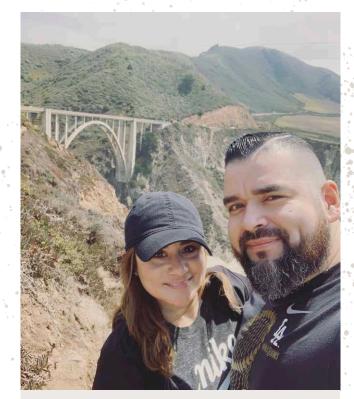




TRYING SOMETHING NEW, AXE THROWING!





**BIXBY CREEK BRIDGE VIEWS** 

We are sincerely grateful for the opportunity to share who we are with you. We cannot imagine how challenging this time has been for you, however we admire your strength in exploring adoption for your child. We are Sifredo and Jacqueline, however everyone knows us as Freddy and Jackie. We began dating in 2012 and have been married since 2015, however we have mutual friends and interacted years before being set up. Jackie is a therapist and has worked with foster youth for years and Freddy has many friends who were adopted; therefore we knew adopting a child was always going to be in our future. Despite not having our own children, we are surrounded by many children from our friends and family and enjoy doing activities with them. We find being around children gives us a calmness where we enjoy teaching them, being playful and seeing joy through their eyes. We hope to get the opportunity adopt a child in order to share our love of life with them.



We met while volunteering for our mutual friend's coffee and cocoa business at the Rose Parade. Jackie noticed Freddy as an attractive, quick witted guy who was always willing to lend a helping hand. Freddy's initial impression of Jackie was that she was beautiful and nice to others. Freddy began messaging Jackie via Facebook and enjoyed her intellectual conversations as well as her willingness to laugh at his silly jokes. Jackie felt at ease with Freddy and loved how he could make her laugh and see things from a different perspective which calmed her. We feel having that friendship first created a great bond between us where we enjoy kidding around which has kept our relationship lighthearted. Freddy was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints, which led Jackie to explore the church teachings leading her to be baptized. Jackie and Freddy were married on August 14, 2015, in the Newport beach temple. Their time in church has strengthened their values of family, helping those in need and taking care of their body and soul. We have always wanted children and were in dismay after not being able to conceive naturally and not having any success with IVF procedures for many years.

## As parents we want to follow the style of positive parenting which incorporates positive reinforcement and praise in order to shape positive behaviors. We choose to shape their behaviors by providing the child with appropriate choices, in order to succeed rather than focusing on punishing them. Of course we understand consequences are required for misbehavior which we plan to use time out or removing priveleges. We value teaching children and allowing them to have the tools to succeed for the future. We never want to hinder their growth and want them to find value when they resolve their own problems and learn from their mistakes, however we will always be their to support and guide them. As parents we value treating others with respect and kindness, and hope our children will learn how to be good civilians. We also value volunteering and helping those in need. Jackie is of Mexican descent and WE LOVE ALL THINGS DISNEY! Freddy is of Salvadorean descent. They practice traditions regarding holidays with family, playing games, and cooking the food of their cultures. THE VIEWS OF LAKE TAHOE

## MEET JACKIE

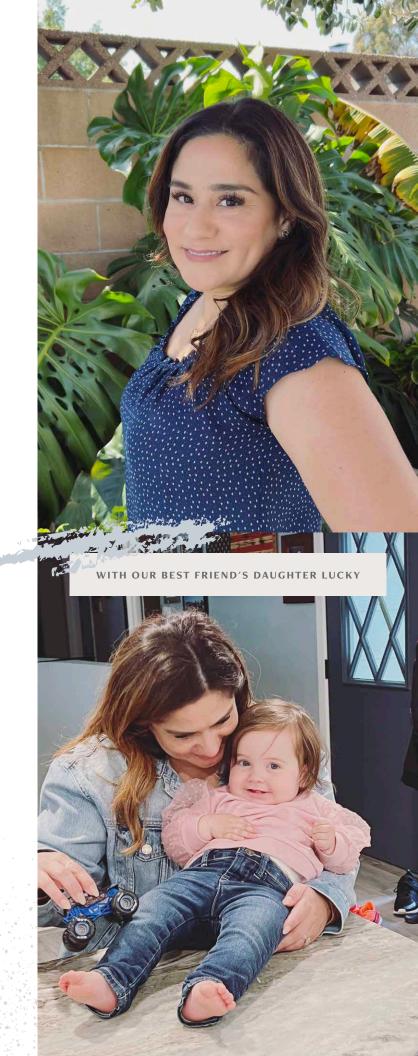
by Freddy



There's something truly special about my wife Jackie that makes me believe she would be an incredible mother.

Her motherly instincts are absolutely amazing; she has this natural ability to understand and connect with kids in a way that's truly heartwarming. It's incredible to witness how her kind heart shines through in every interaction she has with children. Jackie's attention to detail is impeccable, and I know she would go above and beyond to ensure that every aspect of our child's life is taken care of, leaving no stone unturned. Her nurturing nature is undeniable; she has this gentle and patient way of guiding and supporting those around her. Above all, her love and care are boundless, and I have no doubt that she would pour all of that into being the most loving and caring mother.

Jackie is a family therapist who has been counseling children, adults and families for almost 15 years. Jackie loves being able to support and teach her clients to overcome difficult times. She currently works remotely from home and values the ability to have a work/life balance. Jackie hopes working from home will allow her to still take care of her children with the assistance of having a in home caretaker.





JACKIE LOVES TAKING CARE OF OUR BACKYARD AND GARDEN



FAVORITE ICE CREAM
Cookies and cream

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT Somewhere tropical, hope to visit St Lucia next year!

#### FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

At the beach sitting by the bonfire during summer nights roasting s'mores.

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS Dodgers. Its a family affair, loved watching my grandpa watch them at home.

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

My family

#### **FAVORITE HOBBIES**

Practicing lettering and calligraphy. I'm the person who is elected to address any party invitations or any school function project.

#### MY COLLECTION(S)

Things to make our house beautiful and cozy. Love interior designing.

#### FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

"The Giving Tree" and "Love you forever"

**LANGUAGES**English and Spanish

JACKIE HAS A GREEN THUMB



FREDDY THE GRILL MASTER



# FREDDY

by Jackie

Freddy is determined, hardworking, extremely thoughtful, humorous, caring and supportive.

When first dating, he gave me the most thoughtful gifts that showed how he truly knew me. Freddy has a calm demeanor and knows how to make people feel at ease. Freddy has been known by family and friends as the "baby whisperer" because when he holds a baby, they end up falling asleep. That's how I feel with Freddy, safe and protected. Around children, Freddy finds joy in making them laugh and making things fun. Freddy has always been my cheerleader and listens to me when I'm having a hard time. At work, Freddy encourages his employees and teaches them how to achieve the goals they have set for themselves. As a father, Freddy wants to teach his children to be good civilians and wants them to treat others with kindness and respect. He values hard work and taking care of his family. Therefore, I know he wants to show his children how important it is to take care of their responsibilities and learn to live a fulfilling life.



**FAVORITE ICE CREAM** Rocky road

#### **FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS**

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, so all LA teams (Lakers, Dodgers, Rams, Galaxy, Kings) and I'm a big fan of the USA Men's National Soccer Team

#### MY BIGGEST SORUCE OF INSPIRATION

My faith and family, they ground and motivate me

#### FAVORITE HOBBIES

I enjoy working out and cooking. I love grilling, smoking meat, and trying to cook new dishes.

Spending the day with family, no matter what we are doing it is always fun

#### FAVORITE AUTHOR

Simon Sinek, he shares great insight on being a more effective leader

#### **FAVORITE DESSERT**

I love pastries and donuts

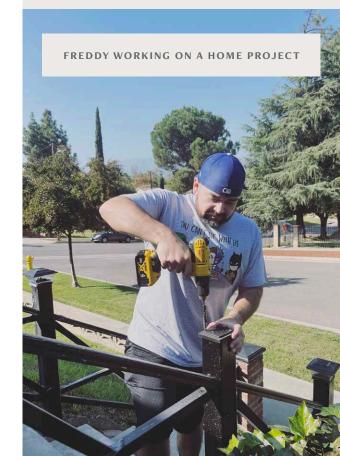
#### SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY

I enjoy playing basketball (wish I was better at it!)

#### LANGUAGES

Besides English, I am fluent in Spanish

FREDDY DOING LAWN WORK





WE LOVE DECORATING OUR HOUSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



We live a suburban city within Southern California, centrally located between the beaches and mountains, which we love to frequent. Our neighborhood is safe and surrounds many parks and walking trails. You can see children playing and families walking their dogs down the street daily. We live in a 3 bedroom, 1 and a half bath home. We have a large backyard that's safey gated where our dog Harley and kids can play. We enjoy having family gatherings, barbecuing, and playing games. Jackie loves to garden and keeps the landscaping beautiful. We enjoy decorating our home for every season and holiday. Freddy can be found researching many themes and lights to ensure the house stands out for Christmas and Halloween. We continue to update our home's asthetics through different home improvement projects. We have many schools within a couple of miles of our house, which friends have mentioned are high in academic performance rating. We frequent a family friendly outdoor mall close to our home where we go to for restaurants, movies and visit a variety of shops.



THE CUTE LIVING ROOM



THE HEART OF OUR HOME, OUR KITCHEN





HARLEY CHEWING HER BONE

## MEET



We have a Plott Hound named Harley Quinn who is 4 years old and keeps us on our toes. She gets excited when she hears children in our home and loves playing with them. We enjoy taking her on walks and playing with her.

# OUR



FREDDY'S FAMILY AT A WEDDING IN TEMECULA





HAYRIDE WITH JACKIE'S FAMILY

Jackie is second oldest of five siblings, which consists of three sisters and one brother. All of Jackie's siblings have two children each, who range from 20 to 2 years of age. Jackie's parents have been divorced since she was 20 years old and have both remarried. Her siblings all live within 30 minutes of each other and frequently speak and celebrate events together, where many weekends are spent in each other's company. We spend a lot of our time chatting and laughing at Jackie's father's house while watching the kids play various games or swimming in the pool. We support and help each other during difficult times. Jackie's parents are very affectionate with their grandchildren and love to teach them to cook, garden and support them with life struggles. They are supportive of their grandchildren and frequently show up to their baseball, cheer, and dance events.

Freddy has one older sister who is married and has three teenage children, and family gatherings are always bustling with energy and laughter. In Freddy's family, a playful and joking atmosphere seems to be the norm. They enjoy sharing jokes, teasing each other with affection, and finding humor in everyday situations. Freddy's mother and step father are always present for their children and grandchildren.



CELEBRATING OUR NEPHEW'S BIRTHDAY





DINNER WITH OUR BEST FRIEND'S KIDS

Our friends

Besides our family, we have friends who we have known since high school who have become our "second" family. We engage in activities with them and their children who call us "Tia and Tio." We love traveling with them, participating in religous activities, having family dinners and watching sports activities.

We have many friends of different nationalities and enjoy celebrating others cultures and traditions. If we are blessed with a child who is multiracial or a different culture than our own, we will research and familiarize ourselves with the traditions and practices of your child's culture and will encourage them to explore all aspects of their cultural identity. We will be intentional about surrounding them with others of their nationality.

## THOUGHTS



We respect your level of openness and are willing to share pictures, letters, calls and in person visits to allow you to see how your child has grown.







We understand that you will need to take time to know if this is the right decision for you and your child, we welcome any questions you may have and want you to feel comfortable in making your decision. Please know we are very sincere and transparent. We respect you whole heartedly and want your concerns and wishes to be heard. We also want to get to know you as well and welcome whatever you feel comfortable sharing with us. We have so much love and respect for you and hope we were able to convey our desire to share our life with a child.

WITH LOVE, Freddy & Jackie



FATHER'S NAME Sifredo (Freddy)

**OCCUPATION**Director of Projects

**EDUCATION**Associate's Degree

RELIGION
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

**DATE OF BIRTH** 10/30/1982

HAIR COLOR Black

EYE COLOR Brown

**HEIGHT** 5'10"



MOTHER'S NAME
Jacqueline (Jackie)

OCCUPATION
Psych Social Worker

EDUCATION

Master's in Counseling

RELIGION
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

**DATE OF BIRTH** 9/2/1979

HAIR COLOR Dark Brown

EYE COLOR Brown

> HEIGHT 5'0"

#### FAMILY INFORMATION

**DATE OF MARRIAGE** 08/14/2015

#### **INTERESTS & HOBBIES**

You can usually find us at Disneyland, trying new restaurants, attending sporting events, bowling, traveling, exploring new hiking trails, playing with Harley and getting together with our friends and family. We also love staying home cooking our favorite foods and watching our favorite shows and movies.

#### HOME

We live in a 3 bedroom, 1 and a half bath home. Have a large backyard where Harley and kids can play safely. The neighborhood is safe with many parks and walking trails surrounding them. You can see children playing and families walk their dogs down the street daily.

#### **PETS**

We have a Plott Hound dog named Harley.

### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

Jackie has many years working with foster and atrisk youth and Freddy has many friends who were adopted; therefore, we knew adopting a child was always going to be in our future. We have always wanted children and were in dismay after not being able to conceive naturally and not having any success with IVF. After taking time to process through these difficulties we felt confident as a couple that our family was intended to grow through adoption.

#### **OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)?**

We are willing to share pictures, letters, calls, and in person visits with you in order to allow you to share in your child's growth. We want to respect your comfort level always and want to build a positive relationship with you.

#### CHILDCARE PLANS

We plan on using an in home nanny due to Jackie's flexibility to work from home. Sifredo also has the ability to work from home when necessary, and would be able to be there for support.

