



**ROBERT & CHRISTINA**

ADOPTION PROFILE BOOK



*We have spent countless hours trying to find the right words to say and how to say them. The truth is we are new to this, just as you may be. We have always wanted to adopt and we are learning about the process everyday. We can learn how to navigate this life changing decision together.*

Hello!

We are Robert and Christina aka Steenbert (our "celebrity" name). Thank you for taking the time to find out more about our little family. We are very excited to adopt a child into our family.

Our goal is to raise our children in a very comfortable and stable environment.

We look forward to an open adoption - with everyone feeling secure and confident in our agreed-upon adoption plan.



STEENBERT



# about us

Steenbert met through a dating website in 2015, and on our first date, we met in front of a Cupcake ATM. We kid that it was "love at first sight" but it kinda was. We were instantly comfortable around each other. There was no guessing whether or not we were meant to be together. Everything we wanted for our futures matched up - including wanting to have children and also adopt. We knew that someday we would.

We had a really fun wedding to kick off our marriage and got to enjoy a honeymoon in Italy. We hope to travel more and take our children around the world with us.

After our wedding, we were "bored" and got our first dog, Bruce. He is an awesome guy and very social. He has more friends than we do! A year later we welcomed Gladys into our family. Gladys is a little dog who thinks she is a human, quite a character.

We bought a worn-down house in 2017 and have transformed it into a beautiful and fun home. We did all of the labor ourselves and have poured our love into it.

In 2018 we welcomed our daughter, Tina. She is an awesome kid and it has been so much fun watching her take over our house with toys and laughter!

We are a very fun, loving, and loyal family - there is never a dull moment!





*Amy (Robert's Sister), Robert and Grama Crystal (Robert's Mom)*

*a little about*  
**ROBERT**

I am one of those rare people who knew what they wanted to do from a young age - ART. I am an artist and designing and sculpting is my day job.

I would consider myself a very well-rounded person - I played football in high school and college, I'm an artist, I love video games, home-improvement projects, working on my car, and constantly learning new things. I hope to pass along my love for learning to my children.

I have taught Art to others, supervising an Art class in Altadena, CA where I served as Director of the program.

I am one of two children. I lived in South Pasadena for my high school years and went on to college right after high school.

I have always found ways to handle anything going on in my life. I have a really positive outlook and love where I am in my life.

I love being a husband and father and take an active role in everything with my family, from Tina's baths to cutting my wife's hair.

My mom says that the best thing about me is my calm personality and ability to get along with everyone.



*Gramma Leslie (Christina's Mom) and Christina*

*a little about*  
**CHRISTINA**

I am one of five children, stuck right in the middle! I love having so many siblings and I am very close with all of them.

Growing up, I knew that I wanted to work in Hollywood, so I packed my bags and headed to La La Land. I have made so many wonderful friends and tried so many silly things - including stand-up comedy! (I wasn't very good at it!)

I love to try things at least once and want to instill a sense of wonder and curiosity in my children.

I know that no one is perfect, but I try my best and I make an effort to be a light in this world. I volunteer, I am easy to work with and I am very proud of the family I have built with Robert. We are a really solid team and better for having met each other.

I love being a mom and think I'm pretty good at it. My job gives me a lot of flexibility so that I can spend quality time with my family. I was even blessed with 11 months of parental leave when I had Tina!

I am very grateful for you taking the time to look over our family. We are unique and one may even say, one of a kind.

*a little about*  
**TINA**



Tina is a wonderful little person, she's almost 3 and started daycare over the summer. At first she wasn't too sure about it, especially since she was home with us during the pandemic. She has so many friends now and runs into school without looking back.

Tina is a very easy going child. Pre-pandemic we were lucky enough to take some plane rides to visit family around the country, she's an awesome travel companion.

We are thrilled to be able to grow our family and give Tina a sibling.

*a little about*  
**BRUCE & GLADYS**

Bruce (the big one) and Gladys (the little one) are our sweet and silly dogs. We got them both as puppies. Bruce was the worst puppy - always getting into things, eating our shoes and wouldn't listen to Christina until he grew up and now they're best friends. Bruce is very handsome, social and goofy. He gets along with everyone really well.

Gladys is Christina's soul mate. When they met they knew they had to be together. She is a little "crazy" but mainly just for food. We often find Tina sneaking bits of food to Gladys.





*Grama Leslie, Grama Paulette, Christina, Tina, Grama Crystal and Grandpa Doug*



We are very fortunate to have our parents involved in our lives. Grandpa is always sending Tina silly gifts.

We have three Grama's in our bunch which has been such a gift. More love and more life advice.

Grama Crystal lives nearby and helps us out a lot with Tina. Grama Leslie is planning to move closer next year.



Grandpa Doug lives in a rural area so there are opportunities to go fishing, run around, go on hay rides and even kayak.

There are 8 aunts and uncles in the family, including in-laws and, 2 cousins, so far. We want to make sure that our kids have a strong bond with them, as they can learn something different from each one.



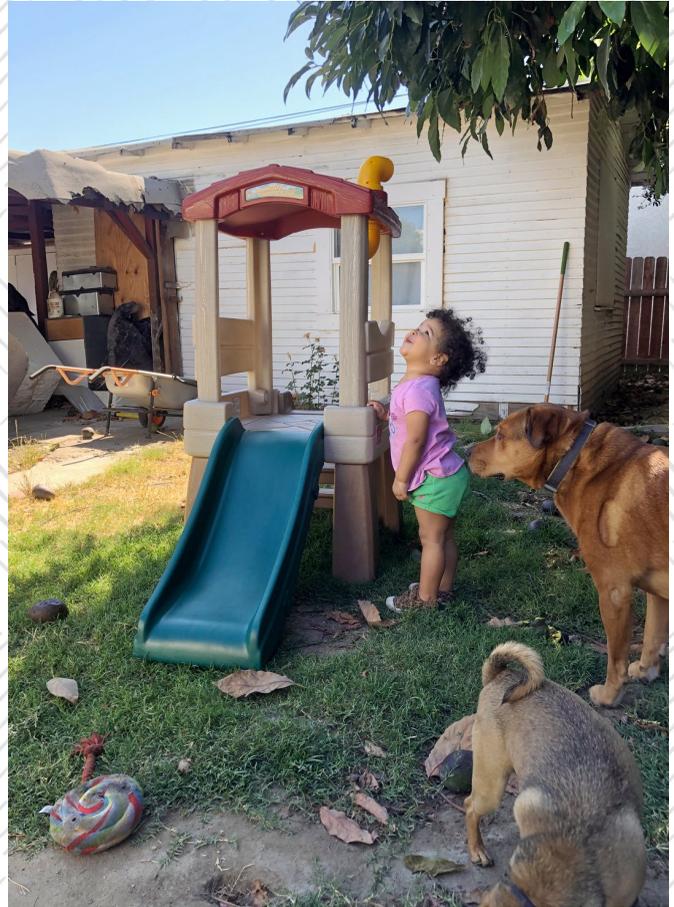
Disneyland with Aunts, Uncles  
and Cousins 2019.



Grma Leslie's 70th Birthday Party. That  
side of the family loves to gather often.  
Pre-pandemic it felt like we had a few  
family reunions every year!



Robert, Grama JoAnn and Christina at the wedding.



Tina, Bruce and Gladys enjoying a summer day.



George, David, Robert, Robbie, and Mike at our wedding.  
This group of friends has been together since their high school days.



David, Robert, Robbie, and Mike - in 2019 at David's Baby Shower.  
They have celebrated all of each other's big milestones.  
It's amazing getting to watch all of their kids grow up together.





*Our promise to you...*

*As parents, we plan to honor and respect your relationship with your child through open discussions and talking about you and your family. We believe it's important to discuss adoption with a child from an early age and we're comfortable with whatever level of openness you'd like to have, whether it be exchanging photos, phone calls, emails, or visits.*

