

*Hello We're*

# • GREGG, BOBBY, AND SABRINA •

*From Mesa, Arizona*



## • HELLO BIRTHMOM! •

We're so happy you've chosen to read our letter! We realize this must be a difficult and emotional time in your life, and we have nothing but respect and admiration for your courageous consideration of open adoption. We too were once uncertain of what the process would be like, but after adopting our daughter Sabrina in 2009 and watching our relationship with her birthfamily blossom and grow, we saw how healthy and wonderful it can be for all involved. We offer you the same commitment to openness by bringing both you and your baby into our hearts and family. We want your child to know where he or she came from and hope you will always be a presence in our lives. We are really excited about expanding our family!

— *Greggory Garland & Bobby Heptig*

## CONTACT INFO

CALL:  
888-294-4145

EMAIL:  
GandB@greggandbobby.com

WEBSITE:  
iHeartAdoption.org/users/greggandbobby  
or www.greggandbobby.com

Or contact a counselor at the  
**Independent Adoption Center**  
iheartadoption.org  
800.877.OPEN (6736)



It's Bobby and Gregg!



Our first family photo

## • ABOUT US •

We met in Los Angeles in 1997. We became fast friends and soon entered into a committed relationship. We realized right away we were meant to be together forever. We have a deep love and respect for each other as partners and individuals, and even after all this time still manage to make each other smile. We both work for software companies and have flexible schedules that enable us to make sure we can always put our children first. As dads, our number one priority is the safety and happiness of our children.

We love to travel, and look forward to taking our kids on trips to Disneyland or to explore New York City when visiting Bobby's relatives on Long Island. We want our kids to experience history with trips to the Alamo when we visit Grandmama in Texas. We'll have great times on camping trips with the cousins while we learn about nature. Gregg wants to take them on a cruise and discover Europe; Bobby wants them to enjoy New England and the coasts. The kids will cheer with us at Coyotes and Suns games, and add to the craziness of our large family gatherings. Of course, reading books and snuggling under the covers are just as fun as all those things!

## • HOME AND FAMILY •

Since 1999 we've lived in sunny Arizona and have a comfy house in a safe and happy neighborhood in Mesa. There are great parks nearby where we often go to play on the swings and feed the ducks. We have good schools nearby and a community pool for splashing around. Since we're only 20 minutes from downtown Phoenix, we sometimes head over for great arts festivals or music events, or maybe an Ice Cream Social with friends and their kids. We're close to state parks and lakes for time on Grandpa's boat or fun with Sabrina and her cousins.

Both of us have siblings in Arizona, and Bobby's parents live in Phoenix. There are eleven cousins here and, as the youngest, Sabrina joined right in. They are always clowning around, playing games, and splashing in the pool. There's always laughing and fun, and they can't wait to add another one to the group. Gregg's mom lives in San Antonio, and loves to spoil her granddaughter when she pops over for a visit. The Grandmas and Grandpa are excited to brag about another grandchild added to the group! Our family includes Ripley and Chase, our two Labradors who love to cuddle. "The Boys" love kids and Sabrina is their little pack leader!



Sabrina and Chase...cuddle!



Splashin' with the cousins



What's cookin' Gregg?



Papa and Sabrina at the picnic

## • ABOUT GREGG •

Gregg embodies the ideals of fatherhood and family. He has been preparing for parenthood since the day we met in 1997. I've never seen him so happy as the day Sabrina was born; the look of love in his eyes was so intense and so absolutely natural at the same time. I see that same look when he talks about what it will be like when our second child arrives. Gregg is passionate about cooking and he puts new and interesting meals on the table for us every night. We've never bought baby food because he made all of it from scratch. He recently got a telescope and is impatiently waiting for Sabrina to be old enough to try it out with him as they explore the night sky together!

--by Bobby

## • ABOUT BOBBY •

Bobby is a wonderful person, great partner, an AWESOME dad, and supportive friend. He was nervous when Sabrina was born but has moved into the role of Daddy so effortlessly. Family man to the core, Bobby values family more than anything, which is such a wonderful trait to have. He is light-hearted and makes up wonderful stories for Sabrina at bed time. Bobby really enjoys writing and you see that in his blog with his quick witted stories that his followers love to comment on. I think this love of writing helps Bobby when it comes to teaching Sabrina; he believes in a good education and college to help start off on a great career. Bobby loves crafts and does art projects with Sabrina and our nieces and nephews which they all love. I do not know a more kind-hearted and giving person.

--by Gregg



Upside down and laughing!



Family sing-a-long time!



The artist at work!

## • ABOUT SABRINA •

Our lives changed forever in 2009 when Sabrina Marie was born and we became dads. Placed with us by an incredibly loving and strong birthmother, Sabrina immediately became the light of our lives. Each day is a new adventure as she grows, learns, and develops. She loves the alphabet, Elmo, reading books with Daddy and Papa, and especially dancing. Whether she's trying to ride the dogs, creating with crayons and chalk, or dancing up a storm, life is never boring with her to decorate it for us. Sabrina is very social, and will love a brother or sister to get into trouble with!



Reading to Sabrina's class



With Sabrina's Birthfamily

## • ON PARENTING •

We believe in values such as self expression, support, education, love, and family for Sabrina, and will have the same for your child. We watch in amazement as her personality develops and grows, and we encourage her to explore her own path with us to guide her. Both our children will always know we love them and that they belong to a family where respect for others and doing the right thing are our most important values. Being parents is the thing we love most in life and we welcome the opportunity to add another child to our home.

Part of our commitment to our children is to develop healthy and loving relationships with their birthparents. It's important to us that everyone is comfortable with the level of openness and contact we establish so our children understand the love we all have for them. When we talk, email, or visit with Sabrina's birthfamily it's always a positive and happy event, and we want to continue that tradition for our next child as well.

## • OUR PROMISE TO YOU •

We understand that this is a very emotional time for you and there is so much to consider. We promise to listen to your concerns and develop open and honest communication with you, always putting the needs of your child first and foremost. We have big hearts and lots of love to share, and want to instill in our children the same happiness, concern for others, and love for life that we have.

Thank you so much for reading our letter. We hope you will consider choosing us to be the parents of your baby. When you're ready to reach out, we're here to listen!

Respectfully,

*Gregg, Bobby, and Sabrina*

PLEASE CONTACT US  
ANYTIME!

*~ Greggory Garland & Bobby Heptig*

CALL US:  
888-294-4145

EMAIL US:  
GandB@greggandbobby.com

WEBSITE:  
iHeartAdoption.org/users/greggandbobby  
or www.greggandbobby.com

Or contact a counselor at the  
**Independent Adoption Center**  
iheartadoption.org  
800.877.OPEN (6736)