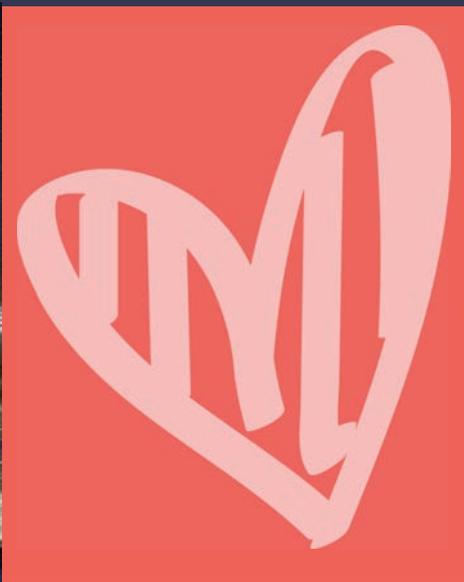


Welcome to our family's book. Our hearts are hopeful we can grow our family through adoption. We have lots of love to offer. We know you have a difficult decision ahead of you and wish you peace and solace as you move forward in your journey.



Please read on with an open heart.



in this family

WE LAUGH LOUDLY

WE MAKE MISTAKES

WE SAY I'M SORRY

WE ARE **PATIENT**

WE CHERISH FRIENDS

WE HONOR *family*

WE ARE GRATEFUL

WE SHARE

WE LOVE DEEPLY







Home
Sweet
Home



Our home is a place of
laughter, hugs,
learning, and
unconditional love.



We live in a beautiful Southern California community where we enjoy a small town feel while being close to great schools, our extended family, and world-class beaches.



We have a large, fenced yard with lots of space to play sports, a pool, fruit trees, and a patio where we grill and enjoy fires in the fire pit. We like to be outdoors a lot.

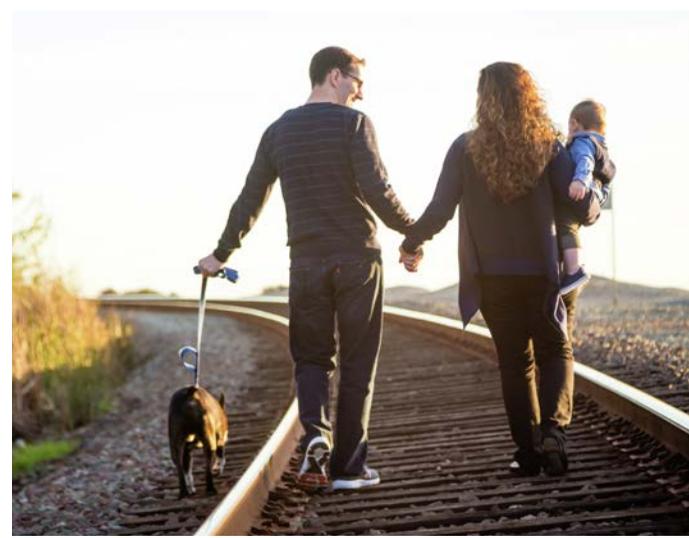


Southern
CA





We are a loving and affectionate family that has fun together and finds joy in being together. Family is our priority.







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every moment



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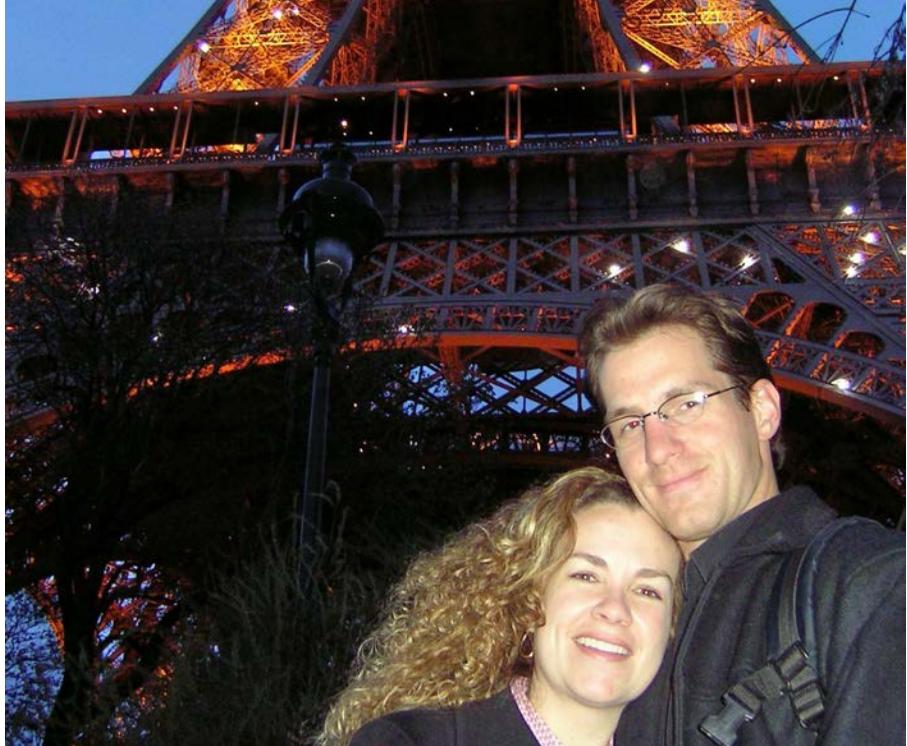
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laugh

everyday

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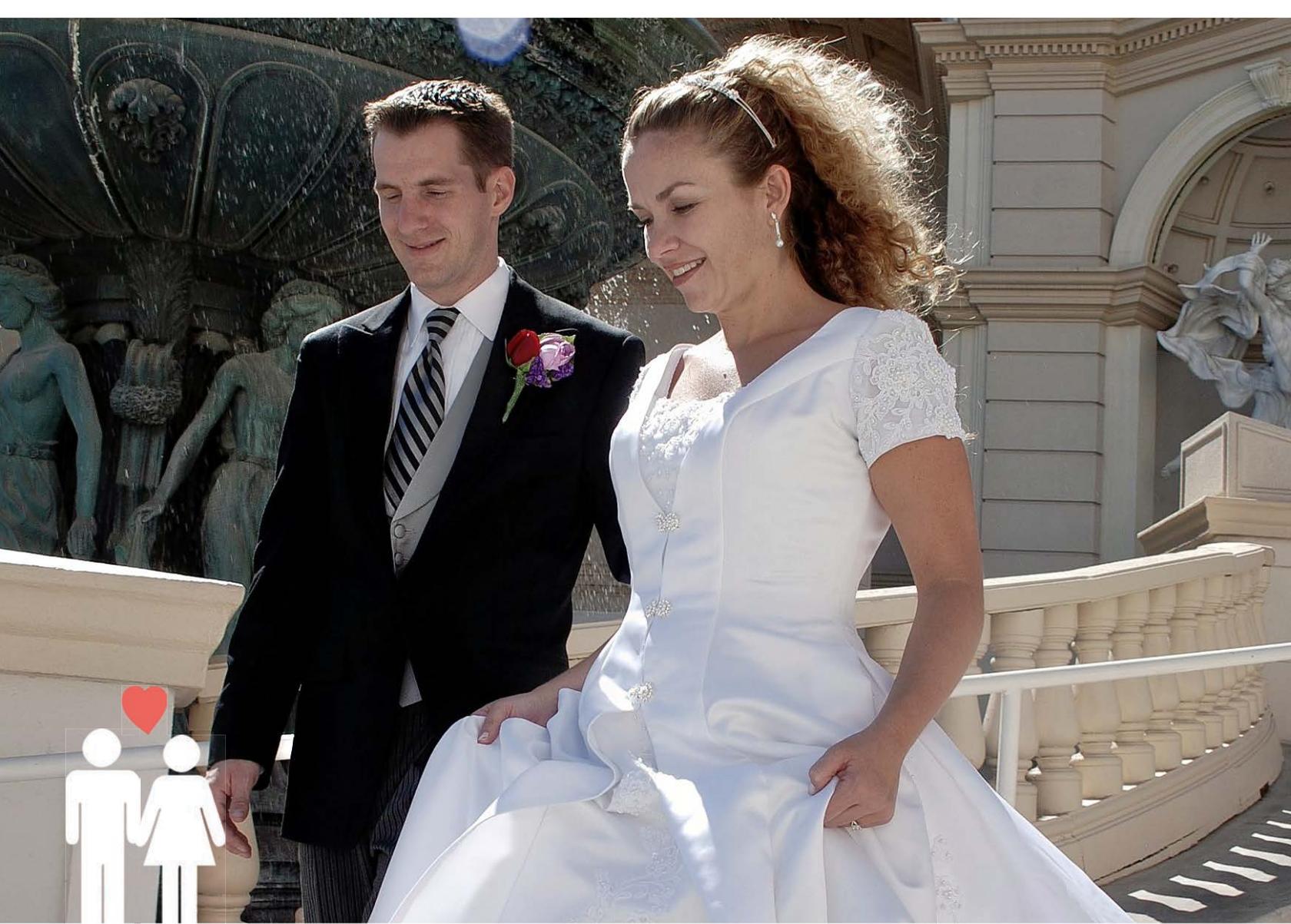


ERIK & CHERYL



We met in 2005 while separately attending a professional soccer game. We were married in 2007 and our adventure began.



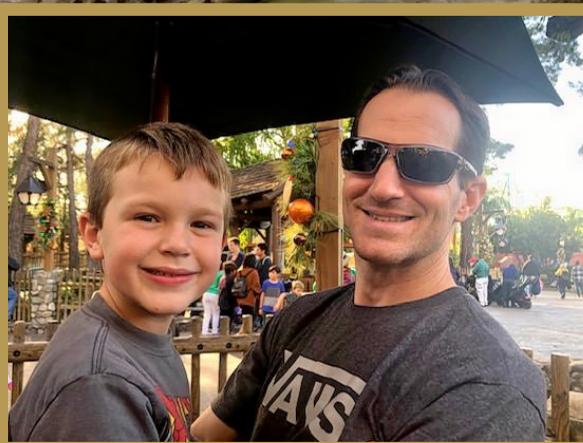


Our marriage is built upon love and our mutual support of and gratitude for each other.





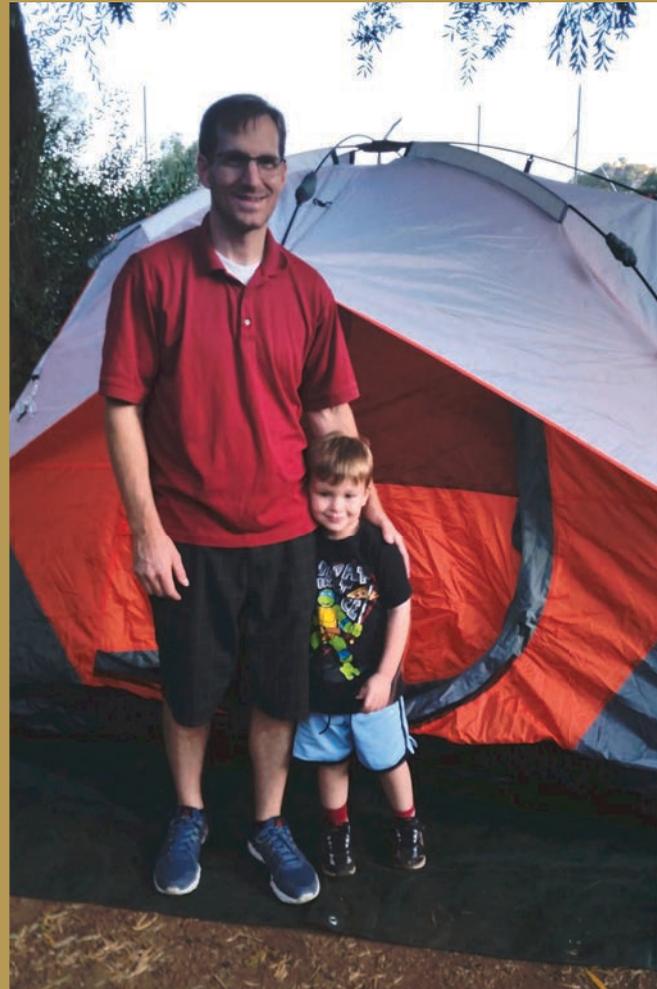
ERIK



Erik is kind, generous, and patient. He's sensitive to others' needs. His greatest role is as a father.



Erik's resilience and strength are reflected in his chosen profession as a Firefighter.





CHERYL



Cheryl loves to laugh. She has an adventurous spirit and loves her career as a Crime Analyst, but is focused on our family. Cheryl is a loving mother dedicated to creating fun experiences for our family.





Cheryl likes to travel, swim, bike, study other cultures, try new recipes, and visit the beach.





OUR SON



YEARS
OLD

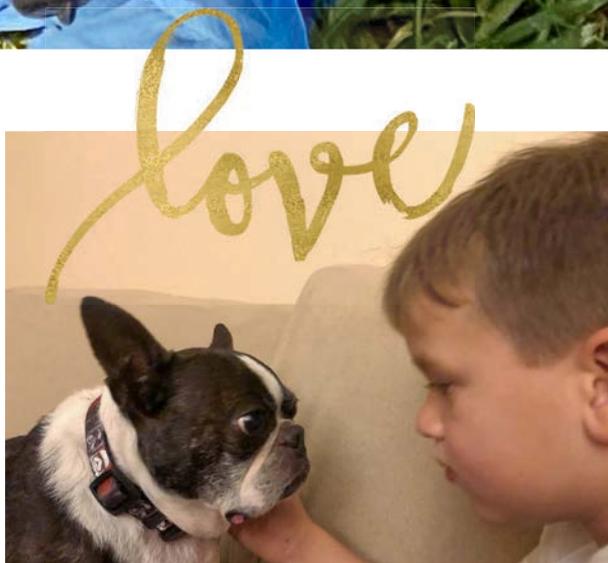


Our son wants nothing more than to share his life with a sibling. He is friendly, thoughtful, and energetic. He loves to swim, ride his bike, read, dance hip hop, and play nearly any sport.





MINNIE



Minnie is a cuddly, sweet Boston Terrier. She loves humans. She joined our family from a rescue group in 2019.



#DOGLIFE **6** YEARS OLD



Minnie is good with children and is an ideal family dog.





We're a patriotic family and feel blessed to live in this country. We have a strong sense of community. We regularly serve as volunteers and participate in local events. We both speak Spanish from having lived abroad.



We're committed to providing emotional and educational support throughout our children's lives.



We aim to raise our children with Christian values. Ultimately, we want our children to be kind, honest, confident, happy, and resilient. We enjoyed idyllic childhoods with loving families and want to provide the same as parents.



OUR
FAMILY'S

FAVORITES

1

We love the beach and we're lucky to live a short drive away.



2

We spend hours in our pool swimming, playing, and practicing water safety.



3

Our home is close to several hiking and biking trails that we explore on a weekly basis.

4

We look for fun events in our community, such as movies in the park, surfing contests, festivals, and farmers markets.



5

We love to be outdoors enjoying nature. We love animals and all of God's creations.



6

A few of our favorite places that we regularly visit are the zoo, beach, local parks, hiking trails, drive-in movies, amusement parks, and county fair.

OUR
FAMILY'S

FAVORITES (continued)

7

We love to play sports together, such as soccer, tennis, pickleball, basketball, baseball, and football.



8

We like to try new recipes, especially if we can use the harvest from our garden.



9

We enjoy playing cards and board games, particularly those that build our critical thinking skills. We also like to read and visit our local library.

10

To express our creativity, we draw, paint, do origami, and work on crafts. We've been taking a cartooning class to improve our skills.



1. get tacos.
2. eat tacos.
3. watch movie.
4. eat treat.
5. brush teeth.
6. shower.
7. prayer.
8. cuddle.
9. fall asleep.



11

We have family goals and make lists of our plans! We set a goal to visit as many parks as possible.



12

We love to celebrate all holidays and birthdays. We throw parties, decorate our home, make treats, dance, and wear silly hats.

FAMILY ♥ TREE



Erik was the third in a family of six kids.
He was raised on the East Coast.



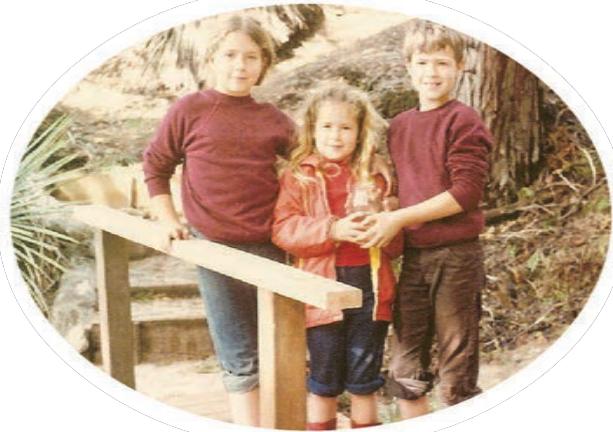
Our son has loving
grandparents,
including two great
grandmas.



Our son currently has
eight cousins, seven
uncles, and five aunts.



Cheryl was the third in a family of three kids.
She was raised in Southern California.



We spend most major holidays with
extended family.



Living in Southern California, we enjoy
close proximity to Cheryl's family. We
regularly visit Erik's family in Arizona
and Utah throughout the year.



We're grateful for this opportunity to introduce you to our family and be considered as the potential home for a piece of your heart. We'd love to get to know you if that's your desire. We believe adoption is the ultimate gift of love and a great blessing.



We hope this book has presented a glimpse of what it's like to be part of our family and has shown you that our greatest joy is our family. We wish you the very best. May God bless you.



Erik & Cheryl

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