

We're Cristabel & Derek!

We live in Camarillo, California (between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles) giving us plenty of beach options.

Thank you for learning about us. We know you're making an important decision to place your child and we're honored to share more about us.

We look forward to getting to know you too!





It's a funny story actually! We met while volunteering in Mexico teaching children. I, Cristabel, thought Derek was super cute and sweet with all the little kids. Later Derek would admit that when he first saw me he thought, "She's got a pretty smile...I'm gonna marry her someday!"

After coming back from Mexico, we went on a first date at Denny's. That's when we both realized we had a lot in common. After three months of dating, we were engaged and at the year mark, we we're married.



HAPPILY EVER AFTER



About Cristabel (by Derek)

She's the best. My wife is an affectionate and beautiful person and mother. She's Honduran and speaks fluent Spanish and English – and is teaching Sloan to be bilingual. She grew up raising all kinds of birds, including chickens, quails, and ducks as pets and is always saving injured birds. Going to the zoo is a BIG DEAL! I love that we're never bored of each other and always find reasons to laugh and have random dance parties in the living room.



About Derek (by Cristabel)

I love that Derek is a kind, patient husband and father. He's a P.E. teacher who inspires 100s of kids to be active and believe in themselves. His main hobby is looking **hot** and staying fit (his idea of personal relaxation is going to the gym). I like that he is passionate about overall wellness, not just physical health— like finding time to reconnect, spontaneous coffee dates and going on donut runs, planning beach getaways with our dogs, Wally and Charlie, and making sure we have fun!



Ready to Grow our Family



We're excited to grow our family and have more adventures! We love with our words and actions. We enjoy teaching, guiding and demonstrating kindness to our son and would love to continue raising our next child in the same way.



Sloan is super social and loveable. He's obsessed with crying babies and trying to comfort them. He will be a loving and protective big brother. We adopted Sloan when he was seven days old and feel incredibly lucky that he knows his birth mom, FaceTime's with her and knows his extended family.

Life in California



We have perfect climate -- breezy and sunny days all year.

Our weekends usually include a trip to the zoo, the beach, a hike, going to a children's museum or going somewhere new to eat or explore.



Disneyland is our next big trip!





*Thank you for
spending some
time imagining
how your child
might fit into
our family.*



Exploring an open adoption is such an act of love on your part. We promise to show the same love and commitment. We promise to have him/her grow up knowing and being proud of their identity. We would be honored to incorporate traditions from your family and culture into our lives.

We look forward to getting to know you and becoming lifelong friends!

