



Shirlee & Daryl

Welcome!



We are Shirlee, Daryl, and
Isaac from Connecticut





Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile book as you consider an adoption plan for your baby. We can only imagine how difficult this decision may be, and we recognize the strength it takes to consider what is best for your child. While we cannot fully know your journey, we deeply respect the love and courage behind it. We're grateful for the chance to share a little about us, our hopes for raising a child, and whether we might be the right fit for your little one.

READY TO
EXPAND OUR
FAMILY

We are waiting with hope, love, and excitement to welcome another baby into our family—one who will grow up in a home with a loving big brother and be nurtured, adored, and guided every step of their life.

With sincere hearts, we hope it will be yours.





Our Story

Funny enough, we met one another at a friend's wedding. We've now been married for over 10 years and have shared many adventures together, living in two different states and even one other country. Along the way, we've learned so much about life, each other, and the kind of family we hope to build. Since welcoming our son, Isaac, nearly three years ago, we moved into our home, where we are excited to build many new memories together as we hope to grow our family once more.

It took us many years to welcome a biological child, which was not always easy, but we are grateful for how that time shaped us and helped us grow. Adoption has been a dream for each of us since before we even met. Daryl's younger brother was adopted when Daryl was six, and Shirlee has always envisioned a complete family that included an adopted child.

**Adoption has always
felt like a natural
and meaningful
way for us to grow
our family!**





FAMILY TIME
AT THE PARK



Being parents has brought us so much joy. We love teaching, playing, nurturing Isaac's curiosity, discovering his unique personality, and helping him develop talents. If we are the right fit, we would be honored to provide a safe and loving home—one where a child is supported, valued, and able to grow into who they are.

We try to live thoughtfully, encouraging each other to do our best and focus on what matters most. During the week we work hard, and on weekends we make time to relax, explore, and enjoy life together.

Shirlee stays home with Isaac, teaching, reading, singing, and dancing with him. She also includes him in daily activities like mixing dinner ingredients or moving laundry, and they enjoy library toddler classes and playing with friends.



Our Days Together



Daryl works from home, which allows him to share meals, take Isaac on short walks, and exchange hugs throughout the day. One of our favorite moments is when Isaac shouts from the kitchen, “DADDYYYY! ARE YOU COMING DOWN? BREAKFAST IS READY!”



A LITTLE
FRIENDLY COMPETITION



TRAVELING IN MAINE



FAMILY
PLAY DOUGH TIME

FINDING JOY IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

We try to spend time outside every day, even when it's raining or snowy. You'll often find us blowing bubbles, playing soccer, or just enjoying time together in the backyard. In the fall and winter, that might look like raking leaves or shoveling snow, and collecting little treasures along the way.

Evenings are our time to slow down as a family. We catch up on the day and unwind with a show, a good book, or a game before heading to sleep. On weekends, we spend time with friends, attend church and community events, explore parks and trails, and try new restaurants together.



FUN-LOVING — NURTURING — CARING



Shirlee

I grew up in sunny California as the oldest and only girl in a family of five children. I naturally took on a bit of a leadership role, and we spent our days laughing, playing outside, and making memories with cousins, swimming, playing sports, and sleeping in tents in the backyard.

I truly love people. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, having meaningful conversations, and hearing others' stories. I'm always drawn to learning more about relationships, faith, and personal growth.

I also love to organize, plan events, cook, bake, garden, and do puzzles. One year, I made custom birthday cakes for each of my nieces and nephews, letting them choose the flavor and theme. My favorite project is my fairy garden, where I create a small, whimsical world with tiny figurines and colorful plants.



HEALTHY MEAL PREP



People describe me as bringing peace, strength, and warmth to our family. I'm patient, loving, and attentive, and I make sure our son feels safe, supported, and encouraged to explore. I look forward to sharing that same love with our next child.



TAKING CARE
OF MY GARDEN



Daryl Says

“Shirlee encourages Isaac’s curiosity and constantly tries to expand his mind. On a daily basis I hear Isaac and Shirlee talking about a wide spectrum of things including what he sees in nature, feelings he has, people we’ve met, and places they’ve been.

I am grateful for the sense of wonder she inspires and I know she will bring that same love and devotion to another child as our family grows.”

WITTY — CARING — RESPONSIBLE



Daryl

I grew up in Southern California with two hardworking parents, a funny, curious dad and a caring mom. I have a younger brother, and we spent our childhood building forts, wrestling, and playing with neighborhood friends.

In college, I explored new cities, had long conversations with friends, and developed a real appreciation for science.

I have a strong passion for food and love discovering authentic restaurants and learning about different cultures through their cuisine. I also enjoy reading, learning new subjects, exploring languages, and baking bread. Lately, I've been working toward the perfect loaf with a crispy crust and soft, airy center. I'm getting close.

People describe me as caring, generous, and thoughtful, someone who makes others feel at ease.



BAKING BREAD





These days, my favorite moments are with Isaac, reading together, building with Legos, and playing with play dough. We love exploring, from hikes in Connecticut's state parks to trying new restaurants and spending time at local libraries and parks. I can't wait to welcome another child into our family to share in these everyday moments.



I LOVE TO GRILL



Shirlee Says

“Daryl has a great imagination and is quite an animated storyteller. Children and adults alike are often surprised and amused at the adventures he takes us on by incorporating their silly suggestions and character descriptions into his stories.

I can't wait to hear our children's laughter someday as he indulges them with nightly bedtime stories.”



MORE ABOUT SHIRLEE

- A perfect day is a cozy winter snowstorm spent at home with my family – fire crackling, cookies baking in the oven, catching up on TV shows, and putting together puzzles
- Before I became a stay-at-home mom, I was a Nutritionist
- I enjoy doing diamond art and other crafts
- My favorite vacation is an all-inclusive resort where I can read books, eat delicious food whenever I want, and walk along the beach with my family
- I'm known for my tasty pico de gallo and delicious blueberry pie
- I'm learning how to garden



MORE ABOUT DARYL

- The perfect day includes watching soccer with my family, eating middle eastern food, walking around my favorite coastal town, eating pizza, and then playing games
- I'm a Data Scientist – I work for a self-driving car company
- I enjoy solving problems
- My favorite vacation was exploring Hong Kong with Shirlee
- It's kind of funny, but I'm known for wearing shorts all the time
- I'm working on visiting all the state parks in Connecticut
- I love good food & deep conversations

Isaac is a curious, happy little boy with a great sense of humor. He is alert, friendly, and notices everything around him! He loves trips to the grocery store, library, Home Depot, and Hobby Lobby. He's an adventurous eater—though sweet potatoes, goldfish crackers, cheese, and fruit are his favorites.



ISAAC LOVES TO CLIMB

Meet Isaac



He enjoys being outside in any weather, climbing on his indoor play gym, building with Legos, playing with play dough, coloring, and—most of all—reading. Isaac loves being read to and often “reads” the stories he’s memorized to his stuffed animals while snuggled up with his blanky.

Lately, he has been fascinated by babies, gently touching and kissing them while saying, “aww, he/she’s so cute.” We think he’s preparing to be a wonderful big brother!



We have a comfortable 4-bedroom home on 3 acres of land. We spend most of our time in our family room with a beautiful stone fireplace, the kitchen where we prepare and eat meals together, and the dining room which is currently - and most appropriately - used as a playroom. Part of the property is grassy with a playground, and the rest is filled with trees, creating a small forest that provides privacy, peace, and a home for wildlife. Bunnies, squirrels, birds, hawks, and deer visit our yard, giving us the joy of experiencing nature every day. Our many windows let in natural light and allow us to enjoy sunrises and the changing seasons.

Our neighbors have young children who often play outside, riding bikes, running around, and decorating the sidewalk with chalk. Isaac loves watching them and seeing the school bus come by each day.

Our town is quaint and surrounded by other towns that put on festivals throughout the year. We also have a great church and amazing libraries that offer a strong sense of community, lots of diversity and opportunities for learning and growth.



ISAAC LOVES OUR
READING NOOK

We chose this town for its excellent schools, safety, and quiet, tucked-away feel, while still being just a short drive from larger towns, the capital city, and only a couple of hours from Boston and New York City.



WE HAVE A BIG,
SPACIOUS BACKYARD

THE BEST OF
BOTH WORLDS

Your child will get the best of both worlds—a peaceful home surrounded by nature with plenty of opportunities for fun and learning nearby.





FUN WITH OUR
NIECE AND NEPHEW

Our Family



We love our families and friends. They are very important to us and although we are spread across the U.S., we make it a priority to visit throughout the year and stay connected through FaceTime.

Daryl's family includes his mom, dad, and younger brother, who was adopted. His brother has a wife and two young daughters. They enjoy trying new foods, attending theater and musical events, traveling, and learning about different cultures. Generous and fun-loving, they love spoiling their three grandchildren with gifts and attention.

Shirlee comes from a large family with her mom, dad, four younger brothers, three sisters-in-law, and 12 nieces and nephews ranging from ages six months to eighteen years. Her family enjoys get-togethers, potluck barbecues, outdoor sports and games, and indoor card and board games. With so many children, her parents' home is always filled with books, toys, puzzles, games, and ice cream!



LOTS OF COUSINS!



PUMPKIN PATCH WITH
DARYL'S PARENTS



TRAVELING WITH SHIRLEE'S PARENTS

In addition to our families, we are grateful to have a strong network of friends who we consider extended family. They live all over the world, but most are concentrated in California and Connecticut. Our friends are people of different ages, races and backgrounds. They are people we grew up with in our home towns, who we met in college and grad school, and while traveling abroad.

Our families and friends love to eat, play games, and tease one another, creating lively, supportive, and fun environments. They are all eager and supportive as we are hopeful to add another little one to the family.



VISITING SOUTH KOREA WITH FAMILY



CHRISTMAS WITH GRANDPARENTS



Our Hope as Parents

We want any child we raise to grow up in a safe, healthy, and loving home and community where they can play, laugh, and be challenged. We will guide them to become the best version of themselves, teaching them to understand right and wrong, make wise choices, and learn from mistakes along the way.



IN FRONT OF CALIFORNIA'S
CAPITAL BUILDING

We will speak openly and positively about their adoption story. We will nurture their curiosity, encourage exploration, creativity, and learning, and help them imagine and build in a world full of possibilities. Your child will spend time outdoors, enjoy healthy meals from our garden, and play with siblings and friends. They will experience different cultures through travel, celebrations, and food, learning to value and respect diversity.

We will foster strong, healthy relationships and lead by example in faith, showing them how to trust God, seek guidance, and care for others. Our family will laugh together, share victories, solve problems, and love deeply. Most importantly, we will work every day to provide them with a joy-filled, meaningful, and love-filled life.



Thank you for taking the time to read about our family and get to know us. We know that choosing an adoptive family for your child is an enormous and deeply personal decision, and we honor the courage, love, and thoughtfulness that guides you.

If you choose us, we promise to honor your bravery and the incredible gift you have given, raising your child in a safe, joyful, and loving home. We look forward to the possibility of sharing life, love, and laughter with your child.

**We thank you
from the bottom
of our hearts for
considering us.**



WITH MUCH LOVE,
Shirlee & Daryl



Thank you!