

# Greetings from Bob and Karin

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and learn more about us. We admire the courage you are showing in considering an adoption plan and recognize the difficult decision you are trying to make. We would like to build our family through open adoption and feel honored if you would consider us as parents for your baby.



**About Us:** We met on a blind date in the fall of 2001, fell in love, and became engaged a year later. Our Yosemite wedding in 2003 was a wonderful day surrounded by friends and family. We now look forward to sharing the love that we have for each other with a child.

**About Karin:** Karin is a wonderful bundle of energy. She is excited about everything that she does and loves to share that excitement with those around her. Karin will make a great mother. She looks forward to nurturing a small child and teaching him or her the lessons of life. Karin is a chemist at a pharmaceutical company. She loves her work and always keeps a great balance between work and home. Karin is the love of my life.

**About Bob:** Bob is a prince of a husband. He is a software engineer and much of his career has been designing electronics for airplanes. He is a private pilot and hooked me with an airplane date flying over the Golden Gate Bridge, but he kept me with his gentle kindness and sense of humor. He looks forward to playing at the park with our child and at the end of the day tucking him or her in and reading bedtime stories.

## Please Contact Us:

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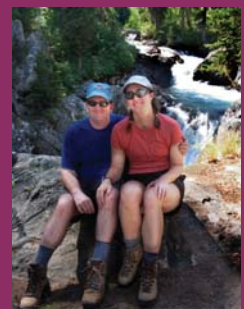
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The Web: [www.bobandkarin.us](http://www.bobandkarin.us) to learn more about us!

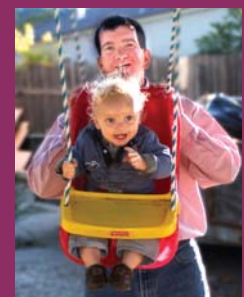
You can also contact an adoption counselor at the Independent Adoption Center at (800) 877-OPEN & [www.adoptionhelp.org/birthmother.html](http://www.adoptionhelp.org/birthmother.html)



Our Cat Tigger



Hiking in the Grand Tetons



Swinging with our friend Jack

**Our home:** We have a comfortable four bedroom home in Mountain View, CA about 45 minutes south of San Francisco in the heart of Silicon Valley. We have a cozy little room picked out to be the nursery and we look forward to filling it with happy memories. Many of our neighbors have young children so we know our child will have lots of friends to play with. Our whole neighborhood has a barbecue at the park every summer and our block enjoys "Front Yard Fridays" where we have picnic dinners with the neighbors. We share our home with our cat Tigger, a very playful tabby.

**Our Adventures:** We love to play outdoors. A typical weekend will find us camping in the Sierras, riding our tandem bicycle, or playing in our kayak. Our summer vacations have included camping in Yellowstone and rafting on the Rogue River in Oregon. In the winter we love to ski in Tahoe and we usually travel to Colorado to ski with Bob's family as well. Bob is a private pilot and we enjoy airplane excursions to the beach at Half Moon Bay. We enjoy traveling and have been to Italy and Mexico. We look forward to sharing these adventures with our child and exposing him or her to the many wonderful cultures of this world.

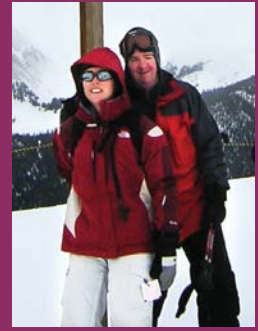
**Parenthood:** We love playing with our friends' children and our young relatives and eagerly look forward to adopting a child. We look forward to sharing our love with a baby and nurturing him or her through life's first adventures: the first smile, the first steps, the first words, potty training, and that important first day at school. We hope that you will be able to share in celebrating these achievements.

We anticipate weekends in Yosemite exploring the valley and then toasting marshmallows by the campfire. At home, Karin loves homemade breakfast; mornings start with the family around the breakfast table. She also loves to bake and would enjoy a little helper to decorate Christmas cookies. Bob would like to share his love of photography with a child, just as his father did with him. Karin has always been active in Girl Scouts and Bob was a Cub Scout, so we hope our child will be active in Scouting, too.

**Family:** Our family is very important to us. Bob has a large extended family; each of his parents has six siblings. Both families are quite close and we get together regularly. His dad's family is centered in Omaha while his mother's family is a little more scattered, but the family gathers in Denver. **One of Bob's cousins is adopted and we've seen first hand how wonderful open adoption can be.** Karin's family is as small as Bob's is large. Her parents and sisters live in Southern California. We will bring a young baby into a large and loving family full of three sets of grandparents as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Everyone is very excited to welcome a new baby into the family.

**Thank you** for taking the time to read our letter. We are committed to open adoption and look forward to the opportunity to welcome you into our lives and develop a lifelong relationship. We can't wait to hear from you!

Sincerely, Bob Moragues and Karin Stein



At our annual family ski trip to Colorado



Playing cards with Bob's cousin Brittany



Fun in our kayak



Bob gets the airplane ready for an adventure



Family gathered for our wedding in Yosemite