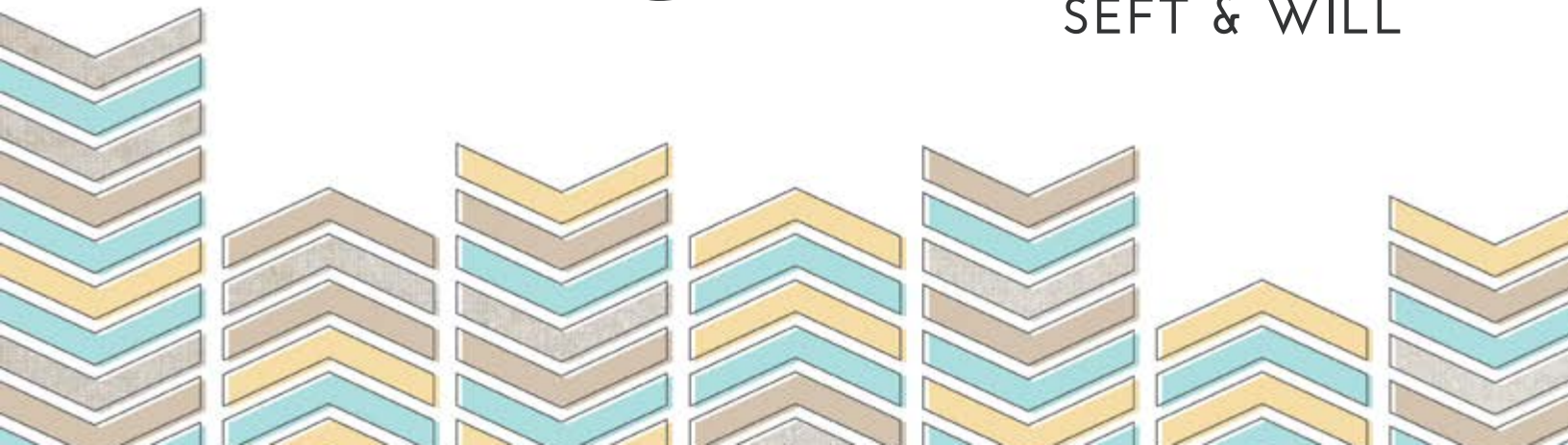




Our Story

SEFT & WILL





Hello!



WE ARE SEFT & WILL

Hello, we are profoundly humbled and honored that you are reviewing our profile and considering us to help raise your child. We created this profile to share more information about ourselves and our desire to become fathers. We are committed to ensuring our child learns about you and the immense trust you placed in us to raise them. We admire your strength and look forward to building a relationship with you.

Our Journey



Though we explored IVF, we kept adoption as an option because we are motivated by the opportunity to provide a child with a safe and loving home. We are humbled and invigorated by the responsibility to help our child rewrite their story. We see this responsibility as one of the most important role we perform as parents

Becoming dads is a dream we have had for as long as we can remember. While not giving up on this dream, we spent our earlier years attending college and completing our degrees. Seft completed his Ph.D., and William completed his MBA (master's in business administration). We also started a successful business that is currently thriving.



About Us

We have been together for almost 15 years. We met three days after Seft relocated to the midwest to accept a job at a local college. Though neither of us recalls looking for a relationship, there was something that drew us to each other. After dating for a few months, we moved in together and began renovating our first house. We had no idea how this decision would challenge us to develop many skills that have helped sustain our relationship today. Truly learning to listen to each other, respecting each other's ideas, and being open to compromise in pursuit of a shared goal are the primary lessons we have learned from our time together. These are the same values we would like to teach our children.





2018 vacation to St. Thomas, and St. John, USVI.



2022 vacation to Mexico and Honduras.



2021 vacation in Jamaica.



Halloween 2021 Coming to America-themed costume.



MEET

(by
William)

Seft

Seft is my rock! He is reliable, kind, and always tries to see what is good in people. He is adventurous and loves to try new things. We met shortly after he moved to the midwest for a new job, and we spent our first year together trying new restaurants, checking out local artists, and attending festivals. He's the one who can be counted on to suggest new places or adventures we should consider. He also happens to be a great chef and loves to cook.

Seft has a heart for people and always strives to be the very best that he can be in his personal and professional life. He earned the highest academic honor in his field (Ph.D.) and challenged me to go back to school to complete my master's. He has a gift for inspiring others to keep striving, and I know he will bring this same spirit to his role as a father.



HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

OCCUPATION

Public policy advocate with a national organization

FAVORITE PLACE

San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. John, USVI, Ocho Rios, Jamaica

FAVORITE TRADITION

Thanksgiving, 4th of July, Summer beach vacation, anything that involves a road trip





Seft adjusting to working from home during the pandemic.



Seft leading a training with community members.



A little visitor stopped by Seft's office in 2017.



Seft giving a speech at a large church in the midwest.



MEET
(by Seft)

William



William is one of the most decent, loving, and loyal people I know. He can always be counted on to bring a calming presence to every room. He is a great listener and is very protective of those he loves. He is the person you want in your corner during challenging times because he is slow to condemn and offer criticism. Instead, he leans in and extends a hand to help you see your way through it.

I also admire how William has a deep heart for the community and helping others. He studied urban planning in college. Shortly after we met, we moved to an urban neighborhood where we spent several years volunteering to help address long-standing challenges such as building new sidewalks, renovating a school, and planting hundreds of trees. William immersed himself into this work, and although we no longer live in the midwest, he stays involved by joining virtual meetings and calling to check on community members.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Painting, architecture, food, travel

OCCUPATION

Small business owner

FAVORITE PLACE

New York City, New Orleans, San Juan, PR, Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

FAVORITE TRADITION

Decorating our home for Christmas, giving out Halloween candy to kids in the neighborhood.





William visiting the Museum of the Americas in San Juan in 2021.



William relaxing at home on his birthday in 2020.



William visiting the Bass Museum of Art in Miami, FL.



William at home Christmas 2021.



Our Home



When we considered relocating to metro Atlanta, finding a home and community that could accommodate our future family was a primary consideration. We settled on our dream home, a five-bedroom contemporary with an open floor plan and plenty of room for our extended families to gather on holidays and birthdays. We have large outdoor patios where we can gather in the evenings for dinner and spend family time exploring the night's sky. We have a great backyard that is perfect for planting a garden.



A short walk from our home is a small lake where we hold community events in the summer, like our annual outdoor concert and the July 4th fireworks display. We have a community pool, basketball court, tennis court, and a large playground steps away from our home.



We have a racially diverse and highly rated public school system that is consistently ranked among the best in our state. We believe this is a great place to raise a family and look forward to creating a lifetime of memories here.



Our Christmas tree 2021.



The view of our backyard in Spring 2022.

our community

Our immediate community and metro Atlanta are filled with activities that are perfect for children and families. We love museums and try to visit them every chance we get. Atlanta's High Museum of Art is one of our local favorites, and we can see taking our future children there to allow them to learn and explore everything the museum has to offer. The Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta is the largest in the world and is a site we would like to take our future child to. We could see spending an entire day learning about the massive collection of sea life. Similarly, Zoo Atlanta hosts perfect events for children and families throughout the year. Atlanta is one of the largest metro areas in the country, and we look forward to taking our child out to enjoy everything it has to offer.



Our family & friends

William grew up in the midwest in a small family of just his parents and his younger brother. He is the oldest, and he talks to his brother almost every day. Growing up, he was very close to his grandpa, who taught him how to build and use power tools. He has fond memories of spending time in the backyard playing in his sandbox and riding his bike around the neighborhood.



Family vacation to Disney World winter 2017.



Seft visiting his father and brothers.



Family road trip to Chicago and Lincoln home 2016.



First night in our new GA home with our two furry friends.



Seft and brother learning how to take a selfie.



First Christmas in Georgia with family in 2019.



Seft and William trip to Washington, DC.



Family vacation in Jamaica Summer 2021.

Seft, on the other hand, grew up in Jamaica and later on the east coast in a very large family. He has eight other siblings- three sisters and five brothers. Adoption is very common in his family, and three of his siblings have adopted children. All of them are loved and supported by his entire family.



Our promise



Our child's story did not start with adoption; instead, it extends back to the moment they were brought into the world, cared for, and entrusted to us to raise. Irrespective of the type of adoption we ultimately settle on, our child will always know that they were loved from the earliest point in life.

We promise that our child will always know what it means to belong and to be loved unconditionally. They will grow up in a safe and supportive home with two dads who will provide them with the love and structure to succeed. We promise to teach them to be kind and respectful of others and take every opportunity presented to help make the world a better, more just place.



our beliefs and values

We believe that every person has inherent worth and should be treated with dignity and respect. We believe in basic human principles of love, grace, and kindness, and we are committed to helping our child foster these principles as a core part of their identity.

We will work to ensure they grow up in a home where they are loved and supported. They will be able to make mistakes and count on the fact that we will still love them with the condition. They will be exposed to diverse opportunities and experiences that help them build confidence and character.



*Seft and William quick trip to Charleston SC
with our dog Sue.*



*Seft and William relaxing on our cruise to the
Western Caribbean, Spring 2022.*

Thank You



Thank you for taking the time to review our profile and learn about our goal of becoming parents. We would love to hear from you. Please reach out with any questions or request for more information about us.

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