

# CHRIS & NICK



## What's Important to Us:

- Family and close friendships
- Kindness
- Open-mindedness
- Embrace other's differences
- Laughter
- Enjoying good food
- Learning every day

## DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

Hello! We're Chris and Nick from San Rafael, California (just north of San Francisco). Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We appreciate the opportunity to tell our story and can only imagine how difficult a decision this is for you. Please know this is the most important letter we've ever written. Raising a child has always been a dream of ours, and we can't wait to create an environment of love, compassion, laughter, and adventure for your little one. We hope it is helpful for you to learn about us and our journey to today.



# ABOUT US

We met in college and have been together for over 15 years (married for 6). Our journey started in Arizona at a sandwich shop near our university. On the first date, we talked for hours about our love for travel, interests in architecture and languages, and passion for excellent Mexican food.

During our years together, we've roamed the country. After meeting in Arizona, we've spent five frigid winters in Boston, five fast-paced years in New York City, and five (and counting!) years in the San Francisco Bay Area. On our weekends, we love to grill, bake, and take advantage of our great climate being active outdoors.

Chris is a leading architect who works on large projects such as museums, university buildings, and large commercial high-rises. As an architect, Chris takes great pride in our home, designed to bring people together and embrace all that nature offers. Chris is very creative and looks forward to teaching our little one how to design, draw, and build things.

Nick works in banking for a startup that brings financial services to the underserved. He has a master's degree in finance but studied Spanish and Portuguese as an undergraduate. Nick's interest in languages started with the desire to talk to his grandparents in Spanish, their native language. That interest turned into a love of learning other languages and reading literature. He can't wait to take our child on weekly bike rides to the library.



Kyoto, Japan



Chris' homemade cinnamon rolls



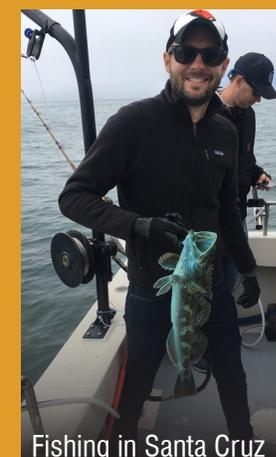
Chris with Jack

## ABOUT CHRIS, BY NICK

Chris is a wonderful husband, and I have no doubt he will be a wonderful father. He is smart, kind, patient, and loving. He's my best friend and the only person I would want to raise a child with. I love watching him play with his sister's son, two-year-old Jack—who is often in Chris' lap, sharing a favorite toy (or sweet treat).

On weekends you will see Chris outside gardening and chatting with our neighbors. He also loves to travel. It's fun to see how much research he does planning each trip, resulting in a perfect balance of architecture, culture, food, and adventure.

Traditions are incredibly important to him. In addition to carrying on all the holiday traditions from his parents, I can't wait to see him wake up early on a Saturday to make a special weekend breakfast for our child (often homemade cinnamon rolls!)



Fishing in Santa Cruz



Chris in the kitchen



# OUR FAMILY

We have a large and tight-knit combined family. Our home in the Bay Area is between Chris' parents, who live in Oregon, and Nick's family, who live in Arizona.

We take pride in being uncles to our four amazing nephews and do our best to be great role models. Our child will have the opportunity to grow up close to their cousins who also live in California. We have loved watching our Holidays become even more fun-filled with the kids, and we can't wait to have our child join in the fun!



Nick with sister and Mom



Chris' sister, Mom, and Dad



Weekend grilling

## ABOUT NICK, BY CHRIS

Nick is an amazing husband, partner, and best friend. He is constantly placing himself in others' shoes and considering their needs. It's this quality that makes me confident that he'll be an incredible father and role model for our child.

Nick has always valued learning and growth; he has continued to improve himself with new skills through several career moves. I've admired watching him set lofty goals, make detailed plans, and then realize his aspirations through curiosity, discipline, and hard work. His thirst for knowledge has resulted in bookshelves full of different topics. I pretend that we don't have any more space for his books, but secretly I love it.

Nick is close to his whole family but has an exceptional bond with his Nana. Their closeness is heartwarming to witness, whether they are making homemade tamales together, sharing a meal out, or watching a telenovela together in Spanish.



# OUR HOME



Our home in San Rafael is in a safe, stable, and diverse community with many long-time residents and excellent schools, parks, and bike paths. Backing up to protected open space, we live across the street from a charming city park, one block from hiking trails, and a short drive to the neighborhood's commercial center. With 5 bedrooms and a pool, we have enough space to grow the family of our dreams.

Designed by a local architect, we love that the home is a reflection of our passion for architecture and connected to nature with large windows and lots of natural light.



Our home



City park across the street

Our light-filled home



We love the outdoors!

## OUR VIEW ON PARENTING

We are both fortunate to have had childhoods with loving and supportive families. We recall warm summer nights playing outside with endless curiosity, before the dependence on modern technology. We aim to provide that same sense of fun and freedom for our child.

A central theme to how we parent will be around treating others as we wish to be treated. We believe a well-rounded education is the foundation for being a successful citizen of the world and will encourage our child to follow his or her dreams while being kind to others. Whether gathering with our large family around a Thanksgiving table or rooting for our favorite football team, family traditions will be a big part of our child's life.

Finally, we are excited to share our love of world travel and learning different languages. We feel it is important to understand and appreciate other cultures.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. More information about us and additional pictures are available on our website at [chrisnickadopt.com](http://chrisnickadopt.com).

We invite you to connect with us to answer any questions you may have and hear about your hopes for your child. We can be reached toll-free at (800) 801-4895 or by email at [chrisnickadopt@gmail.com](mailto:chrisnickadopt@gmail.com). You can also contact our warm and helpful adoption attorneys, Karin Stoeckenius and Holly Wotherspoon, at 1-800-U-Adopt-US (1-800-823-6788) or email them at [info@adamsromer.com](mailto:info@adamsromer.com). You can also visit their website at [adamsromer.com](http://adamsromer.com).