

CARLOS • SHEILA • LAUREN



WE WERE ONLY WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT TO ARISE

Thank you for reviewing our family profile

Our family is made up of three people (Sheila, Carlos and Lauren) and one dog (Woody). We are waiting for the moment to arise for our family to grow.

We met and fell in love during the summer of 2005 in Minneapolis and were married 3 years ago. We are a loving, non-traditional and multicultural family.

We always knew we wanted to grow our family and tried many times to have a biological child.

Over the past three years we suffered 3 consecutive heartbreaking miscarriages and we are now seeking adoption as the way to grow our happy and loving family.

We are a Catholic family and we practice our faith daily. Our daughter attends a Catholic school.

We know God has a plan for our family and we have faith in His love and wisdom.

Dear Birthparents,

Thank you for reviewing our family profile. We are a loving family and are excited to grow through adoption.

We hope our profile gives you some meaningful insight on who we are and how we live our lives. As you will see, we have many interests and try to live life to the fullest - we want to see and do it all and we want to share our story with you!

Thank you,

Sheila

Sheila

Carlos

Carlos

Lauren

Lauren



Woody

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL

Travel is an important part of our lives. We travel to see family and for vacation. Sheila has family in Minnesota, Nevada, Maryland and Washington, DC. Carlos has family in Illinois, California, and South Carolina.

Our favorite places to travel include places with a pool and members of our extended family joining us. We also enjoy visiting new places where we have never been. Our most recent exploration included a visit to Tybee Island in southern Georgia. We rented a condo on the beach and hosted Lauren's grandparents for a fun Mother's Day weekend trip in 2010.

We like to use our vacations to learn more about the world by exploring other cultures, histories and traditions through personal experiences. Our favorite part of these trips is enjoying the different kinds of foods!

In 2011, we are planning trips to southern California to explore the beaches along the Pacific Ocean and to Hershey Park to have fun and eat our way through the Chocolate City. On both trips we plan on inviting members of our extended family to join us on our adventures.

Labor Day Weekend
Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada



Family Outing to a Cubs Game
Chicago, IL



Disneyland
Anaheim, CA



Bike Riding
Tybee Island, SC



White House
Washington, DC



SHEILA is a psychologist and earned her doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota. She has a private practice and currently meets with clients 3 days a week. When we adopt a baby, Sheila will reduce her work to just one day a week so that she can be a stay-at-home mom. Sheila also teaches 2 college level psychology courses for online students. These classes allow her maximum flexibility to keep her skills current while remaining focused on caring for the baby.

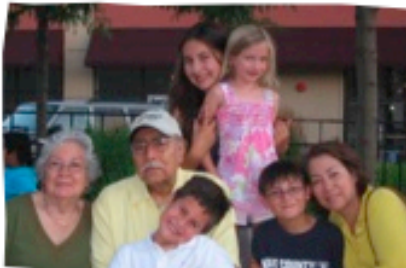
CARLOS is a marketing and advertising professional. He earned his masters degree from the Ohio University. He has built a successful career specializing in diversity-related marketing campaigns. Carlos is a national leader in diversity and multicultural marketing and has worked with some of the largest companies in the U.S. Carlos is also a recognized business leader for all of his volunteer work with many large non-profit organizations in Cleveland, OH and Chicago, IL.

WE ENJOY OUR WORK WE LOVE OUR FAMILY



We have many shared passions, interests and values. In addition to having a shared priority of focusing on our immediate family, we also love spending time with our extended families. Each of us has large and growing extended families and we are very close to them. We love having them involved in our lives and participating in helping raise Lauren.

Our extended families are very excited for us and fully support our decision to pursue our dreams of adopting a baby. Each of our extended families have committed to helping raise the baby with the same values and traditions that they instilled in us while incorporating the cultural traditions of the baby's race and nationality.



As mentioned earlier, we are a non-traditional, multicultural family and we celebrate our diversity! We have a strong foundation in our faith and our family traditions that will enable us to raise an adopted baby who is loved and has a strong sense of self and belonging. When we adopt a baby, the baby will be doted on by grandparents on both sides of the family and great grandparents on Carlos' side of the family.

Sheila's parents live on a 20-acre horse farm in the suburbs of Minneapolis, MN. The farm is home to many horses and the land is home to many wild animals such as deer and turkeys. It's not uncommon to see a variety of wild animals roaming near the in-ground pool in the backyard.



Carlos' mother and grandparents live in the greater Chicagoland area and live a modern, urban lifestyle. While they live in a large metropolitan area, Carlos' family enjoys spending time together at the grandparents house playing games, telling stories and eating meals together.

We love our extended family very much and would love the opportunity to grow our family by adopting a baby. Our extended family would love to have a new child to smother with love and kisses. We are only waiting for this moment to arise.

About Sheila by Lauren & Carlos

Sheila is a great mom. While she has many hobbies and interests none are more important than the needs of her family. Sheila loves playing with Lauren and helping her grow into a smart, strong and polite young girl.

Sheila is a kind and generous wife who has a real passion and love for her family and friends. She is the foundation and heart of our family.



About Carlos by Sheila and Lauren

Carlos is passionate and enthusiastic about life, our marriage and our family. He is giving and always puts the needs of his family first. Carlos is also humble and has a great sense of humor, especially when it comes to his own jokes.

Carlos is a patient father and selfless husband. We are blessed to have such a loving husband and father in our lives.



About Lauren by Sheila and Carlos

Lauren is 7-years old and is enjoying second grade. Lauren has an active social schedule and has lots of friends. Her best friend is Olivia who lives next door with her two younger brothers, JB and Will.

Lauren plays lots of sports, but her favorite thing to do is swim. She is a great swimmer and wants to get in the water every chance she gets.



About Woody By Sheila, Carlos & Lauren

Woody is a 2-year old labradoodle. He is a good boy and great family dog. Woody is very gentle, loves children and is really smart!

While Woody loves playing with kids and other dogs, his favorite thing in the world is to snuggle with his family and get lots of belly rubs.



Sheila & Carlos getting ready for Halloween



Sheila, Lauren and Woody snuggling at home in our kitchen



Lauren and her best friend, Olivia, after they help make cookies for Halloween



This is a picture of our home.

We live in the Western suburbs of Cleveland, OH and our home is filled with a lot of love, comfort and safety.



To learn more about our family and see more photos, please visit us on Facebook and search: **CARLOS SHEILA LAUREN WOODY** The page is open to all visitors and does **NOT** require a friend request to view.