

Isaac + Gwendolyn



Hello

We have a home with room to grow and hearts with lots of love to share. We are Isaac and Gwendolyn! We know it's hard to get to know someone on paper, but hope that looking through our book will be the first step in making a lifelong connection with you through this child.

Before reading further, we want you to know a few things.

First, we admire your commitment to make an adoption plan for your child, and, as adoptive parents, we will make sure your child always knows how that decision demonstrates your unconditional love. We also want your child to know as much about you as you are comfortable with. Ultimately, we wish that you find deep peace with whatever decision you make for you and your baby.

Second, we are SO excited to share our lives with a child and provide a supportive, happy, and creative home! As parents, we plan to provide plenty of opportunities for both educational learning and recreational exploration. It is important to us to provide encouragement on a daily basis while raising your child to be a kind human being.

This is the story of us. Our life of adventures and our lifestyle of creativity – one we look forward to sharing!



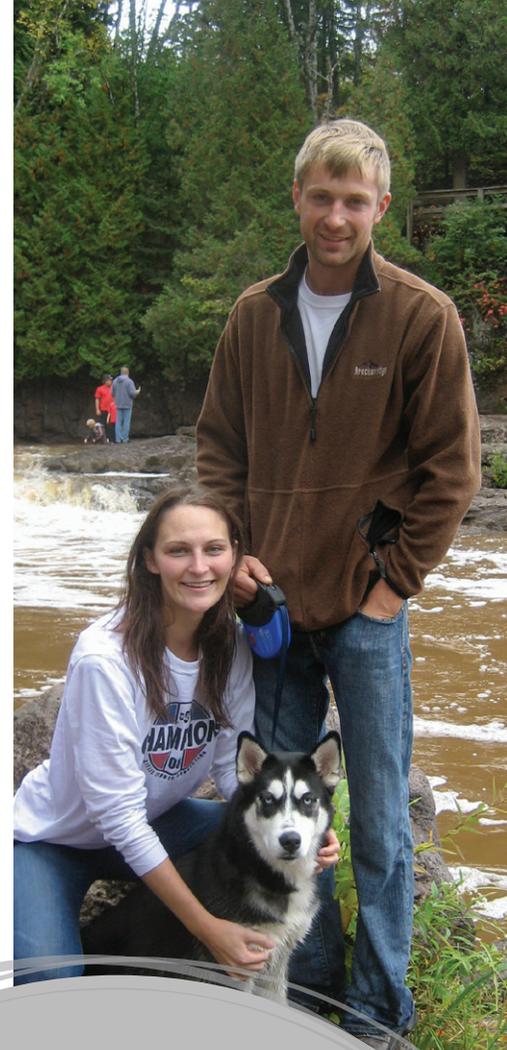
Our Story

We met through mutual friends the weekend before Gwen was moving to Colorado (right after graduating from college). Finding out that Isaac planned to take a three month snowboarding trip to the western portion of the United States that winter led to exchanging phone numbers.

Isaac followed up five months later by texting Gwen to get together in Colorado. She took him to a downtown art walk before Isaac taught Gwen to snowboard the next day. Thankfully, he was patient and a good sport about sharing his passion.

Twelve years after that first weekend of dates, we have:

- Explored many recreational activities together
- Enjoyed plenty of Mexican food dinners and fruit crisps for dessert (or the occasional breakfast)
- Lived in three states together
- Bonded over being evening homebodies – enjoying movies, TV series, and reading books
- Supported each other through new careers
- Added one cat and one dog to the family
- Remodeled/built two homes and a cabin together (Isaac gets the credit for the actual building part)



Why We Choose Adoption

To us, families are not automatically biological; they are a group of people who genuinely love, trust, and support each other.

Meet Gwendolyn

Outgoing, creative, planner,
and occasional over-analyzer

I go by Gwen for short. I grew up in Minnesota in a family of four and have one older brother. Growing up, I was active in 4-H programs and attended camps, which has given me a passion for creativity and the arts. My creative interests led to getting a bachelors of fine arts degree in graphic design – and I love my job. As a kid, I participated in a wide variety of team sports and focused on volleyball and hockey during high school. For the last four winters, I have volunteered as a youth hockey coach for kids ages 4 to 8 years old. All year round, I enjoy knitting, sewing, painting, and photography. I am the night owl in our family and always ready to meet new people.



Fast Facts

- Occupation: Graphic Designer
- Enjoys being outside reading a book in the warmth of the sun
- Favorite childhood family memory: scavenger hunt with extended family
- Favorite semester in college: studying abroad in England
- Has never had ears pierced
- Cannot live without: ChapStick

5'10"

EYE COLOR
hazel

long
brunette
hair





Meet Isaac

Reliable, adventurous, creative,
and often soft-spoken

As the youngest of five children, I always had older siblings to support and encourage me – and still do to this day! Growing up, I visited many state and national parks with my family. This led to a passion for hiking and being active outdoors. As a kid with these passions, I enjoyed spending my free time building forts in the trees (where they both should and should not be). To this day, I continue to build structures – only now it is as a licensed residential homebuilder.

My dedication to working hard has led to a successful self-employed business for the last 12 years. I am the early riser in our family and always planning the next outdoor adventure.

Fast Facts

- Occupation: Residential Home Builder
- Avid snowmobiler, snowboarder, dirt biker, and wakeboarder
- Favorite childhood family memory: trip to Walt Disney World
- At age 17, my family home was blown down by a tornado, thankfully nobody was injured
- Enjoys watching Jeopardy
- Cannot live without: the toaster



sandy
blonde
hair

EYE COLOR
blue

6'11"



River rafting – we enjoy the scenery and wildlife spotting on sunny spring and summer days!

Summertime Adventures

River Rafting, Wakeboarding, UTV Trail Drives, Dirt Biking, Hiking, Camping, Making Smoothies



Adding a car seat to the UTV for a friend's daughter



Dusty faces after a day of UTV trail driving with family

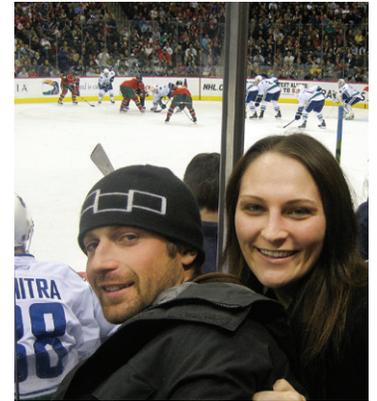
Geared up in drysuits for early spring whitewater rafting



Exploring slot
canyons and
taking photos
while traveling
to visit family
in Arizona.

Wintertime Activities

Snowboarding, Snowmobiling,
Coaching Hockey, Drinking Hot Chocolate



Snowboarding – our first year of dating



Gwen coaching 6-year-old youth hockey players



Snowmobiling with our dog to reach backcountry snowboarding terrain

Built with dedication
and muscle by Isaac

Home and Community



House

Isaac built our home, which we have been living in for one year. We will be starting a vegetable garden and finishing up the landscaping in 2020. This four bedroom, three bathroom home has a **wide flat driveway - perfect for child chalk drawing!**

Our family-friendly neighborhood on the edge of town has walking/biking trails, mountain views, and two parks where families with children are often playing.

Community

- Beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains
- Lots of hiking trails, rivers, and lakes
- Safe community with good schools
- Seasonal town markets and festivals

Mountainside Cabin

Affectionately thought of as
Isaac's grown-up tree fort!



Lovable, Furry Pets



Siamese/rabby mix

Cyan » Named for her eye color

- Enjoys drinking from a running faucet
- Loves being brushed
- Often found lounging on Gwen's lap



Siberian husky

Summit » Named for the summit of a mountain

- Loves running on mountain trails
- Wades in the water – chest deep
- Accepts offered food with the most surprisingly delicate manner



Extended Family

Gwen's side

- Creative and engaging mother (oldest of nine siblings)
- Supportive father who unfortunately passed away
- One older brother and sister-in-law
- One niece and one nephew

Location: Predominately in Minnesota, although a few aunts, uncles, and cousins are in Texas. We see most everyone at least once a year, often times more.

My mom (her grandma) made the flower girl dress



Niece and nephew were our wedding flower girl and sign bearer



Baking weekend in Texas, with several of Gwen's aunts



Christmas Eve, looking at family photos from years past



Extended Family

Isaac's side

- Compassionate mother (with two siblings)
- Spiritual father
- One brother, three sisters, and a few in-laws
- Eight nieces and nephews

Location: Spread across the central and western USA (MN, WI, AZ, WY, MT, IN) + his mother in Ecuador, who visits us all for a few months every summer. We see everyone about once a year, some much more. We are thrilled that one nephew will be graduating college this year and permanently moving to our town!



Dog walking after a family summer picnic



Vacation – Isaac driving some family over to a rented houseboat



Nephew cuddle time



Off-road drive with mom





Exploring

Luau dinner during a trip to Hawaii

Isaac at Yellowstone National Park - we love wildlife! →

Gwen enjoyed photographing all the animals during a safari in South Africa with her aunt



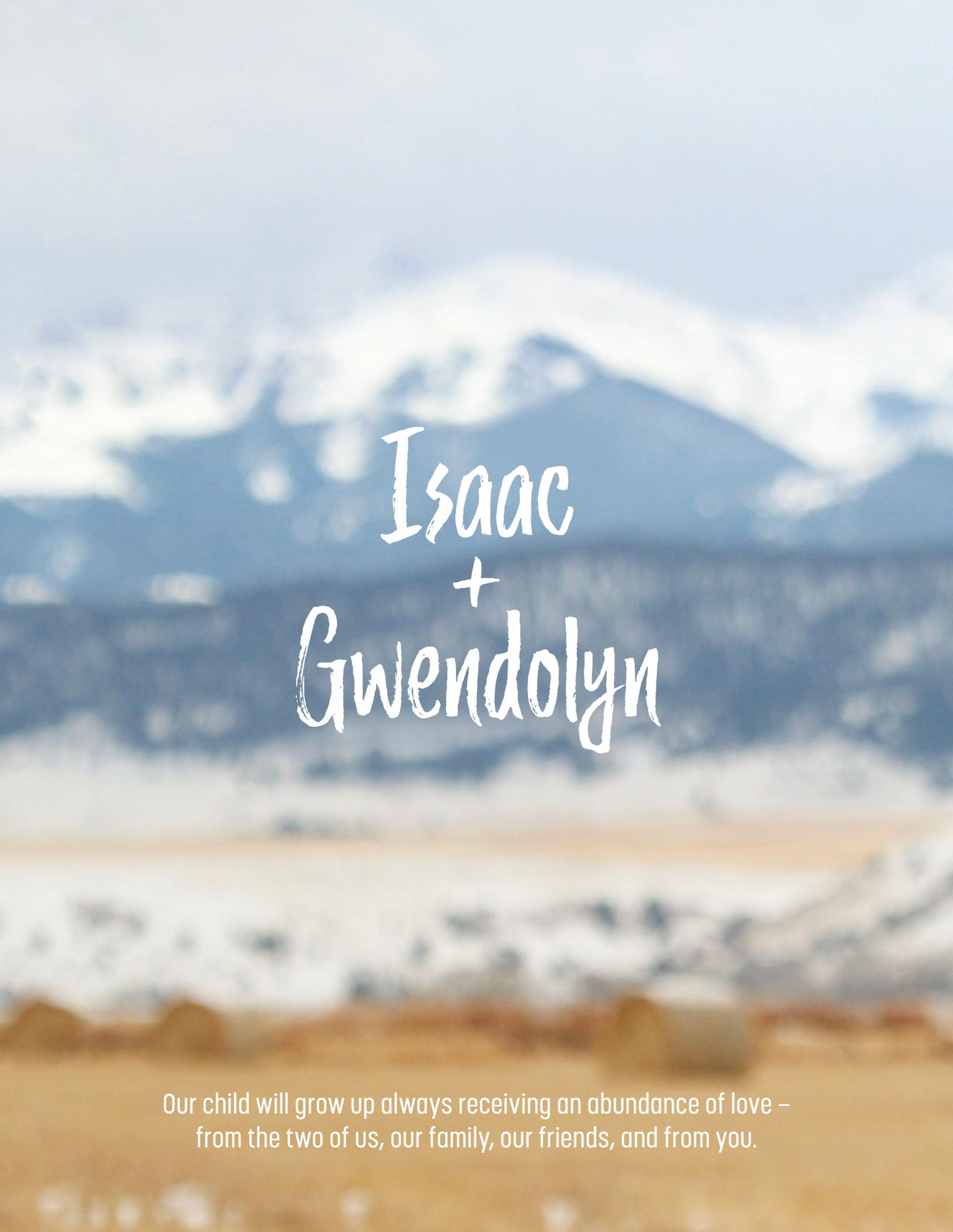
Thank You

We appreciate
you and your time!

We are incredibly honored that you would consider us as adoptive parents. We are humbled by this process and will always cherish being entrusted to nurture and love your precious child.

We would love to hear if you connected with something in our book and can envision your child thriving in our home and our hearts!





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+
Gwendolyn

Our child will grow up always receiving an abundance of love –
from the two of us, our family, our friends, and from you.