

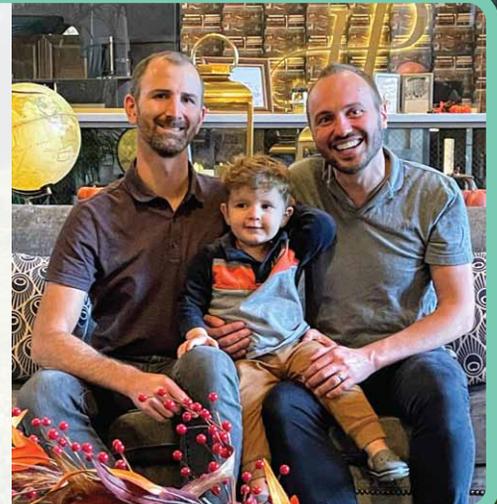
# Phil & Filip



## Things we love:

- ☀️ Hiking outdoors
- ☀️ Cooking family meals
- ☀️ Beach days
- ☀️ Traveling the world
- ☀️ Camping in nature
- ☀️ Backyard gardening

**Hello!** We are Phil & Filip (yes, we do have the same name)! We have been together for 15 years and have built a strong relationship based on love, trust, humor, and kindness. We have been blessed with stable careers, loving families, and an adopted son, but we are longing to find the final piece of our family. We admire you for making this difficult decision. We promise you that your child will be welcomed by two caring parents and an adoring big brother (who's been asking for a sibling 😊)



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# About Us

We met on the first day of graduate school, but it was another five years before we ran into each other again — literally — since we collided while jogging around the university campus! After reconnecting, we started running together and realized that we had much more in common than just our names. We both



Catching a break at our wedding



Cooking Portuguese fritters

studied science and were excited to use our skills to find cures to disease. We love adventure — whether exploring new cultures abroad or testing new recipes in the kitchen. At home, our favorite thing to do is play hide and seek with our adopted son Miko. We also love relaxing with friends and family on our porch over home-cooked meals and tasty desserts. We love the outdoors — running, biking, swimming, and hiking in the Sierras. We are excited to share the beauty of nature with our children.

Our son Miko has brought us so much love and joy, and we cannot wait to share this love with another child. Miko adores other children and will be an energetic and affectionate older brother!

## About Filip, by Phil



I feel lucky that I get to spend my life with someone as special as Filip. He has an enthusiasm for life that he shares with everyone around him. He is joyful, silly, kind and gentle. These qualities bring everyone closer to him, but especially children. Filip is the person at a BBQ that has a troupe of toddlers trailing behind him within 15 minutes, excited to play and have fun. Filip is an unlimited fountain of tenderness and patience, making him an incredible father.

Filip was born in Serbia (Eastern Europe) before he moved to Canada as a young teenager. He moved to the US to study engineering and now manages a team in a company that develops diagnostic equipment. We visit his family often in Canada, and his sister visits every chance she gets.

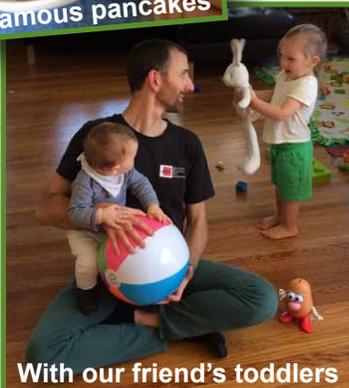


Filip's stained glass art

Filip has an amazing range of talents: he is a gifted musician who plays violin and guitar. He is a triathlete who completed an IronMan. He is an artist whose paintings decorate our walls. He speaks three languages (English, Serbian, and Spanish). He is excited to nourish the creative spirit in our own children.



Filip's famous pancakes



With our friend's toddlers



Filip & Miko



Hiking in the Sierra



Phil and Miko exploring the tide pools in Santa Cruz



Thanksgiving at home with the family



Scootin' to school



Christmas Family Pajama Party



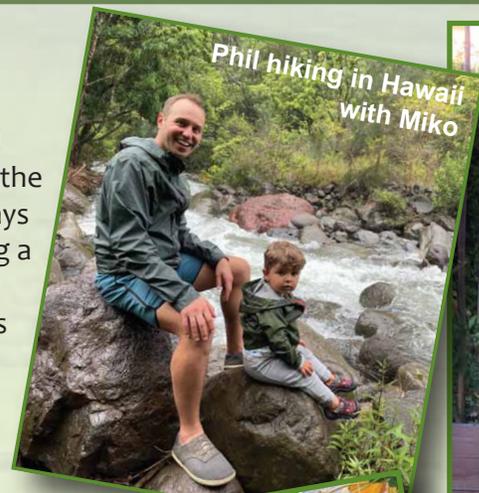
Silly Halloween with friends' son

## About Phil, by Filip

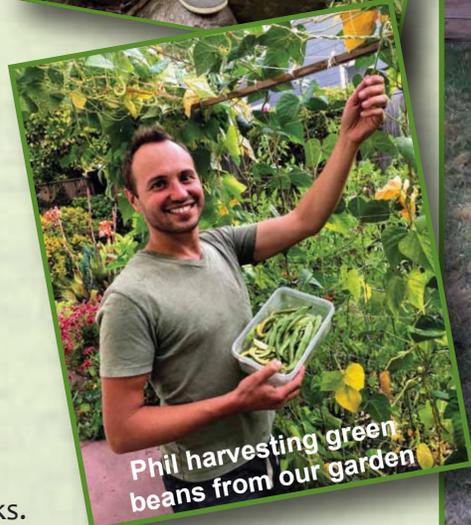
What I love about Phil is that he is such a good listener and communicator. As a middle child in his family he played the peacemaker growing up. He is one of those people who always knows what to say to help a situation, whether it's comforting a friend, encouraging a relative or diffusing a heated argument. His heart has an enormous capacity to feel for others, and this quality makes him a fantastic partner and an even better father.

Phil grew up in a large Portuguese family in Massachusetts with an older brother, a younger sister, and a whole lot of cousins. It's one of those multi-generational households where old-world tradition meets American life. His family has warmly welcomed me and our son into their fold.

After graduating from Stanford, Phil became an accomplished biologist. He has worked on developing treatments for heart disease and breast cancer. He is now a chief scientist working on new treatments for lung cancer. At home, Phil tends to tomatoes, beans, herbs, figs and oranges in our home garden. He has supernatural abilities in the kitchen, honed by years of cooking with his Portuguese mother and grandmother. These skills have proved very useful for our daily family dinners, and Miko loves to chow-down just about everything his daddy cooks.



Phil hiking in Hawaii with Miko

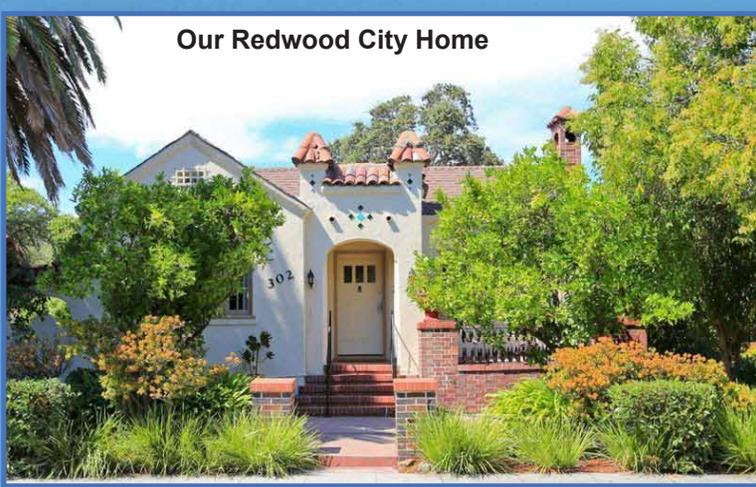


Phil harvesting green beans from our garden



Phil with friend's daughter

Our Redwood City Home



# Our Home & Community

Ever since we bought our home in 2015, we worked to make it our own. We spent many weekends swinging hammers, bolting beams and painting doors. Outside, Phil has made the backyard into a garden where we grow our own fruits and vegetables. Filip is an experienced beekeeper and makes wildflower honey. We now have a cozy house and a bountiful mini-farm that is a nurturing place for children to grow up and learn about nature.

We are located close to both the beach and redwood forests. There is a Spanish immersion elementary school two blocks from our house, and we are walking distance to the main city park and the public library. We feel lucky to be in such a wonderful place to raise our family.

## About Parenting

We really developed our parenting philosophy when we became parents. We believe in teaching our child to love, care and respect those around them. We welcome open and honest communication and take active part in our child's developmental interests. For example, Filip does weekly soccer practice with Miko, while Phil takes him to art class. We also believe in the power of education to help children build self-confidence and understand the world around them. We both love to travel, and we think exploring other cultures will teach our children tolerance and compassion, values that are dear to us. In particular, we would ensure that our children speak at least one foreign language (likely Spanish) and use it to connect to the world.



Making Jam



Feeding the chickens



Dinner on our balcony with friends and family

We have been blessed with loving friends and family, rewarding jobs and of course, our son Miko. Nothing would make us happier than growing our family to include another child, should we be fortunate enough to be your choice. Thank you for considering us as you make this important decision.

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## Thank You!

