

Autumn and Isaac



“We will communicate about your child’s adoption from the moment we meet them, ensuring they feel loved for every part of their identity from day one.”



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 the Pacific Northwest. We are lucky to 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 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. Thank you for considering our family while on your brave journey to bring your child into the world!



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 people she comes across will feel seen and heard and will specifically go out of the way to ensure that happens through understanding why people do what they do. Autumn is a home-body and emulates comfort, though also loves spontaneous adventures! She enjoys learning about new topics related to her work or child development, swimming with the kids and friends in our in-ground solar heated pool, family walks and bike rides, international travel, and out of town adventures! She deeply loves snuggling up under a weighted blanket with the kids and reading, cooking new recipes with the girls, and finding vegetarian recipes for us to try out. Autumn is a strong advocate for children and families in both her work and personal life.

“Autumn is intentional, deeply loving, and authentic”



EYES: GREEN/BLUE/GRAY

HAIR: BROWN

ETHNICITY: CAUCASIAN

EDUCATION: MASTER'S
DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK

CAREER:
CHILD & FAMILY THERAPIST



Meet *Isaac*

Isaac is active, loving, patient, empathetic, steady, humble, intelligent, silly, committed, and caring. He enjoys being out of the house and adventuring, being active, playing soccer, riding bikes with the girls, hiking, barbecues on our back porch with family, perfecting his Neapolitan pizza recipe, all things music, yummy food, travelling, learning, watching reels of huskies on instagram, playing hide and seek with our Australian Labradoodle, 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!) - he can learn how to do anything! Isaac is liberal, though is interested in hearing both sides of any matter, 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, but he is convinced it is still blond like it was when he was a child!!

EYES: BLUE

EDUCATION:
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
COMPUTER SCIENCE

CAREER:
SITE RELIABILITY ENGINEER
(WORKS FROM HOME)





INTERESTS

Isaac enjoys family time, 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: 6

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, ART, AUDIO-
BOOKS, AND SOCIALIZING



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: 9
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, BEING SILLY, CUDDLING, COOKING, CARING FOR ANIMALS, FAMILY TIME

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! Isaac was eager to start travelling internationally - a perfect match!

We've always loved adventures and have kept that part of our family culture with various ways of travelling - our international

travel as a family started in the summer of 2022, when we travelled to Portugal for a month! We both work remotely, which allows our family so many opportunities!

Adventure and constant exposure to a variety of foods, appearances, cultures, and languages is important for us, and learning how to travel well as a child is a family value we continue to nourish!



Celebrations

We take every opportunity to celebrate! Big events, holidays, and birthdays always include special traditions, but our favorite types of celebrations are those like an ice cream outing on a random night after a big success!

The kids love to decorate for holidays and lead in planning how we want to celebrate each year - they often-times make homemade decorations and gifts for friends and family and enjoy cooking and baking using holiday themes.

Thanksgiving is our biggest family holiday with extended family, 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 peoples might! Having a full house and hosting can get a bit wild, though we love creating the space where everyone feels welcome and at home. We love creating a cozy Christmas, which is more centered around our family unit!!



HOME AND OUR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE

We live in a quaint, outdoorsy, touristy, town in the mountains, in a beautiful home that we have curated to be loving and welcoming. We are minutes away from their school and all other necessities!

Our home has enough room for each child to have their own bedroom and space, and enjoy 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 and family while hosting dinner where Isaac makes pizza in his homemade outdoor pizza oven and the kids are outside on the trampoline, playing in dirt, swinging, and just enjoying their own imaginative worlds together.

When we need a little adventure or something fun to do, we like to go on drives and explore outside, cook,

find new recipes, do house projects to make it feel more homey and learn a new skill, 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, 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.

We are a structured, but flexible family, where we all know the things to expect for the day, with time to meet each person’s needs and shift plans if needed. Others have commented on how we are able to identify and meet, our children’s individual needs and ensure everyone feels cared for and supported. We are not an over-scheduled family, though enjoy supporting each other in our individual interests!



FAMILY

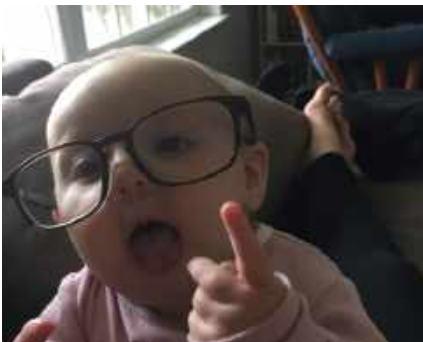
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THE WHOLE FAMILY

When we were ready to purchase our first home, we wanted to make sure our children would be close to family, just like Isaac was when he grew up. Eleanor and Genevieve and their young cousins (2 and 8-months) have a special cousin relationship that we wouldn't trade for the world. Autumn's brother and his fiancé, are a 6 hour drive away in a large urban city, and her dad and his wife are a within driving distance too. We welcome the opportunities to visit our extended family and adventure in the cities where they live! We continue supporting our relationships with our family who aren't local by telling stories, keeping our family updated on our lives, and facetimeing when we can!

Autumn's mom was the most nurturing mom, similar to Autumn. She died when Autumn was 15 from brain cancer. We talk about her often and celebrate her memory and find ways to help the girls feel a connection to who she was. 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.

Our local family is child-centered and supportive, learning the necessary information to support our children's individual needs. Our family culture includes things like babywearing and breastfeeding to toddlerhood, which Autumn would hope to do with our adopted child.



WORK, PLAY & EDUCATION

We have both worked hard to reach our career current career goals before growing our family again, with each of us supporting each other through our academic and career goals.

The purpose in our family is to find a career fit that supports being able to access a full life that aligns with our values - 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.

We both work from home, which gives us even more opportunity with our flexible schedules. We are our children's caregivers and rarely, if ever, have babysitters.

Instead, we plan time with friends and family for things like date nights.

We follow the lead of our children in exploring their interests and take part as a family in whatever ways we can! The most recent interests we've engaged in are a pottery workshop for Isaac and Autumn, aerial arts and learning spanish on Duolingo for Eleanor, and soccer and hip hop dance for Genevieve. Last summer, the girls explored tennis and biking more and we hope to develop cross country skiing skills this winter!

Rest is just as important to play for us, and structure is just as important as flexibility and unplanned days. We work hard on maintaining a balance with rest, work and play, and with structured and free time. We're a close family and are often together!

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 bed-time, 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 neighbors.



FRIENDSHIP

We have enjoyed creating 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 outside of town with friends and we're absolutely loving it! It's important for us 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, where we return the experience for their children too. We enjoy developing friendships with our children's parents and can develop these family friendships with ease.

Our promise to you...

Our children will see that they are **capable** and can always look behind them and know **we are watching there and ready to support them, before they even have to ask**. They will develop **deep empathy**, understanding why people make choices that they make. **They will learn to set gentle, yet firm boundaries** respectfully and understand how setting boundaries is often the kindest option. They will engage in a **deep love for learning**, understanding that education allows life to be lived more deeply. That **travel and living through adventure is just as important as structure and routine**. They'll learn to **nourish themselves**, knowing that we only have one body and we need to treat it with kindness and respect. When they aren't sure what to do or how to be, remembering the quote **"be kind, be kind, be kind"** will be their guide. **being humble feels good**, that **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, and being creative and flexible allows for people to experience more than they sometimes ever think they can. **Most importantly, our children will know that they will consistently and predictably receive unconditional love and they are worthy of every ounce of that love.**