

MICHELLE & BOB



HELLO

We respect the courage involved in your decision to explore adoption, and thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We write with the hope that you can gain a greater understanding of who we are as people and parents, and perhaps get a sense of the life we might offer you and your child. Please know that if you choose us to raise your child, he or she will grow up in a home filled with love, laughter, friends and family, and will know the care and concern motivating your adoption decision. We believe in open adoption and wish to develop an ongoing relationship that feels comfortable to you, respecting your needs and desires.



Bob, Michelle & Brody

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We first met over 15 years ago in San Francisco when Bob's "butter churner" dance moves drove Michelle to love or pity, depending on who tells the story. Following an extended courtship (and some dance lessons), we were married in the summer of 2000. We own a comfortable home overlooking the Pacific Ocean in a vibrant, child-friendly community just 10 miles south of San Francisco. Living just a few steps from the beach provides us ample opportunity to pursue our love of hiking, biking, surfing and windsurfing. We also take advantage of San Francisco's many parks, museums, musical and cultural events. We enjoy our weekly outings to the local outdoor farmer's market, and we love cooking together with family and friends.



Snowboarding in the Sierras

After several years of fertility challenges, we were blessed with the birth of our son, Brody, in 2006. Parenting him brings us more joy than we could have ever imagined and we hope to share our love with another child. We embrace open adoption as a beautiful way to continue to grow our family. As Michelle's younger brother and sister are both adopted, we have experienced first-hand the wonderful gift that adoption brings to a family.

We are fortunate to both work from our home and provide active parent involvement each and every day. A typical day in our home office is balanced by pillow fights, peanut butter sandwiches and bear hugs. We know in our hearts that being stay-at-home parents is the right choice for the whole family and we see the positive effects in our son's life. We have the opportunity to guide and nurture, knowing one of us is always there to provide support and attention.



Walking the beach near our home



Turning our kitchen into a pizza parlor



Our home

ABOUT OUR SON, BRODY

Brody is a loving and active 3 year-old. His days are filled playing with friends, running around the local kids' gym, visiting the petting zoo, building sand castles at the beach and singing songs at our library's story time gatherings. He loves music, especially when we crank up the tunes for the "family dance party" -- though we'd prefer he not perform his legendary drum solos on the window sill! Brody recently started attending preschool, where we both work one day a week teaching, reading books, and assisting with art projects. He plays well with his many cousins and friends, and looks forward to being a terrific big brother!

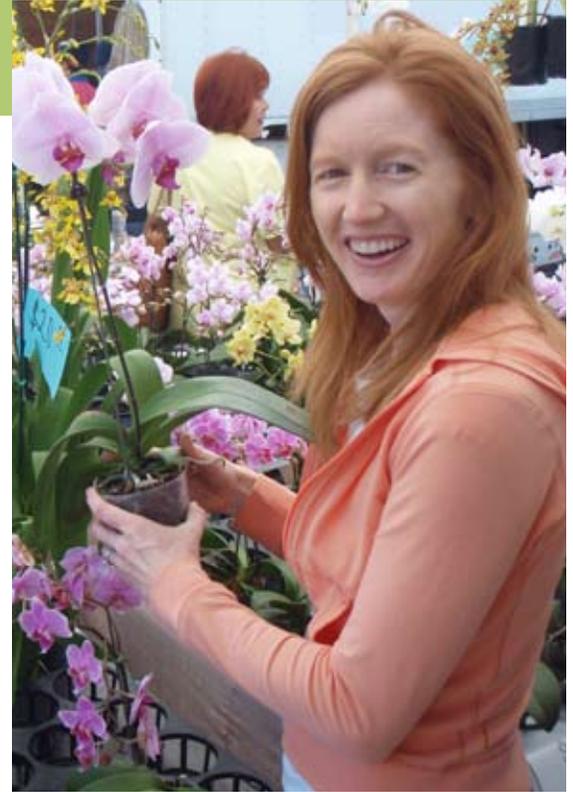


ABOUT MY WIFE, MICHELLE

I was first struck by Michelle's red hair and bubbly personality, but I grew to love her for her honesty, sense of humor, loyalty and unwavering love for family. Michelle is a great listener and has a wonderful way of making those around her feel special and welcome.

Michelle is happiest when she's surrounded by her large extended family. Her ideal Saturday would include her sister, mother and 3 aunts – watching the young cousins run around the yard, taking a long nature hike together, and capping the evening with a laughter-filled family meal and a heated game of scrabble.

Michelle is a skilled and patient mother. Despite a successful career, she always puts family first. Michelle frequently hosts playgroups at our home, managing the play and individual agendas of up to 10 toddlers. I have watched our young son blossom under her love and guidance. Brody and I are so lucky to have her in our lives.



ABOUT MY HUSBAND, BOB



I immediately fell in love with Bob's warmth and sincerity and we quickly bonded because of our common values. Bob is a man of high integrity, passion, and commitment. He has been such a comfort to me throughout our marriage, but particularly in trying times. Bob is a loving protector of his family.

An attorney by trade, he shows his generosity by dedicating a great deal of time to provide legal assistance to friends and family who otherwise could not afford counsel. Bob has many creative talents and recently completed the design and remodel of our home. He is a wonderful artist and shares his skills with our son, helping him draw pictures of his beloved jets and dinosaurs.

Bob is a real "hands-on" Daddy and I continue to be amazed at the love and devotion he shows as a parent. He is a fantastic teacher, be it helping Brody with his manners or showing him how to throw a baseball. Bob is a wonderful father and a tremendous role model.

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OUR FAMILY

We both grew up in very close, loving families who join in our excitement at the prospect of adopting a child. Most of our family lives within a 2-hour drive, allowing for many get-togethers at holidays and birthdays. Michelle has two sisters and a brother, and Bob has a brother and two sisters, making for lots of caring aunts and uncles and more than a dozen cousins. Both sets of grandparents are active in our lives, and they look forward to frequent visits to shower their new grandbaby with love. We also take periodic trips to Chicago, Portland, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, where various aunts, uncles and cousins reside. A child who joins our family will have the warm embrace of a large extended family.



A family Thanksgiving



At a Giants game with Grandma & Grandpa



Hiking with Michelle's sister & her family

IN CLOSING

We appreciate the unique role a parent plays in terms of guiding a child's judgment, values, and view of the world. We strongly value education and will stay actively involved in our children's studies and school life, supporting each child's individual interests, passions, and talents. We believe in encouraging a child to act with confidence, explore the world with curiosity and enthusiasm, and develop his or her own unique qualities. And, of course, we believe in just a bit of spoiling!

We recognize the sacred trust involved in placing a child with an adopting family, and will honor that trust by raising a spiritually and morally grounded individual in a loving and safe home. We will also respect and nurture whatever ongoing relationship you wish to have with your child and our family.

Whichever path you choose, our prayers and best wishes are with you.



Watching the sunset from our backyard

We would love the opportunity to get to know you. Feel free to call us toll free at 1-877-ADOPT-05 (877.236.7805) or email us at MichelleAndBobAdopt@yahoo.com. You can also call our friendly and supportive adoption attorney Susan Romer at 1-800-U-ADOPT-US (1.800.823.6788) or email her at adamsromer@aol.com.

*Best wishes from
Bob, Michelle & Brody*