



Samantha, Jackson, and Kim



Hello!

Dear Birth Parent,

We are Samantha, Jackson, and Kim. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are extremely grateful that you want to learn about who we are and the joyful life we have built together. We know that you are facing a difficult decision and are looking to provide the best possible life for your child.

Our family and friends are a large part of our life and are very supportive of our adoption journey, and this support system would be part of your child's life as well. We hope that you get a sense of the unconditional love, joy, and patient support that your child would have in our family.

Our Story

We had our first date in 2019 at the New York Public Library which reflected our love for books and reading. Once we were both sure that our romance was here to stay, Samantha met Jackson, Kim's son, who will be a great big brother to your child.

In 2022, we were married in a small ceremony surrounded by our immediate family.



Kim and Samantha exchanging our wedding vows.

Today, we share a happy, loving marriage. We hope to expand our family through adoption. We want to grow our family because we love children and we believe that love is an infinite resource. Our families and friend circle are very supportive of our adoption plan. Samantha's uncle was adopted and Kim has friends who have also grown their family in this way, even working with the same adoption agency with which we are partnering.



Visiting a historic farm
in upstate New York.



In Washington DC visiting
Samantha's friends from grad
school.



At our wedding with
Jackson (12) and our
oldest nephew, Ian (4).



Having fun in the park after our wedding.

About Kim, by Samantha

Kim loves to tell jokes, listens, pays attention, and deeply cares about his family and improving the world.

One of the reasons I fell in love with Kim is because of how well he listens (I mentioned liking couscous on our first date and he found a restaurant that offered it for our second), and I fall for him again every day because of his kindness and patience. He is there not only for his immediate family, but also his parents, friends, neighbors, and even cousins he has never met. He is also on our condo board because he is invested in making our building the best place possible to raise our family.

Kim has worked in public education his whole career. He currently supports IT for a network of schools. His passion for making a difference shows in his dedication to his work.



Kim in Sleepy Hollow, New York.



Kim and Jackson (7) on the way to Jackson's violin class.



Samantha and Kim enjoying a night at the opera.



Kim celebrating finishing a foot race.



Kim and Jackson (3).

About Samantha, by Kim

Samantha is the heart and soul of our family. From the moment that we met, I have been amazed by her kindness and compassion. Her deep love for her family and friends continues to stand out. She's a great planner and communicator, and she's the one who brings all her friends together. She has weekly phone calls with her friends from college, with her parents, and her brother's family in Texas.

She is also incredibly reliable and steady.

She works in the healthcare industry and is able to help us navigate it to ensure that our family members get the best care possible when needed.

She is great at encouraging others to be the best that they can be. I see this in her job, where she coaches others. I see it in how she has been a great stepmother to Jackson. I experience it when she and I talk and figure things out together. Nothing seems impossible when I talk with Samantha.



Samantha after our wedding.



By the East River after our wedding.



Jackson (14) and Samantha baking.



Samantha and Jackson (13) exploring a new train terminal.



Samantha in Northern Ireland before meeting Kim and Jackson.



Samantha and her mom, Jane, at the Liberty Bell.

About Jackson by Jackson, Kim & Samantha



Kim and a newborn baby Jackson.

Kim's 3 Words about Jackson

Smart
Kind
Funny

Jackson on Jackson

Storyteller
Shy
Thoughtful



Future voter Jackson (15)

Jackson is 15 years old and a sophomore in high school. He loves trains and knows the NYC subway system better than anyone we know. He also plays the violin and likes to run.



Jackson (15) at home.

Samantha's 3 Phrases about Jackson

Creative
Train-Loving
Big Brother



Jackson (7) poses.



Jackson (13) gives a thumbs up.



Jackson (14) loves trains and took us to see the newest NYC subway.



Jackson loves buses. We go to the bus festival every year.



Jackson and his grandparents, Sau and Hoi.



Jackson (14) and Samantha bake together too. Here, they're making sugar cookies.



Jackson and Kim always have a LEGO project to work on together.



Jackson and Kim run together in the park.

People We Love

Both of us are very close with our parents and siblings. Our families are very supportive of adoption and they look forward to welcoming your child into our family with loving arms. Our families have always been our foundations and we are grateful for the strong support system we have. We live in the same neighborhood as Jackson and his mother. Both Kim's and Samantha's parents are in New York City, and we make the most of our time together when we see them. Samantha's brother and his family live in Texas, but we make sure to talk with them on the phone or on Facetime regularly. We also visit them for a week every year.

Our friend circle is also very important to us. Both Kim and Samantha are in touch with friends from school - as early as middle school in Kim's case and college in Samantha's.



Kim in deep conversation with our youngest nephew, Eytan.



Samantha and Jackson (14) in a vintage bus.



Kim and Jackson (12) hanging out on our couch.



Samantha's side of the family: her parents Jane and Karl and brother James's family - Jennifer, Ori, and Ian.

Both sets of parents with Kim and Samantha at dim sum. (Jackson is not a fan of dim sum, though he loves Chinese roast pork!)



Kim's side of the family: his parents Hoi and Sau and brother Dennis joined Kim, Jackson, and Samantha.



Kim helping with homework with our nephews, Ian and Ori.



Samantha with our nephew, Ori.



Kim holding our youngest nephew, Eytan.



Samantha getting snuggles with our youngest nephew, Eytan.



Samantha with her parents, Jane and Karl, and brother, James.



Jackson and Kim with Kim's brother, Dennis.



Celebrating both Kim's and his dad Hoi's birthday with his parents and Dennis.



Celebrating both Samantha's and Kim's mom, Sau's birthday.



Our wedding reception with Kim's friends from middle & high school.



Our friends Rachel & Ryan with us at the Botanic Garden.



Samantha & Rachel at the NYC harbor.



Samantha and her friends Cassie and Catherine in Denver.



Samantha and her friend Katie found an old-school pay phone.

Our wedding reception with Cassie, who is now a minister, and her husband, Richard.



Samantha and her friend Bridget on a walk in Central Park.



Kim and his friend Justin celebrating a friend's wedding.



Kim and a running buddy, Misha, posing before a race.



Kim and his friends, Brendan, Dave, and Justin, welcome two friends from England.



Kim and a friend, Patrick, catch up at a book convention.

Holidays and Traditions



Jackson's Birthday Crown - he wore it for his first birthday and still wears it for every birthday!



Ice cream cake for birthdays! Here, Jackson is now 15.



Making Hanukkah latkes with remote friends.



Our Thanksgiving Tradition: duck and homemade stuffing.



Our Double Happiness Symbol for our marriage - a gift from good friends. We celebrate our Jewish and Chinese heritage in our daily life and our celebrations.



Preparing to host our neighbors for Rosh Hashanah.



Lunar New Year with Kim's parents.

We celebrate many winter holidays in our family: Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's & Lunar New Year. Jack (12) got a truck from his grandparents.



We volunteer as a family at a literacy charity and at our synagogue. Jack (14) is posing after volunteering.

Where We Live

We live just outside of New York City in an apartment building within walking distance of a large park. We bought our condo a couple of years ago because we loved the diverse neighborhood and how close it was to where Jackson lives with his mother. We also wanted to have room to grow our family. Our condo has three bedrooms, room for Jackson and hopefully for your child when we are lucky enough to adopt.

We love exercising and exploring the park. We are also within walking distance of an excellent elementary school and a library.



We enjoy visiting the park throughout the year.



Jackson takes Samantha and Kim on adventures to subway stations that he loves.



Kim and Jackson run races in the park.



We also enjoy walking around our neighborhood, especially around Halloween, when one of the houses goes all out with the spooky decorations and lots of lights! (Jackson had fun taking the photo of the lights on the house.)



Jackson and Kim checking out the room we are planning to use as a nursery. It was important to us when we bought a home to make sure we had a room for a nursery. This room has lovely light and a nice big closet.



We belong to the Botanic Garden, which has a light show every winter. Jackson, however, prefers to stay nice and warm at home!



Samantha, Jackson, and Kim visiting the main Brooklyn Public Library. We are a family of readers because we think that reading is a powerful hobby.

We visit the library to borrow books and to enjoy the library's exhibits about famous authors, books, and events.



Samantha, Jackson, and Kim visiting our nearby art museum.

Hobbies



Jackson (8) enjoying a summer day at the park.



Jackson is our family's best musician. He's been playing since he was 5 (as shown here).



Samantha enjoys crafting. Jackson is holding a craft project he made when he was 10. Samantha knitted baby clothes for all three nephews and can't wait to knit for your baby.





Samantha & Jackson bake delicious treats together.



Jackson (10) with some cupcakes we baked together.



Jackson and Kim build Lego together. Jackson (12) is posing with the lunar lander they built.



We think running is a great sport, and Kim & Jackson run together.

Travel

Both Samantha and Kim spent part of their childhoods outside the US, and so travel is an important and cherished activity for our family. Samantha grew up in multiple countries outside the US and Kim was born in Hong Kong, so experiencing multiple cultures and traditions is part of our roots. We look forward to sharing our love of travel and cultural traditions with your child as they grow.

Jackson, meanwhile, loves exploring trains in different cities, states, and countries.



Jackson (8) on a trip to the beach.



Samantha on a camel in Morocco!



Kim at a seafood shack on our trip to Rhode Island.



Kim and Samantha in Vermont.



Jackson on a trip to Connecticut where we searched for a NYC PATH train.



Samantha and Kim on our honeymoon in Paris, France.



Jackson on a trip to a neat museum about railway switches in Connecticut.



Kim and Samantha with a famous chef in Tuscany, Italy.



Samantha and Kim on a trip with friends in Florence, Italy.

Thank you!

We respect the difficult decision that you are making, and hope that you see the full and loving life that we hope to provide for your child should you choose us.

We value our different heritages and will make sure that your child will know theirs. Family is important, and we would like an open adoption and contact within your level of comfort.

We have flexible work schedules that allow us to take care of your child. We are both able to work from home, which will allow for lots of quality time with the baby. We will be able to dedicate time at home with the baby at the start, and we live in a neighborhood with many great daycares and preschools. Our parents and friends are an integral part of our lives and will be able to support our family. All of our family and friends hope to welcome your child into our loving extended family.





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