Jen *and* Scott

In front of Glencoe in the Scotland Highlands

A day trip to Tuscany, Italy

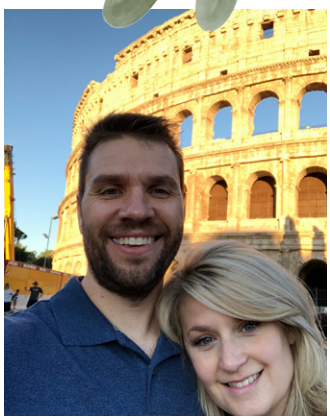
About Us

For 14 years, we've shared a life in which we have grown more than we ever thought we could. Initially we were strangers who struck up a conversation while watching a basketball game. When we married, infertility kept us from starting a family in the traditional sense, but we never lost the desire to be parents. This experience has taught us so much about ourselves. Most importantly, it has strengthened our love and commitment to each other. This summer we will have been married for 10 years.

We love animals and recently brought home Flynn, who is a 6 month old Golden Retriever. Flynn is incredibly sweet and affectionate, but definitely keeps us on our toes! He is already very popular with the neighborhood kids, who ring our doorbell daily wanting Flynn to come out and play. Flynn will be the most amazing companion to the child we bring home.

Scott enjoys running, and Jen is happy to cheer him on from the sidelines! He values being healthy and taking care of himself. Scott also enjoys reading sci-fi novels and watching documentaries. Jen loves to garden, which is something she learned from her great grandma. Being in nature, and watching something grow is very fulfilling. Together, we love traveling to places with long histories and diverse cultures. We have traveled throughout Europe and the US. We value new experiences and creating special memories, and traveling is a great way to do that!

We are both fortunate to have jobs that we love. Jen has been a middle school Social Studies teacher for 11 years, and teaches in the district we live in. She enjoys learning about history and sharing that love with her students. Scott is a business analyst that works in IT, which makes him the "fix-it" guy at home.



In front of the Roman Colosseum

At the crossroads of England and Scotland

Front of our home

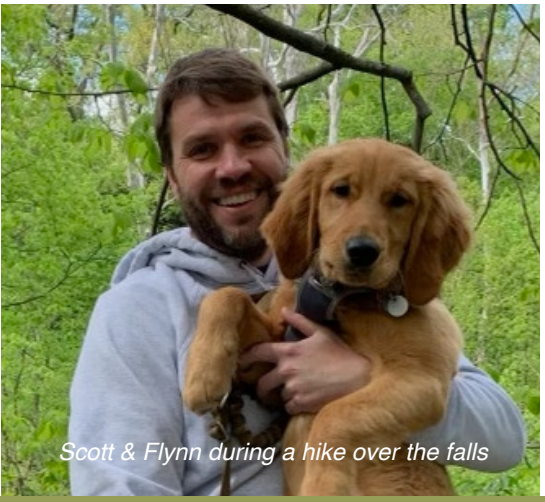
Back patio, where we spend a lot of time entertaining

Our Home

Our home is located in a child friendly neighborhood with walking and bike paths that lead to a playground and a neighborhood pool. We live in a nationally ranked school district that is close to our friends and family. Not only are we minutes away from the zoo and additional parks and rivers, the community we live in holds annual festivals, parades, and family events which the kids always love. Recently, our community was named in a national magazine as one of "25 Places to Move In America."

At the pond & park near our home

Ponte Vecchio bridge in Florence, Italy


Scott & Flynn during a hike over the falls

Jen overlooking the cliffs during a hike through Cinque Terre, Italy

About Scott by Jen

Scott is one of the most charming people I have ever met. He is incredibly witty, and makes me laugh all of the time. He loves to cook (which I completely support) and challenges me to try new things that I might not otherwise try. Scott is incredibly supportive, and I have never questioned his respect and love for me. He is a fantastic role model to our nieces and nephews who adore and look up to him. Just like his father, Scott will support our child with whatever activity they try- but more importantly Scott will always be their number one fan.

Occupation: IT Business Analyst
Education: Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Science
Hobbies: Cooking and traveling
Favorite Traditions: Memorial Day Party with my family
Favorite Place to Travel: Big Sur, CA

About Jen by Scott

I would describe Jen as a passionate person, who is driven and personable. She always goes out of her way to make people feel comfortable and included. She is the first person her friends call when they need help- because everyone knows they can depend on her. Jen is the "fun aunt" who can step away from the adults to play with the kids, and they love her for that. Our struggle with infertility has developed Jen into one of the strongest people I know. She takes each experience as a lesson whether it is good or bad and grows from it.

Occupation: Middle School Social Studies Teacher
Education: Master's Degree in Educational Technology
Hobbies: Enjoying the outdoors and traveling
Favorite Traditions: Watching fireworks on the 4th of July
Favorite Place to Travel: Scotland

Our Family & Friends

Both of us come from large families. Scott has two older brothers and a younger sister. Jen has three older brothers and a younger sister. Between the two of us we share 13 nieces and nephews and more cousins than we can count. Throughout the year there are cookouts, family vacations, sleep overs, and many spur of the moment get-togethers. Much of Jen's family is local and Scott's family lives less than 2 hours away. We see both sides of the family on a regular basis.

JEN & her sister-in-law with the kids at their first golf tournament

Family cookout at Scott's brother's house

When talking about family, we feel that it is important to include our friends. They are the family that we have chosen- and are so fortunate to have in our lives. Some of our friends live throughout the country, but distance means so little when the people mean so much. Whether it is traveling to Los Angeles, Washington DC, or Colorado- it gives us an excuse to travel more. This loving support system has been a significant part of our lives. Along with our family, our friends have been with us throughout this journey and are excited about us expanding our family too. The child who becomes a part of our family will have no shortage of people who love and support them.

Jen with her noece

Jen with her mother at a wedding

Scott with his brother & niece at a basketball game

Jen's family reunion

Scott & Jen on a family vacation

Scott, his brothers, his dad and uncle

Jen on a girls trip to a farm & vineyard in Santa Barbara, CA

Dear Birthparent(s)

We wish we could find the words to adequately express how grateful we are for this precious gift. The desire to have a child has been in our hearts for longer than we could have ever imagined. Although our journey has taken longer than we intended, it has given us time to think about how we will raise a child, and to prepare to be parents. We wholeheartedly commit to be examples of understanding and compassion. We promise to raise a child who not only has opportunities, and experiences, but who knows the meaning of family and love. We will teach them to understand and appreciate the sacrifice you have made for them.

With love and gratitude,

Scott AND *Jen*

Jen watching the puffins in Staffa, Scotland

Scott on the island of Staffa in Scotland

Why Adoption?

We've always dreamed of sharing our life with a child and having the profound experience of parenthood. We have so much love to share, and are so thankful that we are able to have this opportunity through adoption. Jen's mother has always been a significant support in her life, however specifically during this process, through her own experience as an adopted child. We believe that Jen's mom will have a special connection to our child through their shared experience.

Our families raised us to respect and value diversity. We believe our lives are enriched by actively embracing and engaging different cultures. We are committed to inclusivity, and as a family we are prepared to meet the needs of any diverse children who join our family.

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