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## **Scott and Rachil: Sunset Bonfire at the Beach**

Hello,

We would like to start by thanking you for your strength, your generosity, your trust and for considering us to raise this beautiful child. It is with joy in our hearts that we write this letter knowing that all things happen for a reason- we are confident that our paths were destined to cross in order to help each other: you by conceiving the baby that we could not and us by being available to provide for your baby with all our hearts.

**Let us share the journey that brought us to you:** Previously, we were both in long term marriages with partners that were not a good match for either of us. After, being on our own for sometime, we were introduced to each other by mutual friends. We knew almost immediately that we were meant to be together and as we got to know each other it became even more evident.

**Scott is** humorous, active, incredibly intelligent, and most of all a fair, kind and loving man. In joining our lives I became step-mom to two fabulous boys: Justin (13) and Nathan (11), whom we co-parent with their mother. It has been fulfilling to watch Justin and Nate grow up over the last several years and help guide them along the way.

**Justin is** cerebral like his father. He's top in his class in mathematics and can solve a Rubix Cube in seconds! Justin has been in a bowling league for several years. He also practices Aikido/Judo and is working his way towards a black belt. **Nathan** loves to learn on the go, is eager to earn money and has a very generous heart. He too is trained in Aikido/Judo but now prefers to focus on soccer, tennis and golf. Both boys are naturals at tennis. In our free time we have fun playing together as a family.

**Scott and I** were raised Catholic with a spiritual emphasis and **are currently practicing the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.** The most important elements in our family are **love** and

**communication.** We believe in setting clear age appropriate boundaries which encourage the boys to feel safe while at the same time giving them freedom to grow. They participate in helping out around the house and at this age are responsible for keeping track of their belongings. **With the prospect of a little one in the house we have created a safe environment for her/him to explore and learn.** Several of our good friends have children ages newborn-3. So, they have been helping us baby proof our home as well as stocking us with all the "necessities" for new born life.

**We live in a neighborhood with horse trails and beach access.** Walking our dog Gracie (3) through the tree lined streets of our neighborhood we rarely see a moving vehicle. Walking on the beach, collecting seashells and sea glass is a favorite pastime- **we look forward to the day these walks include a wide eyed little one.**



**Nate Rachil Justin & Gracie** (dog)



## Those who know me (Rachil) know...

**My love for children is strong and my desire to share that love as a mother is even stronger.**

**One of my idols is Queen Latifah. She once said "I have dined with Royalty and scrubbed toilets for a living." To be able to know, appreciate, and value all walks of life, in my opinion, is key to living a compassionate life.**

**I will go out of my way to help a friend, family member or even a stranger.**

**I honor and respect each person and their personal journey.**

**I want to teach my child to listen to their inner knowing and to communicate fearlessly.**

**My mother instilled a sense of independence and a strong work ethic.**

**My father exposed me to travel and higher education.**



## **Those who know me (Scott) know...**

**Some of my happiest times are with small children in the house.**

**I am honest through and through.**

**I am willing to work hard.**

**I strive for excellence but don't gloat.**

**My mother taught me the value of education and good manners.**

**My father taught me to be caring towards other people and to be generous in philanthropy.**

**Our home is the hub of our lives.** You will find us gathered around the kitchen island doing homework, making meals, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Our big back yard is perfect for BBQs and games. Ping Pong is a tradition in our family played by all -with Grandma (Scotts mom) being the Queen player. Playful competition is the name of the game with laughter permeating the play!

**Rachil has a large family:** 2 sisters and 3 brothers as well as two step siblings. She recently celebrated the birth of 1 nephew Jase (3yrs- time flys) and 2 nieces Ellie (1yr) Penelope (4 months) with more on the way. Being the oldest she is a natural around children and feels comfortable with one (or two) in her arms.

**Scott has two brothers:** Jim and John. Jim, and his wife Lori have four children: Dylan (15), Rylie (12), Ella (5) and Finn (3). **Although they did not plan this gap in age it is proving to work out quite well and we see it as something that will work out well for our family too.** Scott's other brother John lives near by. He and his wife, Ameljia are planning on having a baby as well. So the cousins will have each other. Which makes us so happy because some of our fondest memories growing up are with our cousins.



**Auntie Rachil w/Ellie & Penelope**



**Christmas at our house: Scott Nate Justin Rachil & Uncle John**

**Both Scott and I are of Irish, & German heritage.** My grandparents passed on traditions of food and natural medicine that I still use with my family and with my patients. If there was a health issue they had a remedy to make us feel better. This upbringing influenced me throughout my life and led me to seek natural healthcare as a profession- ultimately receiving a masters degree in Oriental Medicine and becoming a licensed Acupuncturist and a Practitioner of Clinical and herbal medicine.

**Two years ago I made the decision to see patients solely from my home clinic.** This allows me to schedule my patients around the boys schedule and will only be more realized when we



have a little one in our home. **As a lawyer Scott works a typical 8-5 schedule** with some flexibility in his schedule to attend the boys school, extra curricular events and take them to appointments. **Being involved in the children's lives is a priority for both of us and will continue to be with the new baby.**

**Scott (47) is active and sails weekly, keeping himself strong and in shape. I love moving my body: at 47 its what keeps me lean and**

**feeling young and agile.** On the flip side I also appreciate quiet time. Before bed you will find me behind the cover of a good book. Often times Nate and I will read out loud together. Sometimes we read out load as a family. This time together gives us the opportunity to connect and we frequently find ourselves laughing out load.

**Both Rachil and I appreciate the value of supporting our community.** It is something we learned from our parents and something we teach the children. Much of our volunteer work is centered around the boys, education, as well as health and wellness. Rachil volunteers in the Library every week for Nate's class and she is involved in the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) for Justin's class at the Junior High. This hands on approach gives her the opportunity to stay connected to the boys and their needs as well as their interests while allowing them to have independence.

**Education is highly valued in our home.** Scott is on two educational boards: One at Nate's Montessori school and the other is a charitable foundation that supports the local community college. Scott's parents placed tremendous emphasis on supporting educational endeavors and both received scholarships throughout their schooling. Therefore, they found it important to give back. We are continuing the tradition.

On another note- **we are both very social** and enjoy being a part of the Yacht club and our local tennis and golf club where we spend much of our free time as a family. **Traveling near and far is also a big part of our lives.**



From the eastern Sierras, to Cuba: by car, train, boat or plane we like to get out of our every day life and experience the world. Recently, we took the boys on their first transatlantic flight to visit their cousins living in Madrid.

This summer we camped in the Sierras and swam with the dolphins and flew above the Big Island of Hawaii in a helicopter.

**Our life together is wonderful, yet we are lacking the one thing I (Rachil) have yearned for my entire life... the opportunity to raise a child from birth. To hold him or her in my arms... to whisper loving words into his or her ears. To be there for every moment. To be mommy and daddy together ... this is our desire.** We look forward to raising a child (or two) that is/are fundamentally good and make(s) a positive impact in the world.

**We are touched by your choice to carry and deliver this baby** and we would like to offer our support in your prenatal care/needs. Rachil works regularly with women during their pregnancy from conception to labor and delivery and **nothing would be more meaningful than to support you through this process.**

**Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our story.** Please trust that we will give the best possible care, support and love to both you and the baby. **We look forward to meeting you.**

Sincerely,

Scott and Rachil Vincent



# Hobbies

## Rachil:

- **Tennis:** I love the thrill of the game, and playing with family and friends. I am on the tennis team at the club.
- **Gardening:** it slows me down- I appreciate being in the moment and watching plants grow. I am a recreational gardener tending everything from indoor plants to outdoor fruit trees. Both Justin and Nate can be found up in the avocado trees picking bags and bags of avocados to sell at their corner stand.
- **Movies:** I grew up in Hollywood where cinema is a big part of ones life. I look forward to attending the International film festival in my town each year.
- **Beach walks:** The sound of the waves and the ocean air is a part of my DNA. Hunting for sea glass is a family pass time. We have collected up to 1000 pieces in one walk!
- **Photography:** I have always have had an eye for taking a great photo.
- **Cooking:** I can get lost in the kitchen for hours playing with a family recipe on my own or find myself whipping up something quick with the family or friends.
- **Throwing parties:** every aspect of putting on a party is fun for me- from the planning and prep to the execution and celebration, even the clean up is fun when everyone helps out.

## Scott:

- **Sailing:** I race every Wednesday with my boat partners and occasionally on weekends with my brother. I also take pleasure in sailing for leisure with family and friends.
- **Golf:** I grew up playing golf from the age of 5 and enjoy getting out on the course whenever possible. I take Nate to the hit balls in our free time.
- **Cooking:** I watched and often helped my parents cook together in the kitchen and now I enjoy cooking up a storm on my own or with others. As a family we watch Alton Brown's Good Eats cooking show.
- **Trivia:** I play with friends and family...the boys call me walking Google .
- **History channel and Documentaries:** Watching these shows with Rachil and the boys is a favorite pastime.
- **Sports:** Being naturally athletic I find myself participating in outdoor actives, including refereeing for Nate's soccer league. Watching sports in person and on TV is also enjoyable but does not take priority.