

# Hello, We're Joe & Esther Schreiber!

We hope this letter gives you a little peek into our lives. We're very excited about building our family through open adoption.

## **About Us**

Joe and I met in New York City, while attending New York University. We were friends throughout college, and after graduation we realized that we were soul mates, and married eight years ago. We've always known we want to be parents. We discussed adoption before we experienced difficulty conceiving, as many of our friends have adopted children or were adopted themselves. This just feels natural to us, and we've decided that open adoption is the best way to expand our family. We want our child to know how much they are loved, and that they are loved by so many people.

## **Our Family and Friends**

Esther Diane grew up in New York City, and



Warming up before a league game!

## **About Joe**

Joe is a warm and generous man, who's very loving and affectionate, and quick with a kiss. He has an amazing sense of humor — he's playful and has a noticeably quick wit -- just like his grandfather. Joe is an avid reader, and a history buff. He teaches me something new almost every day. He's already excited to be drilled with the "why" and "how" questions that fill a busy dad's day.

Joe is also a true sports fan, especially of baseball. He has a room devoted to his baseball memorabilia, and signed photos and balls fill the shelves. Joe is already counting the days until he and our child go to their first games.

He has also trained for two marathons and is active every day. Whether it's going to the beaches close to our home, hiking the mountain that is literally in our backyard, or biking through one of the nearby state parks, I know that he will make the outdoors a fun part of our child's life.

Joe is a technology consultant with a home-based office. His work schedule will allow him lots of time to care for our child.

## **About Esther**

Esther is the kindest and most caring person I've ever met. She's my friend, my partner, and, on many days, my hero. She has an amazing sense of humor, and a smile that makes me feel like I'm the most special person in the world.

Esther has an angel's touch with children. She can make them laugh and smile from across a room. Esther loves to travel, and to spend time outdoors. She enjoys the beach, ice skating (she was a junior regionals champ!) and skiing at Lake Tahoe. Esther is also an amazing chef. I know that she can't wait to pass along our family's recipes, and to teach our children about the love and skill that all cooks like her share.

Esther is a big-hearted person who isn't afraid to give of herself and work hard; whether it's training for marathons, running a charity event, or babysitting one of our favorite kids, she gives everything to the task.

Her work experience as a project and event manager has primed her well to juggle the tasks of being a mom, and know she'll be a wonderful one.



Aunt Esther and Liam at a baseball game!



Joe and our adopted friend Taylor!

is an only child. She is very close to her mom, Lillian, and talks with her on the phone almost every day. Lillian still lives in NYC near three of her sisters (and lots of cousins), and we visit four to five times a year. **Joe** grew up in Riverdale, New York, and is also an only child. Joe's dad, Charlie, who owned a security company, and his mom, Eileen, who was a secretary for an insurance company, have been happily married for 38 years!

Because we're both only children, we look forward to having at least two kids, if not more. Our families are both very excited about our adoption plans, and can't wait to be grandparents! Since this will be the first grandchild in our family, we're sure the child will be spoiled!

Joe and I have many close friends on both coasts that we enjoy spending time with. Several of our best friends also have moved west, and now live throughout California. In fact, some of our dearest friends from college live within miles of us. We spend most of our weekends with them, and we love getting together to barbecue, travel, be outdoors, or just hang out at home.

### ***Our Home***

We live in Brisbane, CA, a serene mountain town just minutes outside of San Francisco. We bought our house almost five years ago, and we have amazing neighbors. Our home is very comfortable and cozy, and it has plenty of room for kids and all of their toys. There are lots of children in the neighborhood, and they love to play with our two kitties, Tigger and Hobbes. Many of them have already started asking if they may babysit once we adopt our baby!

We often have music on in the house, and can't wait to groove to tunes with our toddler while we cook up dinner, do the chores, or just play. We've been collecting the Disney movies on DVD too, and we can't wait to share them with our little one.



Tigger & Hobbes, our sweet kitties!

Brisbane is very family oriented, and has a real sense of community. There is always something fun to do with the whole family -- such as town parades and picnics, sporting events, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, Santa arriving by antique fire engine in the winter, and boat races by the marina in the summer. We can't wait to include our child in all these wonderful small town festivities. We think the small town feel of Brisbane balances nicely with all that SF and NYC have to offer.

### ***Waiting For Our Bundle of Joy***

Joe and I look forward to sharing so much with our child. We hope our child will feel our unconditional love, so that he or she can explore the world and



Cooking dinner at a friends house!

experience it fully and without fear. We look forward to traveling as a family, whether its back to New York, visiting relatives in Ireland and Greece, or exploring nature's wonders at the Grand Canyon or the Painted Desert.

We want to share our love of music and books, and we will participate actively in our children's education — above all teaching them to be responsible, respectful, honest, caring, and open-minded. We will be there throughout their lives, encouraging and supporting them. We want to give our children every opportunity to follow their interests and dreams, and also give them plenty of time to just be kids.

Joe and I have so much love to give. We don't think that a child can ever have too many people who love them. Please know that your child would be loved and cherished by us, and by many anxiously waiting family members and friends.

**Please call us anytime at 877-415-2276 (toll free), e-mail us at [edschreib@aol.com](mailto:edschreib@aol.com), or call our adoption counselors at the Independent Adoption Center at 1-800-877-OPEN (6736).**

We look forward to meeting you, and getting to know you better.



Hiking in Ireland, so beautiful!