

KIRSTEN & ANDREW

DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

We can't even imagine how difficult this decision must be for you, and we feel so much compassion for you.

But we are also so happy and thankful that you are considering us to be the parents of your child. We know you want your child to have all the love they deserve; to be treated as the special little one that they are. That is our deepest desire with this adoption - to give your child the world!

This is our second adoption - we adopted our son Emerson in 2017 and he is the joy of our lives! We can't imagine life without him. We have also had the absolute privilege of having an amazing relationship with Emerson's birth mother. We are in regular contact with her and she visits yearly. She is excited for Emerson to have a sibling. In fact, she wanted to write you, a fellow birthmother, a note about us. We hope you'll read that on the next page.

We hope this profile helps you get to know us and see who we really are. We can't wait to give 100% of our love to another child joining this family. Thank you for considering us!



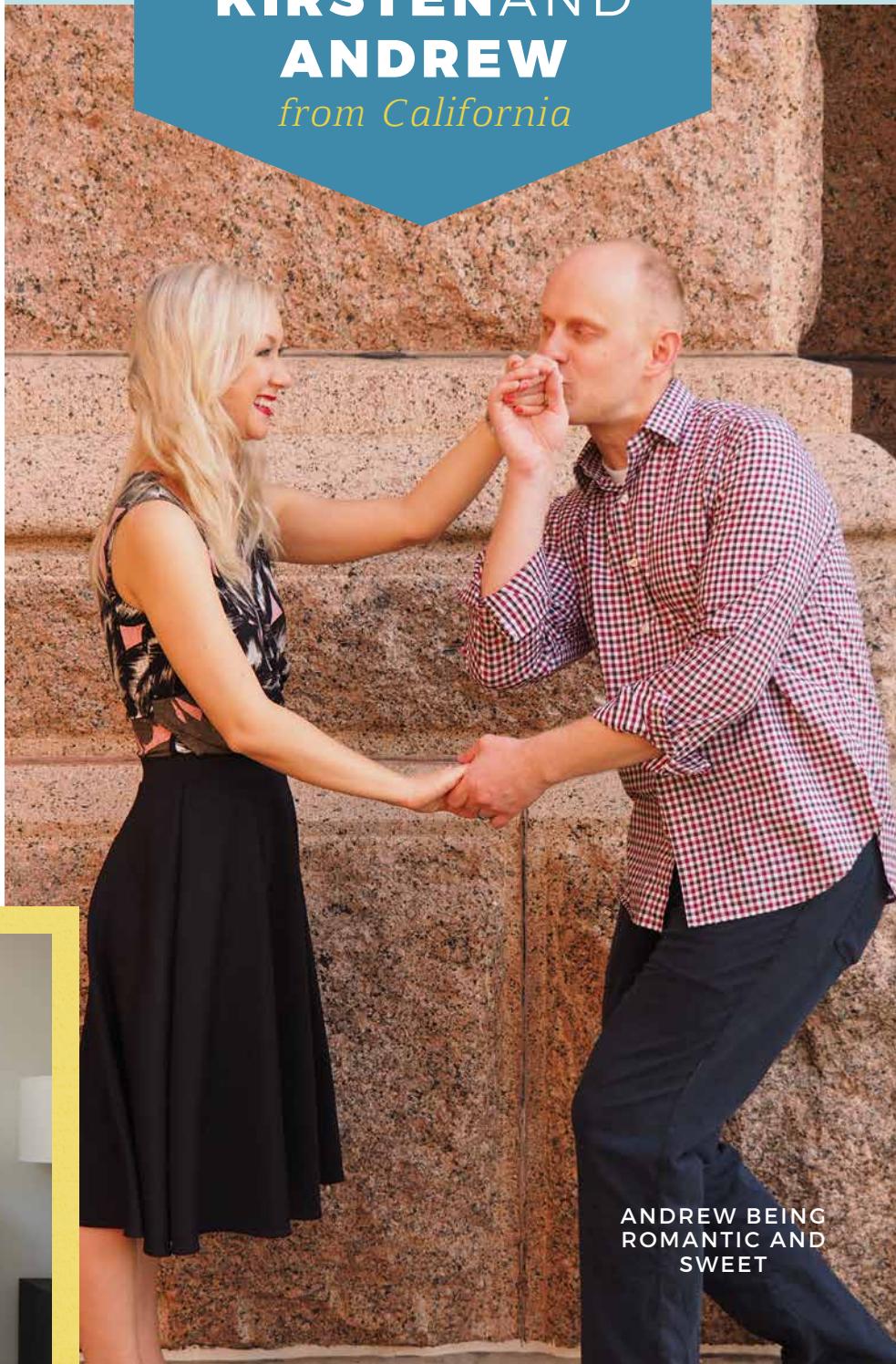
hello and

THANK YOU

SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US.

we are

**KIRSTEN AND
ANDREW**
from California



ANDREW BEING ROMANTIC AND SWEET

A message from
EMERSON'S
BIRTH MOTHER,
AMY:



KIRSTEN WITH EMERSON AND HIS BIRTH MOTHER, AMY

I, LIKE YOU, FOUND MYSELF SEARCHING FOR THE PERFECT PARENTS FOR MY BIRTH SON. WHEN I CAME ACROSS ANDREW AND KIRSTEN'S ADOPTION BOOK, I WAS IMMEDIATELY DRAWN IN.

After I made the hardest - yet best - decision of my life to place my son for adoption, I began communicating with Andrew and Kirsten to get to know them; this only solidified what I knew in my heart; Andrew and Kirsten were meant to be the parents of my biological son. I have been to visit Emerson yearly. When I do, I can see the absolute love they have for Emerson and the love that Emerson has for them.

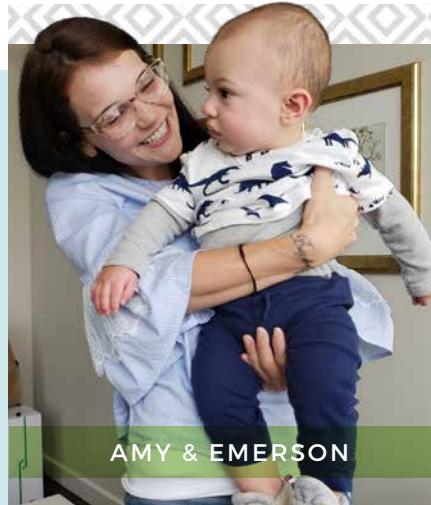
Making the decision to place your baby for adoption is the least selfish thing you can do. No one knows your circumstances and no one knows the absolute heartbreak this may cause, but you are making the most courageous decision of your life because you love yourself and your baby enough to realize that you are unable to care for your baby for whatever the reason. And there is no wrong reason.

If you want your birth child to grow up in a house full of love, humor, education, and most importantly, a beautiful loving family inside and out, I cannot say enough about Andrew and Kirsten. I go to sleep at night knowing that my birth son is exactly where he is meant to be.

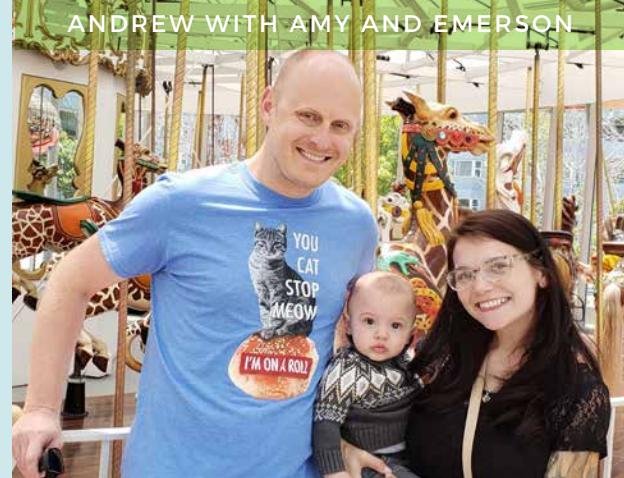
KIRSTEN & AMY WITH EMERSON



AMY & EMERSON



ANDREW WITH AMY AND EMERSON



OUR STORY: HOW WE MET



BEST GIANT LEGO SET UP IN LONDON

We are best friends. We met after Andrew saw a pretty blonde girl walk into his church (Kirsten!) and had to introduce himself. We became friends first and eventually started dating. We dated off and on, but always remained really good friends. Kirsten knew Andrew was her guy early on, and she likes to tease Andrew that it took him longer to realize that she was a catch! But he did wise up and eventually proposed. We had the perfect outdoor summer wedding at a quaint bed & breakfast with our closest friends and family.



STILL IN LOVE AND HAVING FUN

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

IN OUR TEN YEARS OF MARRIAGE WE HAVE FALLEN MORE AND MORE IN LOVE.

We have had our share of adversity too - including infertility - but it has only drawn us closer together and made us fall more in love. **We know that we can get through anything together.** More than that, our trials and experiences led us to adoption which has been absolutely amazing. Emerson is such a joy to us and we can't wait to meet our newest family member!



CHRISTMAS PJ'S FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

We're a fun family that loves to laugh and joke a lot. We're a close family and we are very hands-on parents. We spend a lot of time together with Emerson. Birthdays are a big deal for us; it's a day to be spoiled!

a little about

KIRSTEN



OUT FOR HALLOWEEN
WITH THE PUPPY



CUTEST,
WIGGLIEST
SPIDER MAN

THROUGH ANDREW'S EYES.

Kirsten has the biggest heart of anyone I know. I have the best life - I get to love and be loved by her! She supports me, encourages me, and loves me. And laughs with me - making her laugh is one of the best things in my life.

Her love and care doesn't stop with me. She cares for everyone, in a way that really cares for the whole person. She loves deep conversation and friendships. She empathizes with people and offers great advice.

It's been absolutely amazing to see Kirsten as a mother. **She is an incredibly patient, loving, and affectionate mother.**

Emerson is a happy little boy, in no small part due to the love of his mother!

She is also a creative. She is an amazing artist - I love her drawings and paintings. **She is also super creative in the kitchen keeping me and Emerson well fed.** She is fun and I love being around her!



A TRIP TO COPENHAGEN WITH FAMILY

WORK LIFE

KIRSTEN WORKS FULL TIME STAYING HOME AS A MOTHER TO EMERSON

- Andrew is convinced she works much harder than him! On top of Emerson keeping her busy Kirsten is currently finishing up her last few classes for a Bachelor's degree in psychology through online school.

THROUGH KIRSTEN'S EYES

When I first met Andrew I was immediately drawn to him. Andrew is smart, confident, and hilarious. **No one can make me laugh like him.** Andrew is the life of the party. He loves to entertain, and he is a definite extrovert who likes to make everyone feel comfortable and included. He is also the most positive person I know. Even when going through difficult challenges, Andrew is not the type of person to give up easily or to get discouraged. He has a strong faith in God.

Andrew is the best Dad. He is the dad who got up in the night to help feed Emerson when he was a baby. The dad who isn't afraid to change diapers. The dad who plays cars, trains, and reads books. **Andrew is warm, affectionate, and loves to give Emerson hugs and kisses.** Every night after Andrew reads him a bedtime story, Emerson gets a family hug with mommy and daddy.

a little about



ANDREW



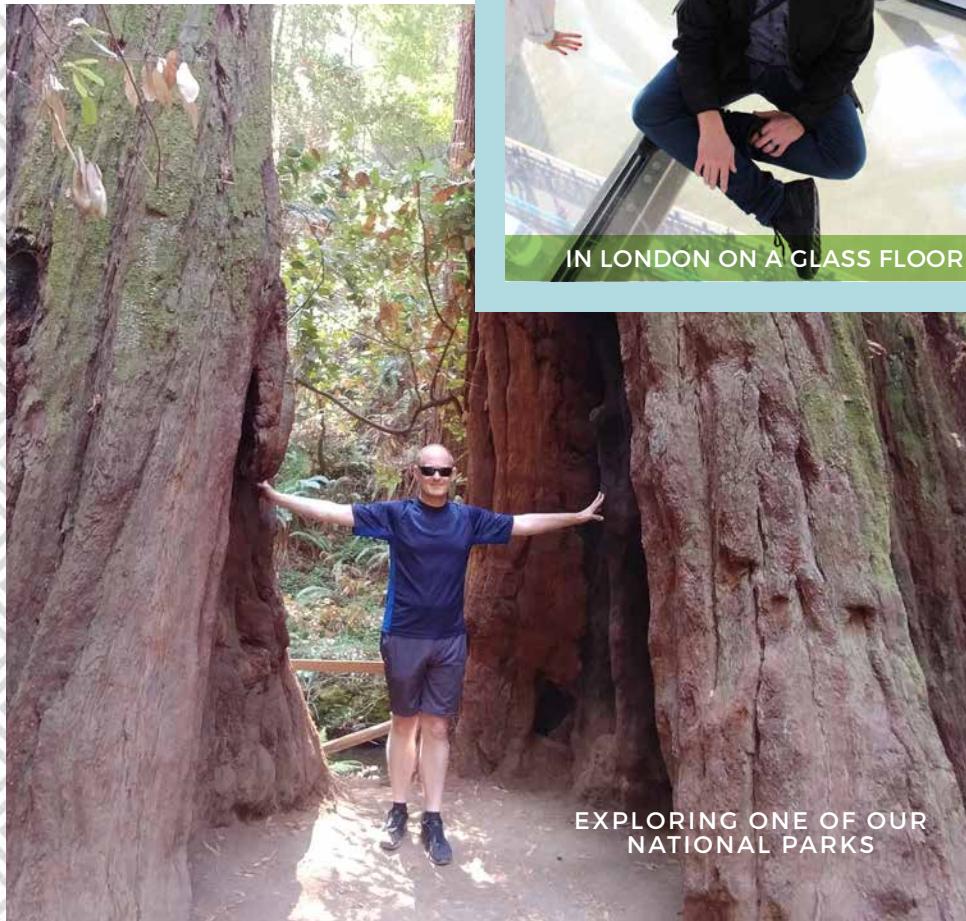
THE OFFICIAL OUTFIT FOR A WORK EVENT



IN LONDON ON A GLASS FLOOR



THE FIRST OF MANY LEGO BUILDS TOGETHER



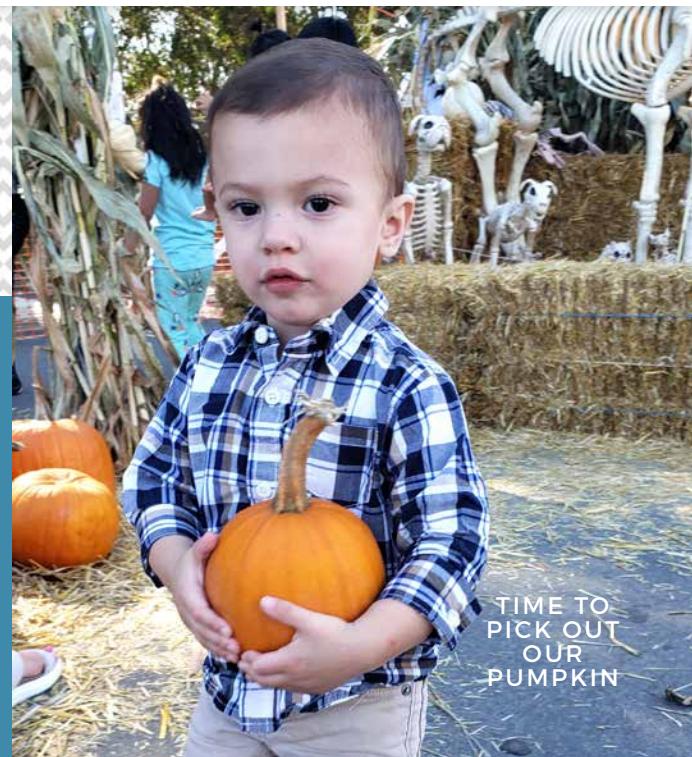
EXPLORING ONE OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS

WORK LIFE

ANDREW LOVES HIS JOB!

He makes apps for smartphones and loves to go to work everyday. He is passionate about his job, but always puts family first and makes it a priority to work normal hours so he can come home to spend time with the family. Work is not the most important thing!

a place
**CALLED
HOME**



— *Meet Emerson* —

Emerson is such a special 3 year old! He soaks up knowledge - he enjoys being read to, spelling words, and even counting! He is so gentle and warm to animals, babies, and with us. He loves having special "talk time" with mommy and daddy, which is the cutest ever!

We love our home! We live in a house on a cul-de-sac in sunny

California. We have a large backyard where Emerson loves to play and run. Kirsten loves gardening. We even have a lemon tree for lots of fresh squeezed lemonade!

Our neighborhood and city is very family-friendly. There are families on our street with young kids to play with. We live just one block from a city park with playgrounds, ball fields, and even a community pool!

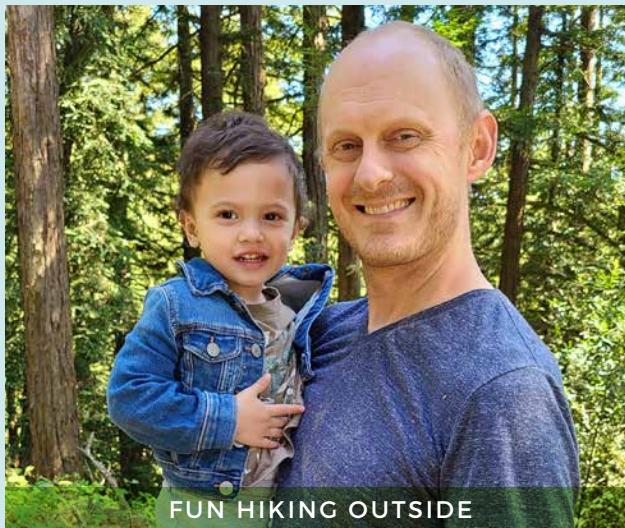
what we do



FOR FUN



BIKING IN DENVER



FUN HIKING OUTSIDE

FAVORITE HOBBY

KIRSTEN Painting & drawing
ANDREW Making Internet videos
EMERSON Playing with construction vehicles

CHILDREN'S BOOK

KIRSTEN The Cat in the Hat
ANDREW Berenstain Bears
EMERSON Berenstain Bears

CHILDHOOD ACTIVITY

KIRSTEN Reading
ANDREW Playing with Legos
EMERSON Playing with mommy & daddy

FAVORITE MOVIE

KIRSTEN Musicals
ANDREW Sci-fi
EMERSON Daniel Tiger

Andrew is proud of being nerdy! He likes to program apps in his spare time, play video games, build legos, and make silly videos for the internet. He also likes biking, indoor rock climbing, trying new foods and restaurants, and making sushi.

Kirsten loves being creative through writing, painting, and decorating. She loves clothes! She also reads a lot, and likes mysteries. She is an avid cook, and likes cooking healthy, delicious meals.

As a family, we just love spending time together! We love to spend time outside exploring and going to parks. Going and picking cherries, strawberries, and other fruit is one of Emerson's favorite things to do. We love going out to eat; Emerson specifically asks to sit down at restaurants to dine and be around people!

OUR FAVORITES

ANDREW
MADE A
GIANT
ORIGAMI
STAR



FAVORITE FOOD

KIRSTEN Sushi
ANDREW Poke
EMERSON French Fries

FAVORITE RECIPE

KIRSTEN Greek food
ANDREW Flatbread Pizzas
EMERSON Anything made by Mommy



ATTEMPT FIVE AT GETTING A PHOTO OF BUSY COUSINS



ONE OF KIRSTEN'S SISTERS AND HER FAMILY

THE PEOPLE **WE LOVE**

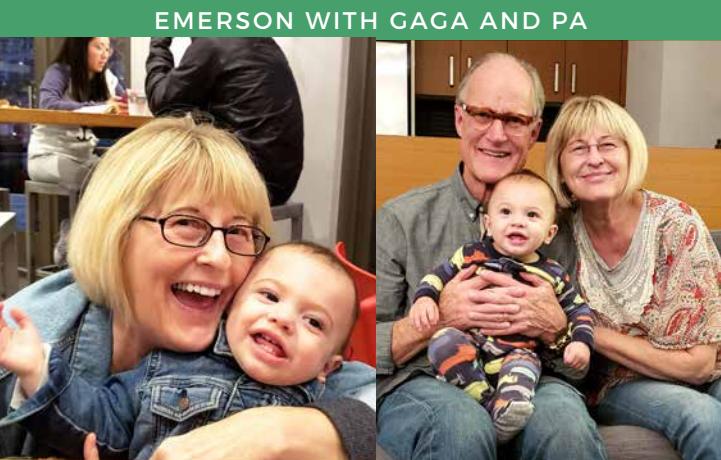
ANDREW'S FAMILY: Andrew has one older sister and is very close with his parents who live out of state. His parents visit on a regular basis to spend time with their grandson (and his parents of course!). They love spending time with him and spoiling him! Andrew's sister is the stylish aunt - she has already dressed Emerson well and that will only continue. Andrew's family is diverse as well, with half African American, Italian and Cuban family members.

OUR **FAMILY** and friends

KIRSTEN'S FAMILY: Kirsten is from a large family - she is the youngest of eight! She is very close with her family. Her family is diverse with half Filipino, Hispanic, African American, and Japanese relatives. Her whole family is excited to have another baby to kiss and hold. Kirsten also has two best friends from Junior High School that are like family. Emerson calls them aunt and loves their kids too.



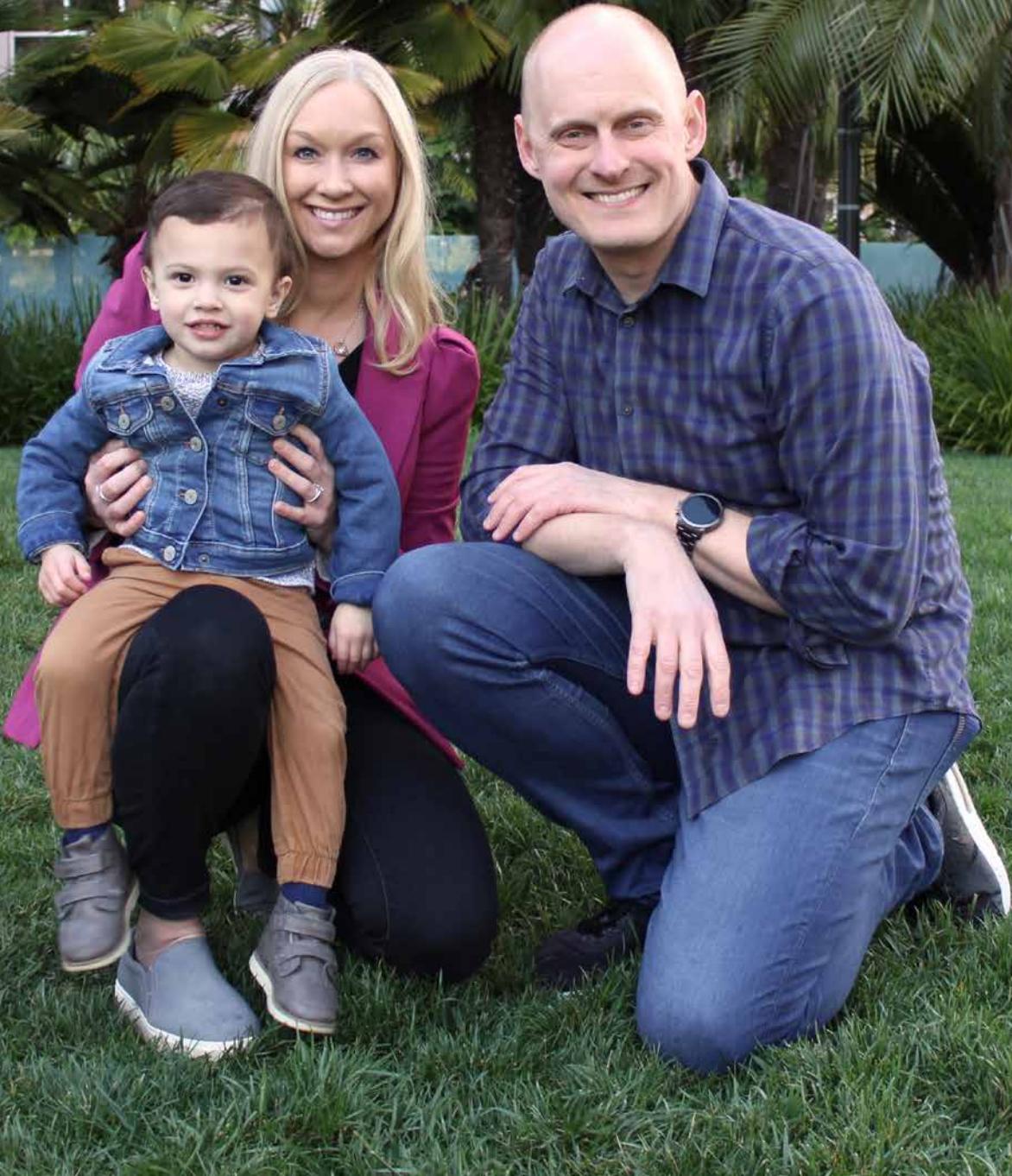
GRANDMA & GRANDPA CELEBRATING
EMERSON'S 1ST BIRTHDAY



EMERSON WITH GAGA AND PA



THE WHOLE FAMILY TOGETHER



Thank you so much for reading our profile! Having adopted before we now more fully understand the gravity of the decision you as a mother are making. We are in awe of the love you are showing your child. We hope you can see that we are a family where everyone gets 100% of our love. We can't wait to be a mom and dad that will hold and love this new baby. We promise to love all our children unconditionally and to provide the best home we can where they can be who they are meant to be. **We can't wait!**

-KIRSTEN, ANDREW AND EMERSON

We would love to hear from you! If you have additional questions for us or would like to speak to us, please contact The Adoption Alliance by calling 1-800-626-4324.