

Hello From

• ADAM & KAMMIE •

Eagle Rock, California



• HELLO •

We want to thank you for taking a moment to read our letter in this difficult and emotional time. Hopefully we are able to convey to you in these few pages what kind of people we are, and what kind of home we would provide for your child. We look forward to getting to know you and building an ongoing relationship that you feel comfortable with, which will hopefully make this journey a little easier for you.

— Adam Gass & Kammie Rivera

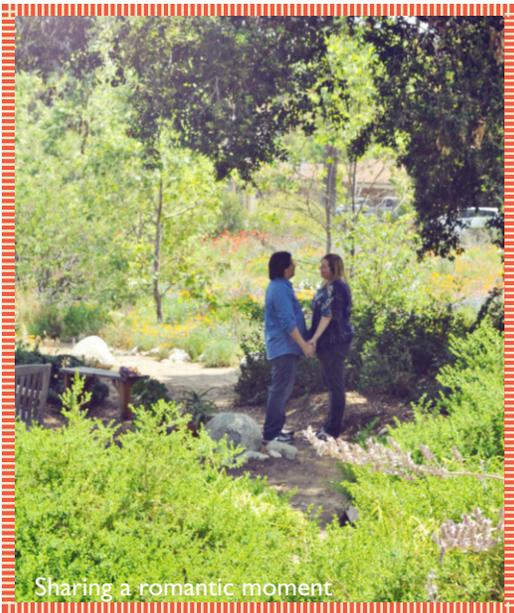
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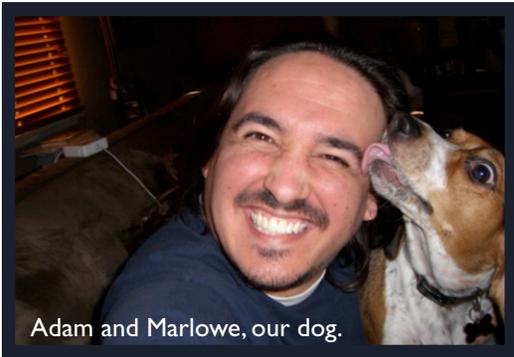
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Sharing a romantic moment



Adam and Marlowe, our dog.

• OUR FAMILY •

We met in 2004 and we were great friends right from the beginning. We have lived together for over seven years now with our beloved Beagles, Marlowe and Watson and our two cats, Buffy and Puff. A few years ago, Kammie's mom and her dog (Jaxx) moved in as well. So there will be a grandparent on hand for extra hugs as our child grows up.

Our family is quick to laugh and can usually see the humor in even the toughest situations. We also care about our place in the world and are firm believers in treating people as you would want to be treated and are dedicated to passing on those beliefs to our child. We are committed to each other and excited about expanding our family, as we have a lot of love to share.

• OUR NEIGHBORHOOD •

We live in Los Angeles (where we both were born) in the neighborhood of Eagle Rock. This area of LA is a small pocket, almost small town like, with great parks, shops and restaurants. We are minutes away from Griffith Park, the LA Zoo, Hollywood, and Disneyland isn't too far away. We have had great fun with our nieces and nephews visiting these places. We also really enjoy the many museums and gardens in the area which gives us a chance to glimpse the beauty of art and nature. These are great places to explore and things to do with our child.

We are also big sports fans, and you will find us at Dodger stadium often, although Adam is more of an Angels fan. We can't wait to introduce the thrill and magic of a baseball game to our little one! We also love basketball, especially the Lakers and are so ready to put up a hoop in the backyard and go play as a family.



Adam the chef



Thanksgiving with Kammie's family



Adam loves visiting Disneyland



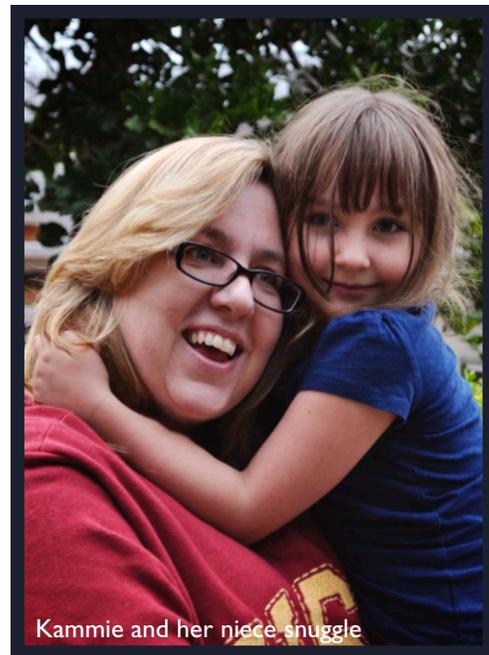
Celebrating Christmas with Serena and Connor

• ADAM (BY KAMMIE) •

What I love about Adam... He is always there for me, someone I can count on. He is great in a crisis, as he has the amazing ability to stay cool and calm no matter what. He is kind, caring, smart and funny. He can always make me laugh, even when I didn't think I could. He also seems to know everything, which makes him a great partner at Trivial Pursuit! Adam loves playing board games and video games, and even though he denies it, he is quite competitive. He also loves Legos, and will be great at helping our child build whatever is in his or her imagination. He really can be a big kid! Adam also has a passion for cooking, and is always trying out new recipes and adding his own variations. He is looking forward to family time in the kitchen, and teaching our child to cook. He loves to read and enjoys most all genres, science fiction being his favorite. Adam works in the film industry, at a visual effects shop. He loves what he does because each new project keeps the job new and fresh.

• OUR EXTENDED FAMILY •

Our family and friends are so excited about our family growing. Kammie's mom is looking forward to taking pictures and showing off her new grandchild. Although the rest of our family is not as close as we would like, (Adam's brothers live in Iowa and Hawaii) we all make the time to visit each other often. We had a family vacation to Mt Rushmore with Adam's dad and stepmom, his mom, and his two brothers and their families. It was so fun to see everyone together as we traveled and saw so many interesting sites. Kammie's grandmother, father and stepmom, brother and niece live in Oregon and have made many trips to Southern California, and we always love going to visit them too! Kammie's two sisters (who are fraternal twins) go to college close by and can't wait to be aunts again!



Kammie and her niece snuggle



Showing our niece how to use her new art easel



Kammie painting a mural

• KAMMIE (BY ADAM) •

I've done well in finding a partner. Kammie is inherently kind and will always side with the "little guy." She'll always be ready with a helping hand and is a firm believer in social justice. She is passionate about politics and environmental concerns. Kammie loves games and books and looks forward to game nights and reading bedtime stories with our child. She enjoys cooking and movies and can't wait for dinner-and-a-movie nights with our little one. She enjoys spending time in the yard gardening and is looking forward to introducing our child to nature. Kammie is always looking for ways to better herself and increase her understanding of the world around her. She'll almost always be in the middle of some history book or will be learning a new piece of computer software. She enjoys photography and will spend an afternoon at Huntington Gardens or wandering around downtown Los Angeles looking for that perfect shot. She is currently working as a digital artist at the same visual effects shop as I do and loves the creativity it affords.



Kammie and Adam exploring France



Kammie and Adam with his family

• SOME OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS •

A FEW THINGS ABOUT ADAM: ZODIAC SIGN - Virgo; FAVORITE HOLIDAY - Thanksgiving; FAVORITE TV/MOVIES - The Honeymooners, The Twilight Zone, Lost, Firefly, Fringe, and The Amazing Race. Princess Bride, King's Speech, To Kill a Mockingbird, Absence of Malice, 12 Angry Men, 3 Days of the Condor, the Bourne films and the Lord of the Rings; FAVORITE BOOKS- The Foundation series by Isaac Asimov, the Potter series by J.K. Rowling, The Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander; anything by Dr. Suess, Cat's Cradle, A Song of Ice and Fire; FAVORITE MAGAZINES - Sports Illustrated, Time

A FEW THINGS ABOUT KAMMIE: ZODIAC SIGN - Aries; FAVORITE HOLIDAY - Christmas; FAVORITE TV/MOVIES - Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Lost, Fringe, Gilmore Girls, True Blood, The Good Wife and Amazing Race. To Kill A Mockingbird, Sound of Music, Shawshank Redemption, the Indiana Jones trilogy, and E.T; FAVORITE MAGAZINES - Entertainment Weekly, Time and Popular Photography. FAVORITE BOOKS - The Color Purple, Harry Potter, The Pleasure of My Company, Eyes of the Dragon, and A Wrinkle in Time are just a few.

• OUR TRAVELS •

One of our favorite things to do is travel. There are so many beautiful and fascinating places around the world (we have already been to Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Mt. Rushmore, Las Vegas, the Oregon & California Coasts) and right here in our hometown. This past March, we spent a week in London and a week in Paris. It was absolutely spectacular to experience other cultures. Visiting places with our child will make our trips even more special.

We enjoy exploring museums, parks, car shows, historical monuments, and so much more. One of our little traditions is that wherever we go, we take a self-portrait of ourselves, to capture our memories for our scrapbooks. We are looking forward to adding a little one to our adventures.

Again, we want to thank you for reading our letter and hope this gives you a glimpse of who we are. We look forward to getting to know you and wish you well.

Adam Gass & Kammie Rivera

PLEASE CONTACT US
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~ Adam Gass & Kammie Rivera

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