



SCOTT

— AND —

JEN

Hello, we are Scott and Jen.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. As you read our profile you will see that adoption is very special to our family, and we cannot wait to share our lives with another child!

We look forward to including your child in all of our traditions like choosing special birthday cereal, picking out the perfect Christmas tree, making homemade pizza and decorating Christmas cookies just to name a few.



We met in 2005 while we were both teaching Middle School. Our first date was a hike, and we quickly discovered that we enjoyed many of the same things and had much in common. We were married that same year at Christmastime and have enjoyed these past twelve years of marriage. Both of us are each deeply committed to loving each other through the good times as well as the challenging times. We strive to communicate well, laugh together, and we enjoy living life together.

In 2013, we were blessed to adopt our daughter Hannah and it's a joy and honor to be her parents. She is a kind, happy and fun-loving girl, and she is very excited to become a big sister!

We both come from wonderful loving and supportive families. Jen's family lives in Northern California, and Scott's family lives in Michigan. Maintaining close relationships with our parents and siblings is important to us and we love spending time with all of them.



Anniversary dinner

ABOUT

Us



Love to laugh



We frequently see Jen's parents, her brothers and their families. Once a year, we travel to visit Scott's family in Michigan, and they come visit us often. We have five nieces and nephews between us and Hannah loves her cousins very much!

We live in Northern California, and we love going on adventures as a family! Whether it is day trips to the beach, hiking, camping, fishing, playing in the snow or flying across country to visit friends and family, we love adventures. A healthy and active lifestyle is very important to us. We make our own homemade bread from freshly milled flour, and enjoy produce from our backyard garden. We have a Kayak, and love spending time on the water together. In the evenings we have family time where we sing, play guitar, and read together. We also love to turn on music and dance around the house. We aren't great dancers by any means, but we love to be silly.

The beautiful town we live in is small and surrounded by hills. We live close to the downtown area where we easily walk or ride our bikes. During the summer we listen to music in the park on Friday nights, and participate in the other family activities that take place in our town.

We are very involved in our church, and Hannah enjoys the children's programs there. We have many friends at church, and we consider many of them to be like family. Most of our friends have young children and we often spend time with them playing at the park or BBQ'ing on the weekends.



Evening at home



Visiting Lavender Fields

"The three of us cannot wait to share our lives with another *child!*"



Hiking



When I first met Jen, I was attracted to a kind, friendly, and encouraging girl who smiled easily and expressed a calm confidence. As I began getting to know her I quickly fell in love with her. We discussed our faith, upbringing and future desires and we saw how well we fit together.

Jen is a very adventurous girl who is rejuvenated by nature. Hiking, camping, boating, and experiencing the beauty of the outdoors speaks to her soul. She loves taking morning walks and enjoys going to the mountains. She is creative and likes to sew beautiful quilts and gifts for others. I love that Jen is very talented and organized, and great at making lists. I am often amazed at how much she is able to accomplish in a day. She runs her own online business selling items she's created in order to be a stay-at-home-mother. Jen is also good at taking the time to express care for others through hand written notes of encouragement.

ABOUT

Jen

BY SCOTT



Happy Birthday Pie



Jen loves the snow!



Making rosemary wreaths

Jen is a wonderful mother. She loves to spend time with Hannah snuggling and reading books. She often makes up silly voices to keep things fun. Jen enjoys involving Hannah in cooking and baking as well as serving others. It delights my heart that she wants more than anything else to stay home in order to nurture, teach and care for Hannah and her brother or sister to be. Jen is so good at taking the time to nurture, guide and direct Hannah, and always works to learn more about Hannah's heart.

Jen has made our home a warm, welcoming and comfortable place to be. I appreciate the many homemade pillows, hand painted signs, and beautiful vintage furniture that bring beauty and character to our home.

Jen is a beautiful person inside and out, and she is a wonderful wife, mother and friend.



Being silly

"Jen has made our home
a *warm*, welcoming
and *comfortable*
place to be."





At the grill



Helping dad and being silly



Catching snow flakes

ABOUT

Scott

BY JEN



Scott loves to hike

Scott is my best friend, and my perfect companion. One of the things that first attracted me to Scott is great sense of humor. Scott loves his family and friends, and he is rejuvenated when he spends time with those he loves. He is really great at maintaining relationships with family and friends both near and far.

Scott has a strong faith, and he is naturally very giving and generous. He is always concerned for the needs of others. He is most fulfilled when he is using his gifts and abilities to help others. He is an incredibly talented mechanic and handyman. He enjoys finding solutions to problems, and whether it is the car or an appliance, he is able to fix just about anything.

Scott is a fantastic father, and I enjoy watching him play with Hannah. He loves to be silly with her and make her laugh. I love seeing him take the time to teach Hannah and include her in the projects around the house. He periodically gets dressed up to take Hannah on a "daddy-daughter" date, and she loves it! He is very hands-on and interactive, and he loves being a daddy!

Scott loves adventure and he enjoys being outdoors. He is happiest when he is able to explore, and he loves to take us camping, hiking, kayaking and fishing. He looks forward to someday teaching his children how to rock climb and backpack.

I am very proud of Scott for working hard to provide for our family. He has a great career working for the city in which we live. He is a dedicated and loyal husband and father and it is obvious that he is a man who puts his family first. Scott is definitely a blessing to all who know him!



Daddy daughter date



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generous, and is always
concerned for the
needs of others."

ABOUT

Hannah

Hannah is a happy, kind, sweet, and fun loving five-year old that enjoys many different activities. A lover of all things outdoors, she enjoys exploring, camping, hiking and is always looking forward to our next adventure as a family.

Hannah is very creative and active. She is currently taking an art class, ballet, and violin lessons. Jen is teaching Hannah from home, and they are very active with other friends who are also schooled at home. Hannah is learning quickly and loves learning at home. She enjoys the songs we sing to help her learn history and math.

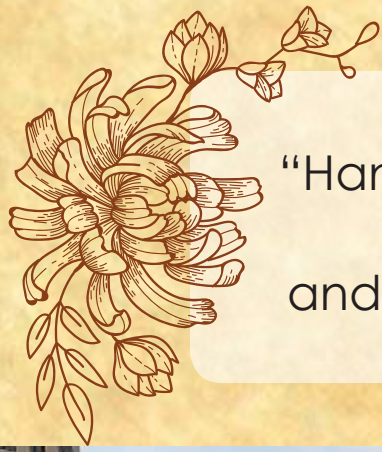
Hannah is very social and has a generous spirit and plays very well with her cousins and friends. Often looking for ways to be helpful, she is sensitive to the needs of others and shares effortlessly with other children. She loves her stuffed animals and horses and frequently talks about playing with her new baby brother or sister.



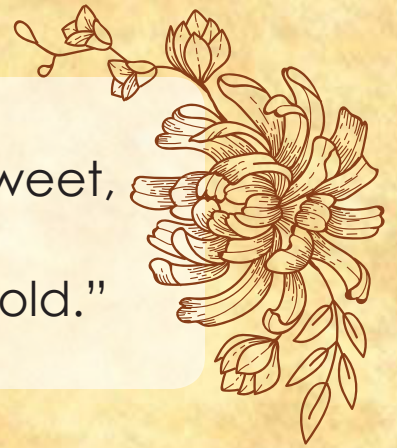
Shopping for home decor



Merry Christmas on the farm



"Hannah is a *happy*, kind, sweet,
and fun *loving* three-year old."



Hannah and the walls of snow



Ice skating



Fun on the merry go round



Hiking



Grand Prix Car

THOUGHTS ON Parenting

Our Christian faith is central in our lives, and we base our approach to parenting on principles taught in the Bible. It is important to us to teach our daughter to show kindness, love and generosity to those around us, and we try to put others first, and promote a positive attitude. Asking for forgiveness, showing grace and loving one another in spite of differences is practiced frequently in our home. We consider ourselves loving and caring people who nurture a secure, strong, healthy and stable home environment.

Education is very important to us, and we believe in taking an active role in the education of our children. We believe every child has God-given abilities and talents that are realized when they have many opportunities to experience all sorts of activities including sports, music, arts etc.

THOUGHTS ON Adoption

After experiencing infertility for many years, we knew adoption was the best way to start our family. Jen's mother was adopted, and we were excited to continue the legacy of adoption in our family when we adopted Hannah as well as our next son or daughter.

Through the process of adopting our daughter, we have realized how brave and selfless you are to consider adoption for your child. We truly believe that choosing adoption is a result of the incredible love you have for your child.

Our experience adopting Hannah was very positive and we've maintained a relationship with Hannah's birth family through texts and pictures. From the beginning, we've been open with Hannah about her birth family and share pictures of them. Hannah feels free to ask questions and we speak openly about her adoption.

We hope that our second adoption experience will be similar to our first in that we are open to as little or as much communication as our child's birth- family would like.

As adoptive parents we are so thankful for the opportunity to open our lives and our home again to a second child. We admire the courage it takes to consider placing your baby for adoption, and we are humbled you would consider us to be parents for him or her.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. If you'd like to get to know us better, please call Cindy anytime at (800) 556-5635.

Sincerely,

Scott & Jen



Time away together

"We consider ourselves *loving* and *caring* people who nurture a strong, healthy and stable home environment."

