrate Halloween and Christmas in this house big time. Anyone that visits can expect a plethora of decorations when visiting. I am excited to one day raise a child in this little village full of family, friends and adventure we've cultivated.



# Erin about Mike...

When I first met Mike I was just out of relationship and wanted nothing to do with dating, like at all. But there was something about him that I couldn't get out of my head, he just seemed like a nice guy. Some things I'm attracted to in Mike are his loyalty to his friends and his family. If he has your back he has it all the way. He has the most tender heart when it comes to kids and animals. He prides himself on being a provider and a good husband. Lastly, he loves me through my crazy. You know, crazy like when nothing is fitting the way you want so you change 10 times and just lay on the bed and say, "I'm not going!"  
Yep he loves me through all of it!



**Westminster Abbey**



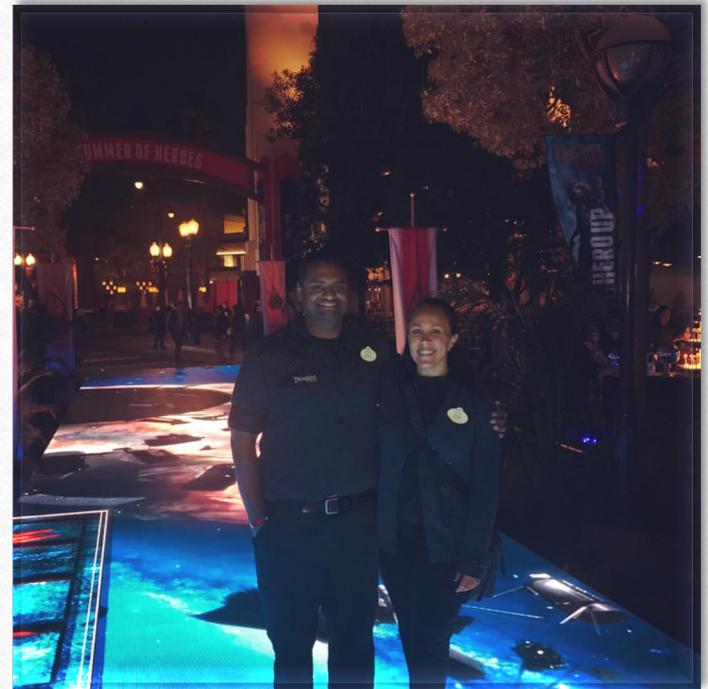
**Disney  
Cruise**



**OC Fair**



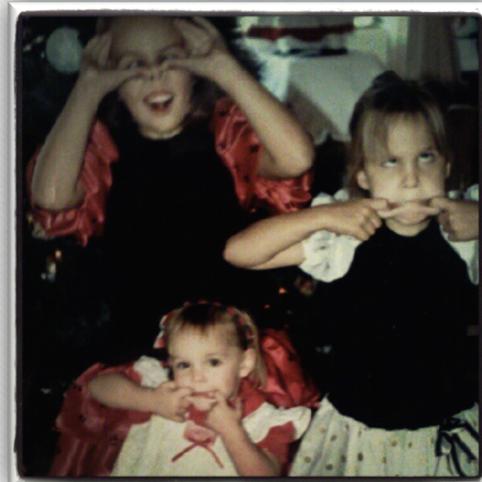
**Magic  
Mountain  
Christmas**



**Guardians of the Galaxy Mission Breakout  
premier at California Adventure**

# About Erin...

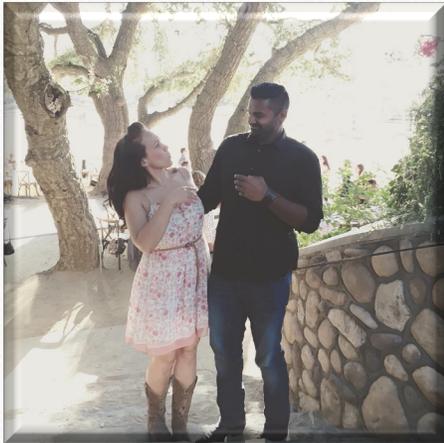
Growing up I had a pretty typical childhood; mom, dad, two younger sisters, a cat, a dog and a couple fish we won at the fair. My family means the world to me and I would do anything to help them. I was always athletic and played softball pretty much my entire life. I grew up going camping, to the mountains, going to theme parks, and spending all our holidays and birthdays with TONS of family. My parents divorced when I was 16, but they always made sure we still spent time as a family. As an adult I still do most of these things and plan on doing all of them with our future kids. I like being creative and have found an outlet to express myself through tattoos. You can pretty much see what I'm about in my tattoos. I also spend a lot of time crafting and making stuff for our home and dogs. Oh, I'm absolutely in love with dogs, well animals in general. Aside from having 3 rescue dogs, I did a lot of volunteer work before COVID involving animals and rescues. I enjoy going to concerts, traveling, reading, and being outdoors. I love Star Wars, Saved by the Bell, Harry Potter and Molly Ringwald! I am 100% a nerd and got a telescope from Mike for Christmas. I cannot wait to use it on one of our camping or road trips...I like space! I consider myself an ally to all colors of the rainbow and to all spectrums of love. I'm lucky to have a job I love as a parade manager for Disneyland. Being able to watch a concept go from paper to a giant float rolling down Main Street and watching people creating memories is so rewarding. I don't take myself or life too seriously.



# Mike about Erin...

Erin and I struck up our first conversation while standing next to each other, we were talking about music, and I remember the whole conversation we never made eye contact because we were busy watching something else. Everything about that conversation seemed right, and I remember wanting it to never end...and it never did. The following year after meeting Erin I learned everything I needed to know about her. I learned that she was compassionate, she loves helping others and shared a love of animals like me. Believe me, if together we could save them all, we would. She loves spontaneous adventures, just as much as she loves lounging on the couch with the dogs and I watching episodes of The Office or Back to the Future for the millionth time. Erin is one of the most creative people I know, she can create or fix anything. I love supporting her crafting hobby. Most importantly, Erin supports me in everything I do, whether its my career, a home project, or my hobbies. I cant wait to see her utilize all her amazing qualities to help raise and guide a child through life one day.

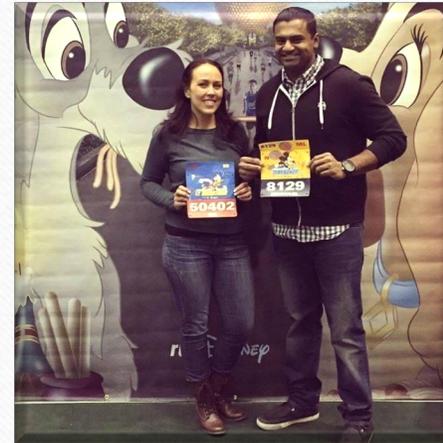
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**Cedar Point**

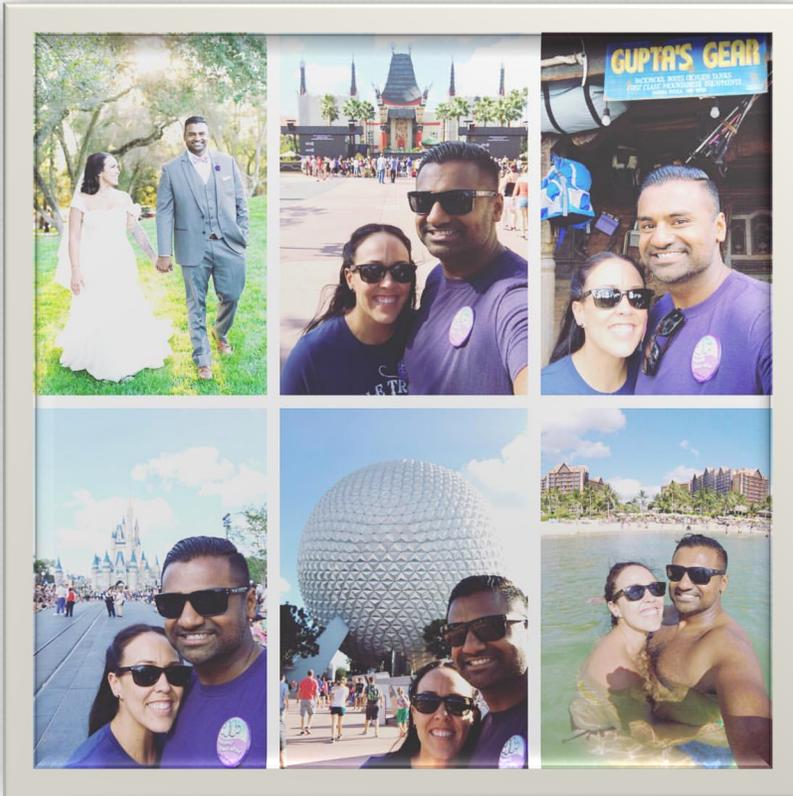


**Run Disney race**



# A letter to you

From the bottom of our hearts we can't thank you enough for even taking the time to look at our profile. We hope we were able to give you a quick snapshot of who we are and maybe make this a little less scary for you. Even if you decide another path is right for you we totally understand and hope whichever path it is, that it's the one that makes you happy. We can't put ourselves in your shoes, but we can promise if you do decide to think a little more about us we will never take your choice or you for granted. We can't wait to meet you and start sharing this adventure together!



Sincerely,  
Mike & Erin...and Penny, Jackson, and Milo 🤗

