



Greetings from
Bob, Karin and Anthony
from Mountain View, CA

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. Our lives were changed forever when Anthony joined our family through open adoption. We treasure our relationship with his birth family; they will always have a place in our hearts and in our lives. While we are so fortunate to have him, we are equally excited to welcome another baby into our family.



Anthony and his birth mother



Our cat Tigger



The cousins with their dads

Karin

Karin is a wonderful bundle of energy. She enjoys planning activities for our family like kayaking at our local lake, farm days and trips to the theater. While she loves adventure days, her favorite part of being a mom is snuggling on the sofa for story time. She especially looks forward to adding another small one to our family and watching Anthony grow as a big brother. Karin is a chemist at a pharmaceutical company, researching new medicine to treat influenza. She loves her work but is always home in time for family dinner. Karin is the love of my life.



Experimenting at the Science Museum

Bob

Bob is a true prince of a husband. He first got my attention with an airplane date flying over the Golden Gate Bridge, but he won my heart with his gentle kindness and sense of humor. I've loved watching him grow as a parent from the new Daddy whose only lullaby was the Oscar Mayer Weiner jingle to one who dances to "Wiggle Your La-Di-Da" at library story time. His special Daddy skills include swing pushing and playing "cheetah" as he chases the kids around the playground. Bob works as a software engineer, currently designing tablet computers. He enjoys gadgets of all kinds, including a new passion for remote control airplanes that mirrors his passion for flying real airplanes.



Bob and his airplane

Anthony

Anthony is an outgoing and inquisitive little boy. He truly loves music and dance, especially Mary Poppins and the Wizard of Oz. We play outside as much as possible, he loves riding his bike with the other kids in the neighborhood and he can swing for hours. He loves to play big brother with his stuffed animals and eagerly anticipates the arrival of a real brother or sister.



Birthday cake with Anthony's birth siblings



Baking chocolate-chip cookies



Playing at the park with Anthony's best pal



Jumping in the haystack at the pumpkin patch

Our Home

We live in Mountain View, CA in the heart of Silicon Valley. Despite our high tech surroundings, our neighborhood has a small town feel. We know all our neighbors and there are 28 children on our block alone. Summer Fridays find us having potluck dinner in the front yard while we close off the street to let the kids ride their bikes. We live in a vibrant community and take full advantage of summer concerts, theater in the park and just hanging out with friends.

Our 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, Nebraska while his mother's family is a little more scattered. Despite the distance, his family gathers in Denver regularly. 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.



Moragues family reunion



Feeding the goats at the petting zoo



Dad and Anthony ride the roller coaster

Parenthood

Everything is magical when seen through the eyes of a child and we love every minute of his discovery and growth. We were avid campers before Anthony was born and now enjoy teaching him the beauty of camping while we re-discover the simple joys of finding banana slugs, splashing in streams and roasting marshmallows. We have memberships at the children's museum and the local amusement park and zoo where Anthony once rode the roller coaster four times in a row. Being a parent is more than fun and games, though. Parenthood is family dinners and Saturday morning pancakes, just one more bedtime story and holding him tight when he's scared.

Adoption

We truly value our relationship with Anthony's birth family. They only live an hour away, which allows for regular visits. I know that his birth-mother enjoys watching him grow up and I look forward to showing him off at our next visit. Anthony has six birth siblings and he is inseparable from his two oldest sisters when we visit.

Anthony isn't the only child in our family who was adopted! Bob's brother and his wife adopted a little boy only a year younger than Anthony. Bob also has three cousins who were adopted. Adoption is an accepted and normal part of our extended family's life.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bob, Karin & Anthony Moragues



Playing in the sand while camping at Morro Bay