

AUTUMN & ISAAC



"We will intentionally communicate about your child's adoption from the moment we meet them, ensuring they feel loved for all parts of who they are from the first moment. We will always speak highly of you to them."



HELLO

We are Isaac & Autumn

Hi! We've yet to meet, but would like to introduce ourselves.

We are a close and connected family with two children who live in Oregon. We live within close distance of immediate family with grandparents, aunt and uncle, young cousins, and driving distance to more close family who will likely soon have young children too! We're a couple who have been married for almost 9 years and have two incredible daughters, ages 5 and 8. We're not going to begin to suggest that we know what feelings you currently have, though we are in a position where it would be a privilege to be chosen as the family to provide unconditional love for your child.



Meet *Autumn*

Autumn is kind, loving, caring, empathetic, and great with children. She is responsible, silly, intentional, loves being a mom, and enjoys learning about her interests. She is a good listener and exceptionally patient. Autumn works very hard to make sure any child she comes across will feel seen and heard and will specifically go out of the way to ensure that happens. Autumn sees the bigger picture in people and not the behavior itself. Autumn is a homebody and enjoys comfort, but loves when Isaac gets everyone going outside of the house. She enjoys playing with our two daughters and our Australian Labradoodle, Willow. Autumn enjoys learning about new topics and learning in general, swimming with the kids outside, spending time around the neighborhood with family walks, international travel, and exploring out of town. She deeply loves snuggling up under a weighted blanket with a cup of tea in front of a fireplace and reading to the girls and cooking or finding vegetarian recipes for us to try out.. Autumn is liberal in her views, with her values being that every person in the world deserves an equal quality of life to those around them, and that equity is an important consideration, where those of us with more privilege have a responsibility to use our voice, position of power, and resources to lift others up. Autumn is a strong advocate for children, both in her career, and personal life.

"Autumn is intentional, deeply loving, and authentic"



AGE: 31
HEIGHT: 5'6"
EYES: GREEN/BLUE/GRAY
HAIR: BROWN
ETHNICITY: CAUCASIAN
EDUCATION: MASTER'S DEGREE
IN SOCIAL WORK
CAREER: LICENSED CLINICAL
SOCIAL WORKER - CHILD AND
FAMILY THERAPIST
RELIGION: EXPLORING JEWISH
ANCESTRY



Meet *Isaac*

Isaac is active, loving, patient, empathetic, steady, humble, intelligent, silly, committed, and caring. He enjoys being out of the house and being active, playing soccer, riding bikes with the girls, hiking, barbecues on our back porch with family, swimming in our backyard in ground pool, all things music, yummy food, trying new and adventurous things, and things to do with espresso! Isaac is incredibly skilled in learning new things that are interesting to him and loves to work on situations that seem like puzzles (and also on real puzzles!). Isaac is liberal, though is interested in hearing both sides and makes a strong effort to be informed from different perspectives. Isaac is not religious, though likes learning about a variety of traditions and cultures. Isaac has brown hair, though he is convinced it is still blond like it was when he was a child.

AGE: 35

HEIGHT: 5'10"

EYES: BLUE

EDUCATION: BACHELOR'S
DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCI-
ENCE

CAREER: SITE RELIABILITY
ENGINEER (FROM HOME)





INTERESTS:

Isaac enjoys hiking, being outdoors, playing with our Australian Labradoodle Willow, listening to music, playing his bass guitar, travelling, excellent food, and perfecting the perfect homemade espresso or homemade Neapolitan pizza in our backyard DIY woodfire pizza oven.



AGE: 5.5

EYES: BLUE

HAIR: BLONDE/STRAWBERRY BLONDE

EDUCATION: KINDERGARTEN AT THE
SAME SCHOOL AS ELEANOR - A TRADI-
TIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH
AN OUTDOOR ELEMENT ADDED IN

INTERESTS: COOKING AND CREATING
RECIPES, DANCING, SINGING, DRESS UP,
PAINTING, OUTSIDE PLAY, AND SOCIAL-
IZING

Genevieve



GENEVIEVE IS A GO GETTER - SHE IS SILLY, SPUNKY, CREATIVE, AND SOCIAL

Genevieve is our family extrovert and we're constantly told about how friends line up to play with her at school because of her deep kindness and ability to shift between every type of play and every type of learning. Genevieve loves to cook and come up with her own recipes and can play deeply! She loves to think outside of the box and just like her sister, she is tenacious and persistent. Genevieve doesn't like when people tell her she can't do something or that she is too young - she can do anything! She has a mighty "can do" way of engaging in things and dives in head first, then adjusts to make things work. Genevieve is a quick learner and adores her sister and younger children. She is courageous, brave and strong.



ELEANOR IS LOVING, FUN, CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE, KIND, AND ADVENTUROUS

Eleanor is intelligent, observant, curious, deeply loving, genuine, and fair. She loves to read, loves animals and ensuring they are treated kindly, science, learning, aerial silks, performing, hiking, riding her bike, swimming, travelling, novelty, trying new things, and spending time together as a family. She is a great problem solver and the friend at school that everybody trusts. She is incredibly kind. When we're home, Eleanor adventures through books and imaginative outdoor adventures - most families struggle to get their children outside and to read and we struggle with getting Eleanor inside and to stop reading to get out and about! She is a child who from the day she was born would observe everything around her, process it in her mind, and have it all mastered and understood before she engaged. We are so lucky to be her mama and daddy!!

AGE: 8.5

EYES: BLUE

HAIR: STRAWBERRY BLONDE

EDUCATION: 3RD GRADE AT A CHOICE

SCHOOL WITH AN OUTDOOR HIKING

DAY EVERY WEEK

INTERESTS: AERIAL ARTS, KITTENS (EVEN

THOUGH I'M ALLERGIC!), ICE CREAM,

READING, SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE, BE-

ING SILLY, CUDDLING, COOKING

Eleanor





OUR LOVE FOR TRAVEL

Autumn has always been an avid traveler and has travelled to over 25 countries. She studied abroad in Copenhagen during college and couldn't wait to travel with a family! When we met, Isaac hadn't travelled outside of the country, but was eager to start.

We've always loved adventures and continued our long roadtrips once Eleanor was born and again once Genevieve was able to feel comfortable in the car for longer periods of time. Our international travel as a family started in the summer of 2022, when we travelled to Portugal for a

month. With both of us working remotely, we have significant flexibility outside of the school year schedule. We are eager to travel internationally again!

The girls are remarkable travellers and we all enjoy the time away from the hustle and bustle of home tasks when we adventure. We have friends all over the United States, Autumn's family in New England, and friends internationally from when we lived in student-family housing when Autumn was in graduate school in Michigan - Eleanor was a baby at that time and Isaac was home with her, so they made a bunch of friends!



Celebrations

We take every opportunity to celebrate. Big events and things like birthdays are always special and celebrated, but our favorite types of celebrations are things like an ice cream outing on a random night after we've all supported each other through a busy or draining week, or when we've shifted out of a loop of something that wasn't serving us at home, or for things that the girls are especially proud of themselves for, like Eleanor's first time having a spelling test that she studied hard for, or after Genevieve climbed a tree on her own with

confidence! The kids love to decorate for holidays and make art to have around the house - we have a special art wall in the kitchen that the girls show off whenever we have guests.

Thanksgiving is our biggest family holiday, where we host Autumn's family at our home and Isaac's family come for dinner. Autumn and the kids were raised vegetarian and were vegan for more than 4 years recently, so our Thanksgiving meal can look different than other people's might! We love Christmas and the kids love to decorate for holidays!



HOME

We live in a quaint, outdoorsy, touristy, town in the mountains in a beautiful home that we have curated to be our own. We live just over a mile on the bike path from the kids' school, and it takes 4 minutes to drive to school - only 2 minutes further from the preschool Genevieve attended last year. We are privileged to have their doctor within 20 minutes and so many fun and interesting extracurriculars and hiking paths within minutes from our front door.

Our home has enough room for each child to have their own room and to have a playroom and we love our large and open kitchen for the central "go to" space to connect at home. Our summer evenings are a blast, with an in-ground solar heated pool that we get to enjoy with friends while hosting dinner where Isaac makes pizza in his homemade outdoor pizza oven.

When we need a little adventure or something fun to do, we like to go on drives and explore outside, cook, try new recipes, do house projects to make it feel more homey, read,

cuddle up for Friday night movie nights, ride bikes, walk Willow, go to parks, picnic in the back of the truck in the woods, swim in our backyard, create art, jump on our trampoline, build fun things with magna-tiles and playmobil, go to pottery classes, and we always take the opportunity to travel when it's possible.

The most unique family ritual that we have is that the kids take a picture in a particular gray chair while holding wooden letters that say "dad" every year for father's day. Other family rituals seem typical with things like breakfast in bed on Mother's/Father's day. We have special birthday songs and do the sign language for "I love you" often to each other on separations or reunions like going to school or something of the sort. Both girls and Autumn have special necklaces they wear daily with the ASL sign. Autumn and her mom used to sign "I love you" when she was growing up and it's a special connection to continue having with the girls.



THE WHOLE FAMILY

When we decided where we wanted to settle down and get cozy in a community after moving various places to have adventures and finish our education, we decided to move close to where Isaac grew up, to make sure our children would be close to family, just like Isaac was when he grew up. We are so lucky to be within 10 minutes of Isaac's sister, Laurie, and her husband, Tyler, and 2-year-old, Iris, and 8-month-old, Leo. We're also lucky to live within 20 minutes of Isaac's parents, Karen and David. Karen will be retiring in Spring of 2024 and we can't wait to spend more time together with flexible schedules. Genevieve and Iris + Eleanor and Leo have very special cousin relationships that we wouldn't trade for the world. Autumn's brother and his fiancé, Fima, are a 6 hour drive away in a large urban city, and her dad, Ryan, and his wife, Sandra, are a 3 hour drive away. We welcome the opportunities to visit everyone and explore in cities we don't live in! We love to spend birthdays, holidays, and day-to-day time together!!

Autumn's mom, Anne, was an incredible mom, similar to Autumn. She died when Autumn was 15 from brain cancer. We talk about her often and celebrate her memory. Whenever something beautiful happens in nature, we think it's a way that she is sending us a little message and reminding us how we remain connected and how she is always watching out for us and keeping us safe.



WORK, PLAY & EDUCATION

We have both worked hard to reach our career current career goals with each other's support - the most recent goal before moving forward with pursuing adoption being for Autumn to finish her supervised clinical hours to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker where she could open her own private practice. The purpose of work for us is to find a career fit that supports what want in our lives - for us, it means enough financial stability to not have stress with finances, but more important than that is having flexible daily schedules so we can do things like volunteer at the kids' school or snuggle them on the couch when they're home sick or travel for longer trips, like when we went to Portugal.

To be able to achieve the financial stability and work-life balance we wanted, we moved across the country for Autumn to complete her Master's Degree at the best school in the nation for her degree. When we returned to Oregon and settled down, Isaac went back to school as a non-traditional student, and graduated just as the COVID-19 pandemic started. Within a few years, Isaac progressed in his career to now working for one

of the major tech companies. We both work from home and we are our children's caregivers - we rarely, if ever, have babysitters.

Our days are structured and follow routine but are flexible, with adjusting to the needs of our family system. For instance, Friday night is our movie night as a family, though if the kids are especially tired, we'll change it to Saturday night and feed them dinner in the bath. Another example being bedtime is within the range of 6-7:30 and adjusts based on the needs of the individuals in the family. If one child needs more sleep and one needs more connection, we adjust our routine to make that happen. Our days are predictable, though flexible. The kids always know a basic framework of what to expect and we tell them about the plan for the day each morning. When we asked Eleanor how to answer how predictable our days were for the home study, she said, "I think there's maybe one day a year where I don't know what the plan is."

We support the children in exploring their interests and take on the interest as a family. This is guided by them and supported by us in any way we can do so.

OUR PETS

WILLOW, LUNA & YELLOW

Willow is our youngest pet; she is our just turned 2-year-old Australian Labradoodle and she is the biggest snuggle bug. She is beyond excited to interact socially whenever she gets a chance, but is a completely relaxed pile of fluff when home. Willow is very tall and very loving. We've been enjoying learning to groom her on our own as a family hobby, though when she went to the groomer, they referred to her as a "supermodel".

Luna is our 8-year-old rescue kitty. She is a nurturing, doting, tolerant kitty who adores children. She is gentle and delights in bedtime, when ever settles down to cuddle her for the night. Luna likes to hunt for socks and hide them under beds!

Yellow is also an 8-year-old kitty. He was found with his brother dumped on family property in the country when he was a kitten. He is mostly an outdoor kitty by choice and is very popular amongst the nieghbors.



FRIENDSHIP

We are definitely a family where we've created our own family through friendships. Some of these friendships are with other families with kids, and some are with auntie or uncle figures for the girls and good friends for us. As the girls grow up, we've been going on more adventures with friends and we're absolutely loving it! It's important to us to know that when the kids need someone that isn't their mom, dad, or sibling, that they will always have several trusted adults to reach out to who will have known them from a young age. There are many people in our local and extended communities who are watching out for our kids, giving them care, and making them feel seen, and where we are watching out for and giving care to theirs as well.

Our promise to you..

We would like for our children to see that they are capable and can always look behind them and know we are watching out for them even when they don't notice, bad choices come from hurt people, boundaries can be set respectfully and are important, education allows life to be lived more deeply, travel and living through adventure is just as important as structure and routine, we only have one body and we need to treat it with kindness and respect, be kind, be kind, be kind, being humble feels good, they are always worthy of connection and love, making a mistake has nothing to do with who they are as a person and how we repair can show our character, persistence and goal setting are important in creating meaning, being creative and flexible allow for people to experience more than they sometimes ever think they can, and change and doing hard things is scary but can lead to great joy. Most importantly, we want to ensure our children know that family will always be there, consistently and predictably, and they can always look behind them in hard times or times of joy to see they have so many people rooting for them.

