

Dear Birth Mother,

We would first like to thank you for the opportunity to get to know us, and would like to wish you peace during this process. It's our hope that by the end of our letter you feel comfortable enough to share a laugh with us, as well as get a sense of how incredibly important a family is to us.

Within the last few years we have experienced many ups and downs of life, including the struggle of starting a family of our own, losing a parent very close to us, and then the adoption of our incredible son Levi. Through our trials we've been able to maintain a sense of peace and love that has enabled us to adapt to the ever-growing change that's taken place in our lives. The support of family and good friends has also allowed us to carry on through this amazing journey. We know we can be at peace even if we're not the family you choose. However, we cannot think of a more heroic and giving gesture than the one you have chosen. Even if you have or have not struggled with this decision, you are completing the dreams that many here could not do for themselves. We hope that while you're reading the profiles and have decisions to make; that you find peace in knowing your gift of family is amazing.



Our story

Jennifer and I had a connection the very first time we met and instantly knew that we were meant to be together. Jennifer said it was love at first sight. We surprised everyone when we got engaged in four months and were married in ten.



We have now been married for twelve years and both feel we are true partners in life. Our story continues to grow with the adoption of our incredible son Levi in June of 2010. What an amazing blessing it's been to have him in our lives. We'd love to have him know the joy of what it's like to have a sibling and experience the life lessons and love that come along with sharing life with a brother or sister.





Careers

Both Jennifer and I have unusual, but flexible, work schedules. I (Ken) am a Captain in the fire department and have been with my job for 13 years. Jennifer owns her own business as a residential home organizer and stylist. While her business continues to grow, she is able to set her own schedule which works incredibly well for planning Levi's time with grandparents. Her main priority is to be a good mother and raise a well balanced family. While it's been a constant adaptation since our adoption of Levi, our unique work schedule still allows us to grow our relationship as a couple, as parents and a family.

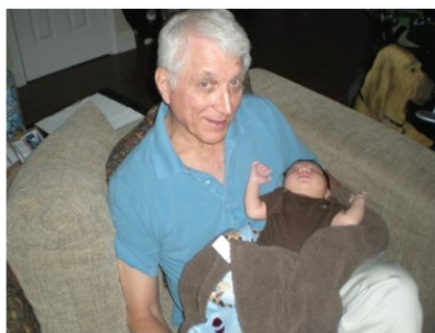
Raising Children

Jennifer and I share the same plan for raising a child. We're both very creative and would like for our kids to have every experience possible to help them succeed and grow as individuals. We are also not set on sending our kids to private school, public school, or home school, but would like to choose whatever avenue that will enable our child to succeed. We are open to solving problems in ways that children can learn right from wrong, without fear of physical punishment. We both agree that we'd like to create a loving foundation for our children to grow and create traditions that we can pass on to our children's families.



Our Family.....

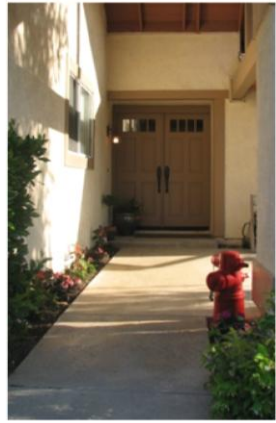
We feel so incredibly blessed to have a loving family and support network so close to us. Our parent's live within a few miles of us as well as our sisters, their husbands, and our nieces and nephews. They've all grown to know and love Levi. He even had his first slumber party recently with our nephews! We thought you might want a glimpse of the support that was shown during our first adoption.





Our House

We own a two story house in a great neighborhood that is walking distance to grade schools and the high school. We also have a community swimming pool right



across the street that we spent the summer at. We have beautiful parks and hiking trails all around us for our children to play in. In our yard, we have a garden, complete with fruit trees and vegetables. Every opportunity Levi gets he's foraging for fresh sweet tomatoes on the vine and will eat them by the dozen if we let him. We also love that we have a neighborhood Trader Joe's that we can walk to. We both enjoy cooking and getting creative in the kitchen. Although we're not advocates of fast food (to say the least), I (Ken) am a huge fan of yellow cake and chocolate frosting.

In our free-time

In our free time we are active volunteering with the Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. It's been a lot of fun to include Levi on these trips. Both charities allow us to show others with physical and mental handicaps how to enjoy the outdoors. We are also both mountain and road bikers and love towing Levi along in his bike trailer. It's been a great sport to include the family in. We also love to golf. It's great because these are all sports we can take with us when we go on trips.



We love to travel and camp and are constantly finding new places to explore. Sometimes it seems hard just to get away from home, but feel lucky to live by the beach and the Santa Monica Mountains. It feels like a giant play ground that nature has made just for us.



Religion

We both grew up going to church and Sunday school and we frequently go to a local church that we really enjoy. We hope to raise kids in the same supportive church community that we grew up with. At the same time we want to raise kids that are exposed to and aware of the other religions of the world. We believe in teaching tolerance. We hope to raise children that are comfortable and confident with who they are and are comfortable and accepting with who others are.

Education



Both Jennifer and I are college educated and throughout our careers have continued our education to support our goals and make us better at what we do. We do believe in value of education and understand that it opens doors and allows one to explore opportunities that they may otherwise not have found. We plan on fostering those same educational goals with our children. In a lot of ways we are never ending students knowing that lessons don't necessarily come from a classroom.

On Health

We both have a clean bill of health, except for the occasional injury from our active lives. Longevity runs in our family and we both have grandmothers living healthfully in their nineties. Our inability to conceive naturally is unexplained, but has brought us to you in the hopes of adding to our incredible family. Currently our family consists of Jen, me, and our son Levi, as well as our two dogs Bruno and Lucy. They are quite a pair and love all children, but especially Levi. They've developed the sweetest relationships with one another.





Appearance: We left this information last as we thought you may see it in the pictures (and we think it's the least important!). Ken is 38 years old, 6'1" and pretty strong and I (Jennifer) am 39, and a petite 5'2". We're both fair skin with blue eyes and as described by the rest of the letter, you can see we are pretty active!

Finally!



We hope that after reading about our family, whether we are or aren't the right family for you, that we have brought a little joy into your day.



From our heart,
Ken, Jen & Levi Roberts

