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FREITAS' FAVES

Favorite Takeout:

Zachary's Chicago Pizza, San Ramon

My husband and I have five children, and it can be tough for us to get out. So when we want takeout, Zachary's is our go-to place. We'll do the Chicago-style occasionally, but I was born and raised in California, so I prefer the thin crust. When I get my say, I like artichokes, mushrooms and olives for toppings, but the kids are straight-up pepperoni and sausage.

3110 Crow Canyon Place

Favorite Grown-up Spot:

Blackhawk Grille, Danville

When we can go out without the kids, we like to eat at the bar at the Blackhawk Grille, where it's a little less formal. They recently redid their whole interior, and we really like the ambience. I love their homemade chips, and I enjoyed the mac and cheese and chicken pot pie. For drinks, my husband usually has a Long Island, but I like the mojitos.

3540 Blackhawk Plaza Circle

Favorite Family Meal:

Uncle Yu's, San Ramon

The kids love the flaming pupu platter, which is a bunch of appetizers that come with this flaming hibachi you grill the food on. We'll also order the Peking chicken and sweet and spicy chicken, and I'll get their deluxe vegetables for something a little healthier. It's fancier for a Chinese restaurant but still accessible: They'll serve Shirley Temples to our kids with those little umbrellas—that kind of thing.

2005 Crow Canyon Place



Denica Freitas

Co-Owner of Denica's Real Food Kitchen, Dublin

What happens when a California Culinary Academy-trained wedding cake chef and a highly successful cookie shop owner fall in love? Pastry magic. That's the story behind **Denica's Real Food Kitchen**, where owners James and Denica Freitas serve up mouth-watering cookies and enormous cinnamon rolls. The couple have also opened a taco shop next door, and offer a full breakfast and lunch menu. 6058 Dougherty Road, Dublin

The Blackhawk Grille's well-stocked bar is an enticing choice for a night out.

