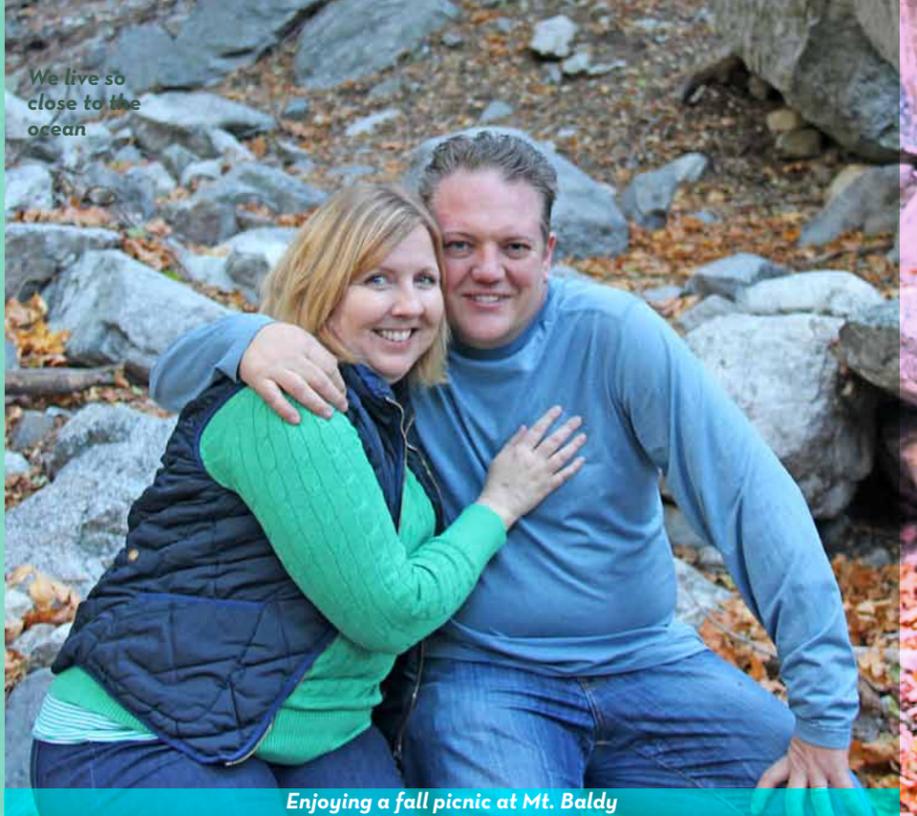


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JEFF



hello! *we are*
JEFF AND KELLY
(also known as "JELLY" to our friends!)
from
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

We live so close to the ocean



Enjoying a fall picnic at Mt. Baldy



We love coffee almost as much as each other



Visiting Loch Ness, Scotland in search of Nessie

ABOUT us

Our relationship began in 2008, when we met on Match.com. As a couple, we work because we complement each other. Jeff may push Kelly to do things she's never done before (while supporting her every step of the way), but Kelly forces Jeff to get in touch with his mushy and goofy side. We love each other unconditionally, and are each other's biggest cheerleaders. We aren't afraid to spend time apart,

pursuing our individual passions, but we absolutely cherish the time spent together as a couple, living in our "Jelly" world. It's one of the reasons why we love road trips so much...that time together, hitting the open road, listening to an audiobook or podcast and holding hands while we watch the scenery go by. **We just can't wait to add some passengers.**

We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to get to know us as you make plans for your child's future. We so admire your courage and strength, and have so much respect for the love you are showing your child.

From the moment we began to imagine our life together, we talked about our future children, and what our life as a family would be like. It took us

some time to discover that biological children just weren't in the cards for us, **but we feel so fortunate to be realizing our dream of a family through adoption.**

We hope that our profile allows you to get a glimpse into who we are, the life we have built together, and the village of people we are so lucky to have in our lives. **Welcome to our "jelly" little world.**

our TRAVELS

One of our favorite things to do as a couple is to travel. We love having the kind of adventures you can only have when you leave your everyday world behind. We've often talked about how much fun it would be to pack up our future kids for a year in an RV and travel the country, seeing all there is to see.



Afternoon visit to Mt. Baldy, CA

FIVE MEMORABLE VACATIONS WE'VE

taken together

YOSEMITE - Every time we go, we make new memories.

OUR FIRST TRIP TO EUROPE - From eating pasta in Italy to a bike wine tour in France, it was pretty much perfect.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ROAD TRIP - It's the trip that showed us we were meant to be together.

OUR HONEYMOON IN HAWAII - the perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

OREGON COAST - One of the best road trips we've taken...no plans or reservations. We just drove.



It doesn't take much to make us laugh

ABOUT "jelly"

1. We share a secret love of bad movies.
2. Jeff is an avid cyclist; Kelly didn't learn to ride a bike until she was 10.
3. Our dog is named after **Norah Jones**, whose cover of "The Nearness of You" is our song.
4. Jeff completed a triathlon without any training, and Kelly is a classically trained singer.
5. We love to just pack up the car and drive...no reservations, no plans, just us.

FIVE PLANS WE HAVE FOR the future

1. Sail around the world
2. Visit all 7 of the continents
3. Travel the country with our future kids for a year
4. Learn a 2nd language
5. Watch our future kids become happy adults



#Selfie in Scotland



Snowshoeing in Yosemite, CA

Hiking the John Muir Trail - 220 miles



meet JEFF (by Kelly)

Jeff makes me a better person every single day, and I feel so lucky to have him as my partner in crime. I love the passion he has for life, the twinkle he gets when he thinks of a crazy (but brilliant) idea, and that he refuses to take no for an answer, always finding a way to make the important things work.

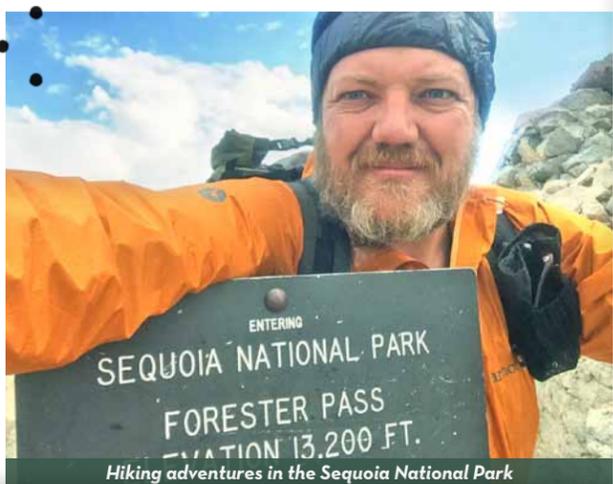
When I see Jeff with our friends' kids, I see just a glimmer of the amazing dad I know he will be. In between teaching our future kids how to roast the perfect marshmallow, and getting Winnie the Pooh painted on his face just to see them smile, I know that he will also teach them to work hard, think of others, and push themselves past what they ever thought possible. He will teach them to love just by showing them how much he loves them, every single day.



A picnic in the park with our friends' kids

more by JEFF

I grew up in Chino Hills, CA and moved away to be closer to the ocean. Spending time outdoors is the driving force of most my hobbies. My work week is spent as a tax accountant consulting people and businesses how to manage their financial affairs. I have a strong love for life and love sharing all the things I think makes life great. As someone who is adventurous, it is important to me that we teach our future child that they can do anything they put their mind to. I HAVE MASTERED THE ROLE OF FAVORITE UNCLE TO ALL MY FRIENDS' KIDS, AND can't wait to see the world through our kids' eyes, love them like there's no tomorrow, and begin our new adventure as a family.



Hiking adventures in the Sequoia National Park

Kelly has the largest heart of anyone I know, and her moral compass is true. She is also one of the goofiest people I know. Sometimes she snorts when she laughs, and she knows just when and how to make me laugh. She is also a little bit of a dork (in the best way possible), reading books like they're going out of style (she read the final Harry Potter book before sunrise after attending the midnight release party), and belting out show tunes in the car.

One of the things I admire most about Kelly is that she pushes herself outside of her comfort zone. Kelly will teach our future kids that being brave doesn't mean you aren't afraid. It means that in spite of your fear, you try new things. Our kids will learn to be kind and compassionate through Kelly's example, and they will never doubt that her love for them is unconditional.

meet KELLY (by Jeff)



On one of our many trips to Yosemite, CA

more by KELLY

Growing up in Irvine, CA, I loved theatre and reading, two hobbies that I continue to be passionate about. As a teacher, I am able to take several months to bond with our future newborn, in addition to the option of working part-time, with time off for holidays and summer vacation to be a stay-at-home mom. BEING A MOM HAS BEEN MY LIFELONG DREAM, and I'm beyond excited to help my own future kids pursue their dreams, and show them the support and unconditional love my parents have always provided me.

Saying hi to "Nessie" in Scotland

JEFF'S FAVORITES

MOVIE: Monsters, Inc.

CHILDREN'S BOOK: Oh the Places You'll Go!

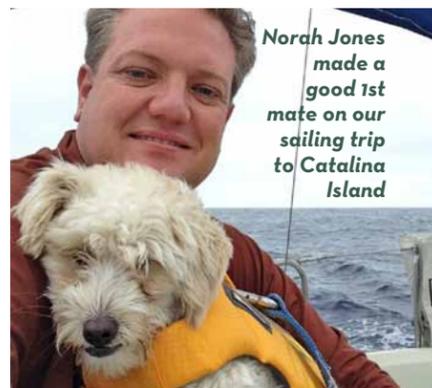
HOBBIES: Traveling, Hiking, Sailing, surfing, wood working, anything outdoors

PLACE: France

QUOTE: "I can sleep when I'm dead." ~ Me



Jeff & our friend's son Ian relax while camping



Norah Jones made a good 1st mate on our sailing trip to Catalina Island



Kelly with Jeff's goddaughter



Oldtown by our favorite movie theater in San Juan Capistrano, CA

KELLY'S FAVORITES

MOVIE: Elf

CHILDREN'S BOOK: Matilda

HOBBIES: Singing, Reading, Yoga

PLACE: Savannah, Georgia

QUOTE: "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."



Relaxing with a good book while out on the boat



THIS *is our* VILLAGE

Some people are blessed with an amazing family from birth, and some people are blessed with friends who are like family. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH BOTH. Both Jeff and Kelly's parents (married for a combined total of 88 years!!) and siblings live between 20-40 minutes away, and the eight of us have a blast when we all come together. Our family cannot wait to have a little one join the bunch, as your child will be the first grandchild and niece or nephew on both sides.

As far as friends go, we have some of the best ones around. Our close circle includes people we've known for decades. Most of our friends are parents, and we love being an honorary aunt and uncle to their kids, going on camping trips, celebrating holidays like Fourth of July or New Year's Eve, and generally spending as much time as we can with them. **Babysitting the next generation of our "posse" is one of our favorite things to do.**



A nice summer day spent with Kelly's family

SOME QUOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS *and their kids about us:*

"Me and Casey like Auntie Kelly's big sweet eyes and I like Uncle Jeff showing me different things in their garden." - *jocki, 5*

Uncle Jeff is a blast with his adventurous nature and his willingness to try anything. Sawyer already loves her Aunt Kelly." - *amanda, mom to Seamus (17 months) and Sawyer (3 weeks)*

"I like when we go to your house for Halloween. I like when you come over because you're part of the family. You're special to me!" - *caleb, 8*

"I'd say that, for most people, they never are truly "ready" to have kids. Not true for these two. I've never met anyone more ready to be great parents."

"I love watching Kelly play with my son; she gives the best hugs and makes him giggle like crazy, and

A fun family photo with Jeff's family

WE ASKED OUR FAMILY... "WHAT IS EVERYONE most excited for?"



CREATING THE BEST POSSIBLE HOME for our FUTURE CHILDREN LED US TO A VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY IN *San Clemente, California.*

In addition to being 5 minutes from the beach, with hiking trails right outside our front door, our neighborhood has great schools, tons of parks, and pools galore; whether it's visiting the farmer's market or watching the Fourth of July fireworks set off from the pier, we love the community where we've put down our roots.

We can't wait to cook breakfast as a family, decorate for the holidays, pick fruit from the trees in the backyard, and build projects in the garage.

There's a sunny room that is just begging to be turned into a nursery, and our downstairs great room is perfect for fort-building and sleepovers. We've loved hosting our friends' kids for Halloween Pumpkin Carving, not to mention countless barbeques in the backyard, and we absolutely can't wait for our child to run downstairs on Christmas morning to open their stocking, just one of the many memories we will make with our children in our home.



"Hi, I'm Norah Jones!"

Decorating our home for Thanksgiving

NORAH JONES: best dog EVER!

Whenever we come home, we are greeted by our three year old "mixapoo," Norah Jones, running across the wood floor, twirling around in happiness. Norah Jones, a huge cuddlebug, has been a frequent

houseguest of our friends with young kids, and has been complimented time and time again about how gentle and protective she is of the "littles." We can't wait for her to have a "little" of her own to watch over.



Jeff making his delicious pancakes



Kelly loves decorating for the holidays



Norah Jones is the best cuddler & napping buddy



We love living so close to the ocean



our promise TO YOU



- Your child will always know that it was **YOUR LOVE FOR THEM** that made us a family, and that they carry your love, and ours, with them in everything they do.

- We will teach your child to **ENJOY LIFE, AND TO PURSUE** the things that make them happy.

- Your child will be encouraged to **LOVE, LAUGH, AND LEARN** every day.

- We will **LOVE YOUR CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY**, hold them close when they need us, and let them go when they are ready to find their own way in the world.

- Our commitment to you, and to your child, is that the **FAMILY WE BECOME WILL ALWAYS COME FIRST.**



If you would like to learn more about us or to arrange an initial phone call, please call Cindy (anytime) at A Loving Alternative (800) 556-5635.

Thank you!

THANK YOU AGAIN for

showing a commitment to your child's well-being that leaves us in awe of your strength and love for your child. Our hope is that we have shown you that we have the ability to make our greatest wish come true: to provide our future children with everything they need to become happy, fulfilled adults.