

⇒ Sylvia & Lisa ⇒



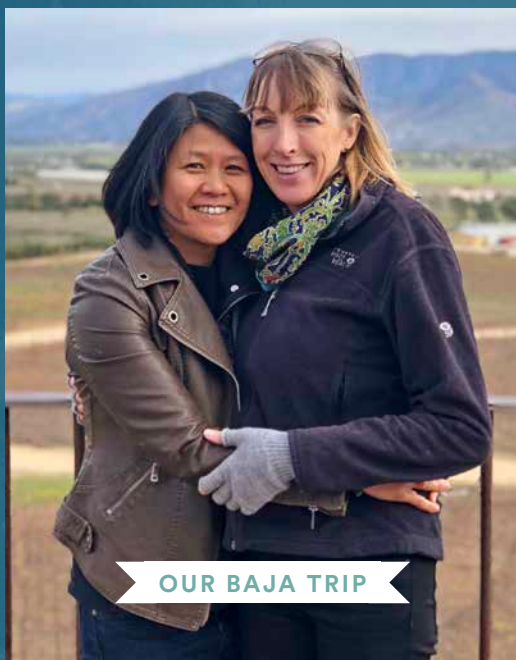


HELLO!

WE ARE

Sylvia and Lisa

ALONG WITH OUR TWO CHILDREN
KAI and LULU



OUR BAJA TRIP

WE ARE SO
grateful

to you for taking a look at our story and for making the courageous and loving consideration to place your child for adoption. We are honored to be a part of this process with you.

We've talked about creating a family since we first met. Lisa has always known she wanted to adopt, so when we decided to start our family, we knew that building our family through adoption would be the path for us. We feel we have so much love to give to another child, it just seems right to share it with someone whose birth mother chose us specifically.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOU ARE FACED WITH MAKING AN IMPORTANT DECISION. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US!

About Us



GETTING MARRIED



WE LAUGH A LOT!



TAKING IN THE VIEW ON A ROADTRIP TO SAN DIEGO

Lisa is from southern California and Sylvia was raised in Michigan. Our lives came together in Boston, where we were classmates in graduate school. When we moved on to start the next chapter of our lives and our careers, the most important thing for us was to be together, and to create a life full of love, community, and joy. Our time together has taken us from Boston to San Francisco and eventually to our little goat farm in the small town of Ojai, CA.

WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 13 YEARS and are grateful that every year we find more love, joy and adventure for our family.

We have always wanted to have a big family and have been blessed to adopt before. **It has been the greatest gift and are hoping to grow our family through adoption again.** And Kai and Lulu are excited to welcome and love a sibling.



HAPPY BY THE SEA IN SANTA BARBARA



WE LOVE CAMPING AS A FAMILY

We also love traveling, especially when we can experience how other cultures experience food, family and fun, and we enjoy family trips so that we can share adventures with our kids.



EXPLORING NATURE IN OUR BACKYARD UNDER THE TOPA MOUNTAINS



We go camping every year. Lisa's family has been camping at a lake near Yosemite every summer for over 65 years! **We love having so much history in a place: campsites, cabins and trailers, days at the lakeshore and nights sleeping under the stars.** We sing campfire songs, do a family pasta night, and celebrate birthdays, engagements and big events all together as a family. It's almost like a family reunion, but our definition of family is so expanded it's just a fantastic tradition and every year we have a little bit of new and a little bit of old.



Lisa

by Sylvia

LISA & THE KIDS ON SKATES



LISA LOVES BEING AT THE BEACH

LISA'S fun FACTS

Favorite Animal -
Goat

Author I Enjoy
Reading -
Isabel Allende

Favorite Childhood
Activity - **Being at**
the beach

Can't Live Without -
Family

Languages I Speak
- Spanish, French,
English

Favorite Hobby -
Writing

Favorite Place to
Take a Child - **The**
beach and to our
family lake house

Vacation Spot -
Spain, Mexico,
Yosemite

Lisa loves Sesame Street,
coloring with crayons,
being near the water and
working with animals.

Her big, adventurous family has taught her to love travel, and (being the daughter of a flight attendant), she loves to host people for dinner and make everyone feel at home in the house. She's also very involved in the kids school and activities. Lisa's favorite family travel spot is the lake near Yosemite where we camp every year, but when we get the chance to travel a little further, she loves Mexico, so she can practice her Spanish and enjoy the local food and culture. Lisa's vision of a happy home is one in which the kids and their friends and families are always in and out for visits and after-school time.

LISA WORKS PART-TIME FROM HOME, and spends most of her time being with the kids and animals, participating in school activities and working with a local organization that supports families with young children.



POOLSIDE SNUGGLES



VOLUNTEERING LOCALLY

Sylvia loves being outdoors and active, working with her hands, and learning new things.

Sylvia

by Lisa



SYLVIA ON A BIKE TRIP IN SAN FRANCISCO



Whether working as a bicycle mechanic when she was younger, volunteering at local farms, or cycling from San Francisco to Los Angeles for charity, she's especially happy when she is in motion. She often is out helping Kai and Lulu learn to ride or exploring local parks and hiking spots with family and friends.

SYLVIA ALSO WORKS FROM HOME. She works for a large company that provides great flexibility and benefits, which are amazing for having a family.

SYLVIA AND LULU



READY TO WAKEBOARD



SYLVIA'S fun FACTS

Favorite Animal - **Bird**

Author I Enjoy Reading - **Brene Brown**

Favorite Childhood Activity - **Climbing trees**

Can't Live Without - **Exercise**

Languages I Speak - **French, English**

Favorite Hobby - **Boxing**

Favorite Place to Take a Child - **On a hike or nature walk, the beach**

Vacation Spot - **Any outdoor place, especially at the beach**

EXCITED TO BE A MOM OF 3

MEET FUTURE BIG BROTHER AND SISTER.

⇒ KAI and LULU ⇒

OUR SON KAI IS 7. He is curious, bright and loves learning. Kai is a sweet big brother and a good friend to those in his class. Even though he's only in first grade, he is a big man on campus, and the teachers and other families love his way of being a good friend to others. We were blessed to adopt Kai at birth, and we love to share pictures and stories with his birthmother in Georgia. He loves the snow and will watch nature shows any time he can.

OUR DAUGHTER LULU IS JUST 6 MONTHS YOUNGER THAN KAI, and is artistic, joyful and a nurturing sister. Lulu has a special love for the ocean and all forms of water. She is particularly excited to become a big sister and help with a little one. Lulu has a lot of energy and loves to run, climb and swim. She often can be found climbing trees or making up stories with her brother, or swimming in grandma's pool.



QUOTE
from
KAI

"I can teach my new baby sister or brother all about dinosaurs and hot wheels and everything they need to know since they are just a baby!"

QUOTE
from
LULU

"I can't wait to get to be a big sister to a new baby! I promise to love baby forever and help them walk in the sand at the beach!"

OUR Home and Community

NOT MANY PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF OJAI – It's a small town between Los Angeles and

Santa Barbara, and we fell in love with it as a safe, family-centered town with a connected community and lots of nature. We love our place because we are surrounded by trees to climb, creeks to explore, and friendly neighbors with our local school right down the road. While there is work to be done, at the end of the day there is always time for a sunset dinner in our garden, a bike ride with the kids, and time together.

Though we live in a small town, we have a fantastic school system and music and arts programs for all ages. We are just blocks from a sweet small primary school where the kids went to preschool and continue in elementary.

We also get to experience the best of city life, with a large extended family just over the hill in Los Angeles as well as in San Francisco.



OUR BACKYARD

Our yard backs up to a beautiful orange orchard, and we have plenty of yummy things growing in our own garden which we enjoy and share with our neighbors. We spend most of our days outside - picking fruit, bicycle riding, or playing with the animals.

THE KIDS RIDING BIKES PLAYING IN THE POOL



OUR Family and Friends

Both of us are very close with our siblings and extended families, and our friends also play an important role in our lives.



WITH THE GRANDPARENTS



FAMILY HIKE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY



OUR WEDDING WITH FAMILY



SYLVIA AND HER MOM



US WITH OUR DADS

We each have circles of friends from school, work and our childhood who we refer to as our “chosen families”. We really believe that families are created in many ways—so what is most important to us is the love, community and support we share with the people in our lives.

Lisa’s extended family is large and very connected. Her older brother lives nearby and is an involved uncle that Kai and Lulu love to hang out

with or go on adventures such as hiking and bicycling. Lisa’s cousins, aunts and old family-friends are often visiting or coming along on family trips. Many people in her family are airline employees, either retired or current pilots and flight attendants. There is a strong sense of adventure, travel and community among her family.

Sylvia's family lives across the globe! Her dad spent much of his life between the Philippines and the United States

and has retired in our town so he is now close and is a loving “Lolo” (grandpa in Filipino culture). Sylvia’s brother recently moved back to Michigan and most of her extended family are living in San Diego, California, the Philippines, and Australia. Her mom (the kids’ “Lola” or grandma in Filipino culture) lives right next door and is a big part of our family. She is a retired pediatrician and a great family anchor.



CLIMBING TREES WITH HARLEY KITTY



OUR BABY GOATS COCONUT & LIL CHARGER

We love animals and have a sweet little farm, with a few goats, a flock of chickens and fish in our small pond. We even have two baby goats who are so fun to watch and care for as a family.



GRANDMA, KAI & LULU WITH DOGS BANDIT & LILAH

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS MOST INCREDIBLE ROLE AS YOUR CHILD'S

ADOPTIVE parents.

We have loved becoming parents to Kai and Lulu, and are ready (and hopeful!) for another sweet baby to join the family.

AS
parents,
WE PROMISE TO:
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- Love your child endlessly as they become their incredible selves
- Support them in all their learning, growing and experience in life
- Be a calm, kind, supportive parent and role model in relationships, and when things are difficult, to always stay in it together
- Be connected to friends and family who are supportive and good role models
- Make sure each of our children feels cared for, seen and heard fully, and loved unconditionally



We can't wait to share our love of life, learning, adventure and community with our children, and Kai and Lulu are excited to be helpful and nurturing siblings and part of your child's journey.

WE WOULD BE HONORED TO BE A PART OF YOUR JOURNEY AND PROMISE TO GIVE YOUR CHILD A LIFE FULL OF POSSIBILITY, LOVE, ADVENTURE, AND FAMILY.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,

Lisa and Sylvia