

HI, WE ARE

*jen and jack*



*Hi,* We are Jack and Jen, a married couple in our mid 30's living in San Francisco, California and enjoy our vacation home in Lake Tahoe as often as we can, especially during the winter as we are our happiest in the snow. In fact, that's where our love story began 9 years ago. While we have not met, we know the decision you are making takes remarkable bravery and strength and we are truly grateful to you for considering us as adoptive parents to your baby. We've always wanted to be parents and, though it has been a difficult and long road, we realize that we have been waiting for the right child to come into our lives and make our family complete through open adoption. Our best friend, who we consider family, is adopted and openly shares her experience with us, which has given us the confidence to aim to be amazing adoptive parents like she has. We also know she will be a great auntie and mentor to any child. We hope that we are the parents you are dreaming of finding for your baby.

With love, thanks and gratitude.

*jen and jack*

## \* OUR STORY \*

Our story began 9 years ago when we met in Lake Tahoe. However, we both attended Chico State University, but somehow our paths never crossed. This is said with certainty due to the fact that Jack is 6'8" and hard to miss. It wasn't until one day snowboarding that Jen's brother-in-law introduced Jack to Jen while waiting in line for the Gondola at Heavenly Ski Resort.

**FROM THEN ON, WE REALIZED, WE WERE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR CONNECTION GREW STRONGER EVERY DAY.**

In 2012, we had a small marriage ceremony at SF City Hall with our closest friends and family. Shortly following our city hall ceremony we invited all our friends and family to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico because we both loved the idea of a destination wedding. Given our passion for travelling we figured having a vacation with all our friends and family would be a dream come true...and it was!

Fast forward and here we are... Happily married and realizing that life truly does get better as you grow with someone. We are completely committed to each other and know we will be amazing parents.

**OUR HOME IS FILLED WITH SO MUCH LOVE AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THAT WITH OUR CHILD.**

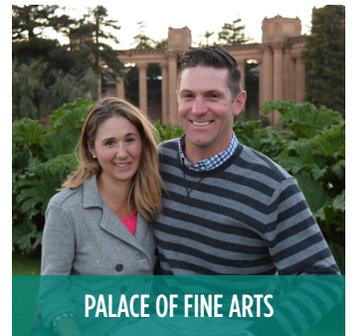
We've made wonderful memories together, but we know the best are yet to come!



KISSING ON THE DANCEFLOOR



EXPLORING SAN FRANCISCO TOGETHER



PALACE OF FINE ARTS



JEN AND JACK SELFIE



SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL

## \* OUR SF HOME \*

We are a house full of **LAUGHTER, LOVE AND LOTS AND LOTS OF HUGS**. We believe every day should start and end with a hug and kiss and that has been our daily ritual. Jack goes to work very early but never leaves without a hug and kiss goodbye and greets Jen with a big bear hug and forehead kisses when he returns.

We live in a 2 bedroom flat over-looking views of the Golden Gate Bridge in a San Francisco neighborhood known as The Marina. Its a beautiful, family-friendly waterfront district 20 steps away from putting our toes in the sand. We love going for walks along the beach after dinner and picnicking at the park on the weekends. Our home is central to everything in SF such as Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf, Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach, etc. We also live about 7 miles from the Marin Headlines where we like to take Sunday hikes on sunny days. **WE CONSIDER OURSELVES LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION NEXT TO MANY ATTRACTIONS AND EXCITED TO SHARE THIS WITH OUR CHILD.**

When we are not taking advantage of our vacation home in Lake Tahoe on the weekends, we live a simple life on our weekends in San Francisco. We spend our Saturday and Sunday mornings, sipping coffee admiring the views of the bay and taking walks down to the Golden Gate Bridge. Jack is known as the breakfast master and **LOVES** creating one-of-a-kind pancakes while Jen is very good at taste testing everything. On Sundays we enjoy our morning strolls to the farmer's market to pick up fresh fruit and veggies for the week. Weeknights are our time together to snuggle in and enjoy each other's company. We sit around our table chit-chatting on our daily activities while preparing dinner. We also love to have our family and friends over for dinners and are fortunate to have them live within walking distance to our home. We spend a lot of time in the company of our family and friends whom are excited about our growing family



MOVIE NIGHT AT THE McCURRY'S



PAJAMA PARTY WITH BEST FRIEND'S BABY



CRISSY FIELD WITH FRIEND'S KIDS



JEN PICNICING WITH NEPHEW MILES



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS WORLD SERIES GAME

# MEET JACK

by jen

Being married to Jack has been the biggest and most important part of my life. I love seeing him smile and laugh and singing along to songs stumbling on words and making up his own. Jack is an amazing person, husband, friend, brother, uncle, son and god-father. Jack is my gentle Giant with a heart bigger than himself. What I admire most about Jack is that he is genuine and good hearted and always has the best of intentions. He has the most inviting personality that establishes trust immediately just by his twinkling eyes, loving heart and warm hugs.

## I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE JACK AS A FATHER.

My heart swells thinking about him with our child. Our child will be fortunate to have a father that constantly shows affection and lets them know how important they are. He is very interactive with his niece and nephews and friend's children. Jack is a big kid at heart and loves getting down on the ground and playing with the kids...they think he's the funniest/silliest person EVER.

Jack works as a Construction Manager building high rise buildings in San Francisco. He has a true passion to build things. Whether it's a fort, Legos or a Barbie house.

**JACK WILL BE EXCITED TO BUILD THINGS WITH OUR CHILD.**



JACK WITH HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND'S DAUGHTER MISHA



JACK WITH FRIEND'S SON KELLAN



JACK BEING SILLY WITH HIS NIECE BELLA



JACK AT WORK



JACK BECOMING A GODFATHER

# MEET JEN

by jack

Jen is really fun to be around. I'm not just saying that as her happy husband but her friends and family would agree. As the oldest of 4 siblings she has grown up being the organizer and coordinator. She is a connector of people across an array of social, cultural, professional and economic circles. In her career she has provided hundreds of people with jobs as a recruiter in San Francisco. On a ski trip to Whistler with a dozen + friends Jen made itineraries and gave each person a folder with info on where we could all meet up throughout the trip. It was awesome to see everyone stroll into the same ski après locations.

## I ALSO LOVE HOW JEN CAN ADAPT TO ANY SITUATION.

We have gone to some unique locations together including Bali where the food, roads, bathrooms, smells, sights and sounds are all very different. This may turn people off or become frustrating but she would explore these places with a smile on her face.

## JEN ESPECIALLY LIGHTS UP AROUND BABIES & CHILDREN.

We have been lucky with the children our family and friends have brought into this world that we have been able to share time with have seen babies puke and poop on Jen and she didn't even flinch except to grab a cloth. She has a sixth sense for understanding if a child needs a nap, food, wants to watch a cartoon or to just be held. I'm excited to see Jen as a mother to our child as she is a natural with children. She has endless kisses and warm hugs that make anyone want to smile.



JEN AND HER FRIEND'S BABY BENNETT PLAYING IN THE SNOW



WAGON RIDE WITH FRIEND'S SON DOMINIC



JEN AND FRIEND'S BABY BENNETT



JEN AND HER CLOSE FRIENDS

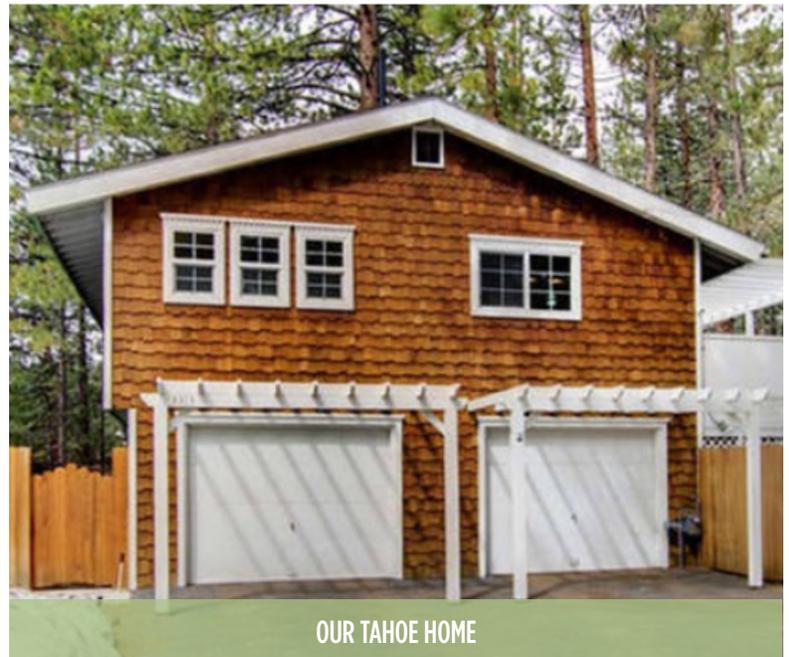


JEN MEETING BEST FRIEND'S BABY FOR THE FIRST TIME

## OUR TAHOE HOME

A day in Tahoe starts with a deep breath of the fresh mountain air and usually followed by a slow cooked hearty breakfast to fuel the days activities. We move a little slower in the mountains and enjoy the scenery but can also be found flying down the slopes on a snowboard or around a corner on our mountain bikes. When the summer days are warm enough we enjoying hiking to, and jumping in the lake. The often crisp evenings are spent **NEXT TO THE FIRE WITH FAMILY** who live in the area, enjoying some food off the BBQ and telling stories.

**WE SURROUND OURSELVES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.** We share a lot of common interests such as snowboarding, traveling, river rafting, hiking and cheering for our San Francisco Giants! We have a passion to travel near and far. We have traveled to Canada, Cabo, Cancun, Bali, Singapore, Shanghai, Hawaii, Lake Tahoe, NY, FL, and many other US states. Jack and I work hard and feel it's extremely important to take at least ONE vacation a year and enjoy time together exploring. **WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT TAKING FAMILY TRIPS EVERY YEAR WITH OUR CHILD AND SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR EYES.**



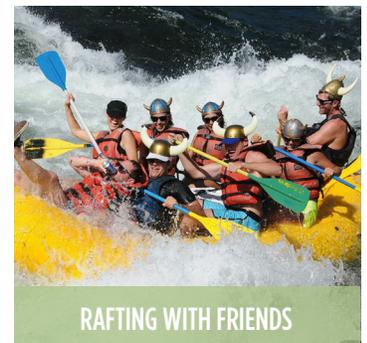
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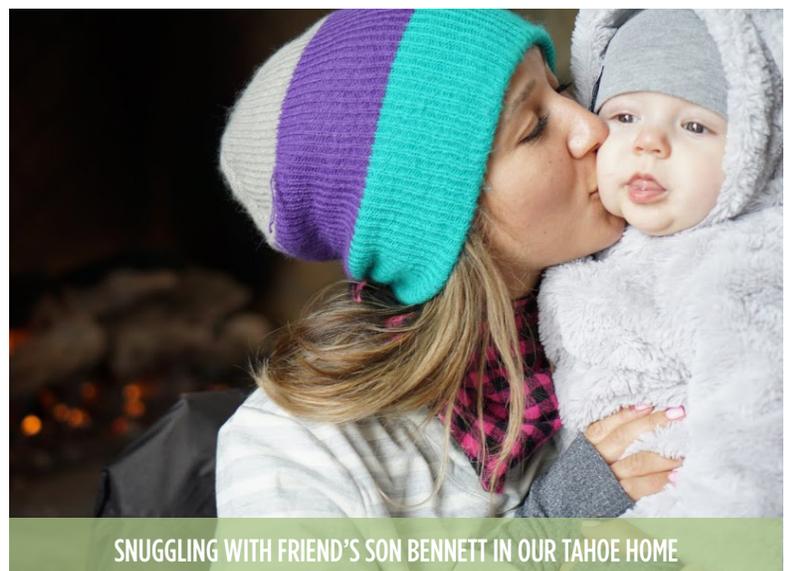
JACK MAKING PANCAKES WITH FRIEND'S SON ISAAC



SNOWBOARDING WITH FRIENDS



RAFTING WITH FRIENDS



SNUGGLING WITH FRIEND'S SON BENNETT IN OUR TAHOE HOME

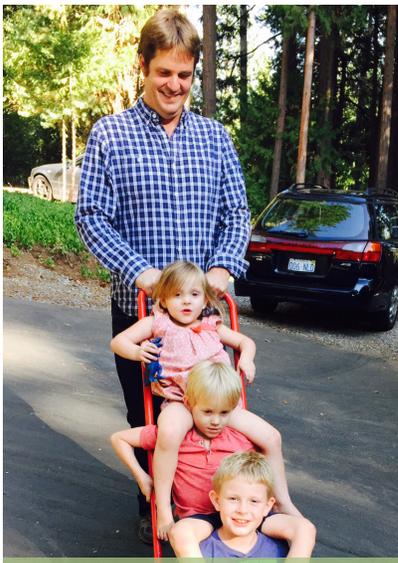
🌿 FAMILY 🌿

We have a big diverse **LOVING** family and a large group of supportive friends. We consider all our friends family as we believe family comes in many different ways. Everyone we know is very supportive of our plans to adopt. Our close friend Alicia has helped us appreciate open adoption through the sharing of her experience in being adopted. She will be a wonderful mentor to us and our child. **OUR PARENTS ARE ALL LOCAL AND EXCITED ABOUT HAVING A GRANDCHILD TO SPOIL AND SNUGGLE.** Jen is the oldest of 2 sisters and 1 brother all married no children, yet. Jack has 1 younger brother married with 4 young children. We are very close to our siblings and talk daily and see each other often. We know our child will grow up very close in age and bond with their [soon-to-be] cousins as we all grow our families.

Every year we host Thanksgiving at our home in Lake Tahoe welcoming both sides of our family. **THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR FOR US BECAUSE WE GET TO HAVE BOTH OF OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER IN ONE HOUSE NESTED IN THE WOODS RELAXING BY THE FIRE.**



JEN'S DAD 60TH BIRTHDAY IN MEXICO



FAMILY DINNER WITH NIECE & NEPHEWS



JEN WITH DAD & SISTER



SISTER SELFIE



FAMILY DINNER TO CELEBRATE JEN'S BIRTHDAY



It feels strange writing this letter to someone we have not yet met. We can only imagine how difficult and overwhelming it must be to look at pages of photos, reading letters and histories from so many different families. Trying to decide if there is something there that draws you to this unknown family who you may potentially choose to be the adoptive parents for your child. It has a weight we cannot imagine. We are committed to open adoption and knowing your dreams and wishes for your child is really important to us. We will talk openly with our child about how they became part of our family and why their story is special, in part because you are special.

