



SEAN + FAUNA



*Hello!*



IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU

# OUR NOTE



OUR BIGGEST PROMISE TO YOU IS THAT YOUR CHILD WILL UNDERSTAND THE LOVE YOU HAVE FOR THEM AS THEY GROW AND ALWAYS KNOW THAT THEIR STORY STARTED WITH THAT LOVE.

# TO YOU



Thank you for taking the time to view our profile. We want you to know how deeply honored we are that you are considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child. We have immense admiration for the courageous decision you are considering. We understand this is not an easy journey for you, and we admire your strength and selflessness. Your choice to look at your options and consider adoption speaks volumes about your heart, and we want you to know that we respect and support you every step of the way.

Should you choose to pursue an adoption plan and feel we are the right fit for you and your child, we want you to know we promise to provide a warm, loving, and nurturing home filled with joy, opportunity, and laughter. Your child will always be cherished and celebrated. We are committed to ensuring they grow up in an environment where they feel secure, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams.

We envision a future filled with outdoor adventures, fun and play, learning, and family traditions, creating memories with them as we help them to grow into a young person of outstanding character. Not only do we dream of the day we can first meet and share our love with your child, we also cannot wait for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins to share their love too.

Thank you for considering us. We would be truly grateful for the opportunity to connect further and share our lives with your beautiful child.

love,  
Sean + Fauna



## WHY WE CHOOSE ADOPTION

As a couple who met later in life, we have overcome living a long distance apart in different countries, the Covid restrictions that separated us for eighteen months, and the two years we lived apart after marriage as we went through a long immigration process. These challenges have only made our bond stronger, and we are filled with gratitude to have found each other and to be together after so much separation. **We have a strong and loving marriage, and are now looking to share our love with a child. We know we have so much to offer a child through our beautiful life and our family, both here and in England and Ireland.**

We have both always been interested in adoption, even before we met. Sean's uncle was adopted and his mom had a huge part in looking after him when he was younger. Sean's uncle has always spoken of how grateful he was to be loved by such a warm family Sean's parents also fostered a child for many years. This young lady had experienced a very difficult background, and his parents provided a safe and supportive environment for her to flourish in both educational and social terms. To see her now with a career and a family of her own, is a testament to his parents' love and support. It is what we aspire to provide for our own adopted child.



We have been unsuccessful getting pregnant and starting our family the traditional way. We have always admired mothers such as yourself, and have dreamed of adoption as a part of the story of our family, even before we came to understand that having biological children was unlikely. Rather than seek fertility treatments, we are excited to pursue adoption as we look to welcome a child into our family.



# THIS IS OUR STORY

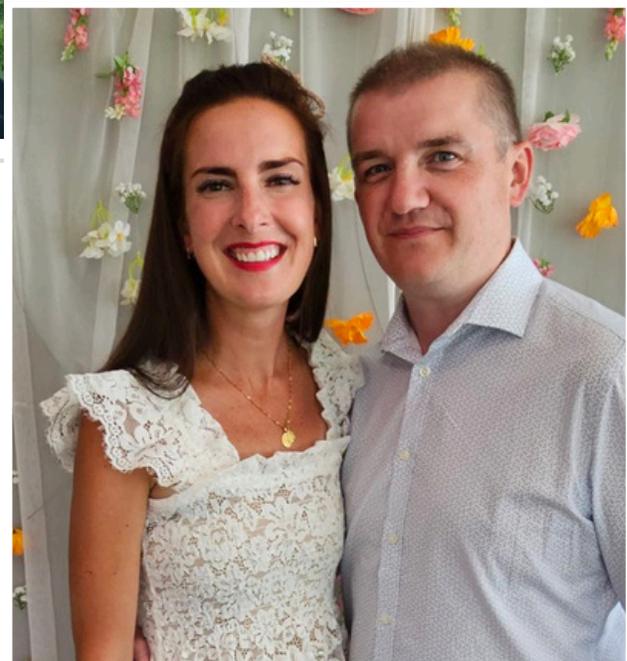
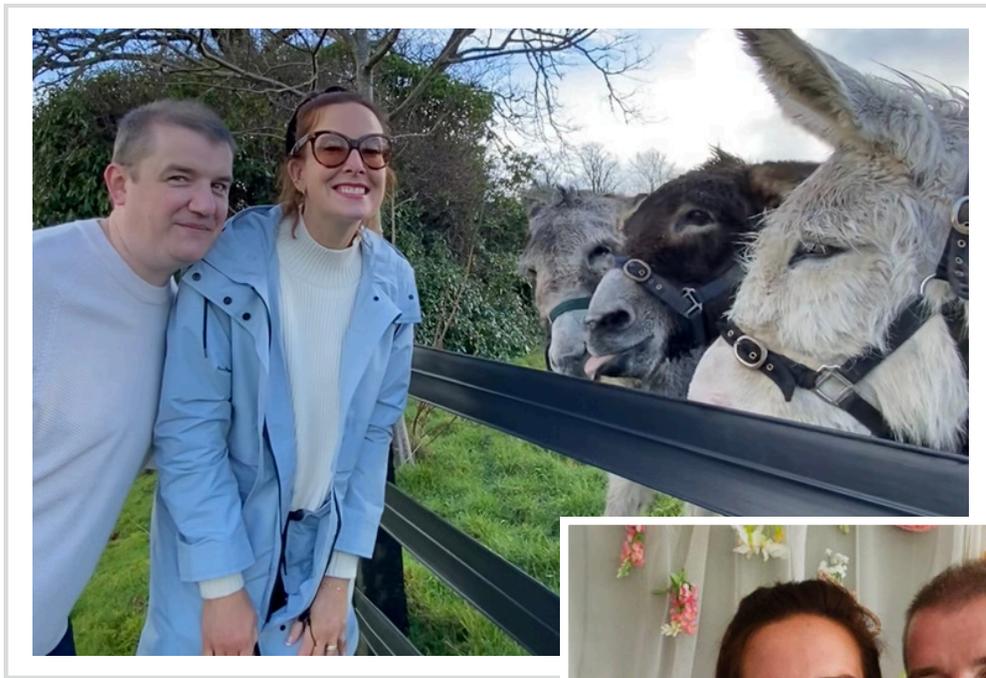


With Sean living in London, England and Fauna living in Minnesota, we were unlikely to meet! Thankfully, we were both invited to judge the same Irish dancing competition in Washington DC. While there, a mutual friend introduced us. We enjoyed our time together that weekend, and agreed to stay in touch. The distance made it difficult to date in a conventional manner, but we connected in our phone calls and messages where we enjoyed both laughs and more serious conversations about our families, shared interests, and values.



Sean began the immigration process immediately after we were married. He was required to stay in the UK aside from visits during this process. Finally, he was granted permanent resident status in the United States in April of 2024.

We have been married for two years. Our long distance relationship made us realize how intentional you have to be to make your marriage a strong and joyful one. Our communication has continued now that we are married and we talk through everything from what to buy at the store, to big life decisions, to what fun plans to make for the weekend.



## *Our Milestones*

**FIRST MET - DECEMBER 2019**

**ENGAGED - MAY 2022**

**MARRIED - AUGUST 2022**

SELFLESS

GOOD NATURED

HELPFUL

LOYAL



M E E T

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Growing up, my parents stressed the importance of manners and respect for other people. This has influenced me to become the type of person I am now. As a family, we had a very good balance of both fun and hard work which I feel is still ingrained in my personality now. Our Irish family often had large gatherings and I remember many games of cards where no one wanted to lose, and the silly antics and alliances that played out in our competitions. So many funny stories were told during these gatherings of our large Irish family.

I am very excited to be able to show how much love I have for a child. I can not wait to be able to see how our child plays and interacts with our nieces and nephews. I am also excited that they will be able to eventually visit my family in England and Ireland and have exposure to the cultures where I grew up. My greatest wish is to have a happy, healthy and polite child that is surrounded by loving family and friends.

I am an Account Manager for a Digital Marketing company. Not only is it a family friendly office that puts their employees' family and health first, but it is also a dog friendly environment where you can bring your dog to the office! They are very supportive of new parents and will provide both time off, and flexible working conditions.

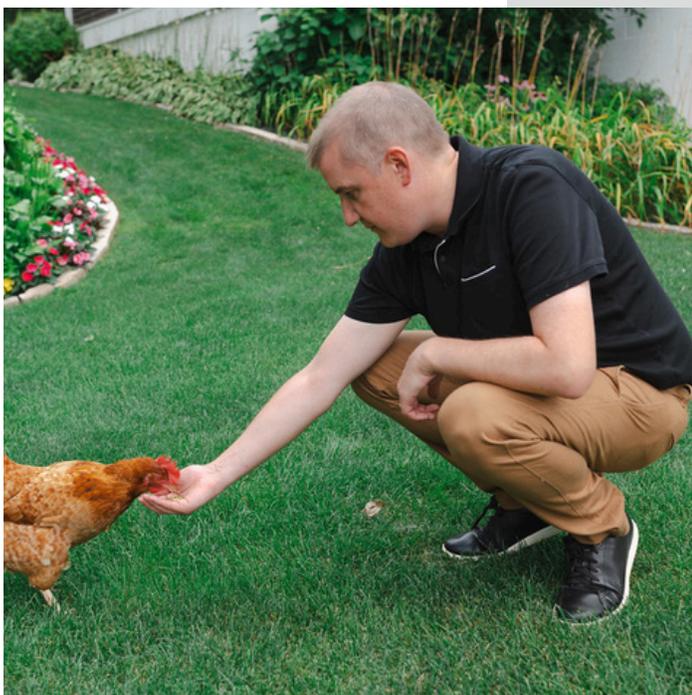
Outside of work, my main interests are Irish dancing, football (or soccer as it is known in the US) and cricket. During Covid lockdowns, I started creating online quizzes as a way of continuing contact with friends and families. I enjoyed doing this so much that I have continued this. I have been very lucky to have had many successes in my life. From being a World Champion Irish dancer, to touring the world with Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, to having a successful career in the city, and finally to meeting my beautiful wife and navigating the many hurdles to be able to move to the United States, life has been an adventure!



## IN FAUNA'S WORDS

Sean is a very positive and happy person. He is stable, logical, and dependable. He is steady by nature, and doesn't succumb to highs and lows. He is positive in his outlook and is a great listener and problem-solver! I am fortunate to be able to lean on him in challenging times, as his stability and resilience are a great help to me and all who know him. Sean is also a hard worker and is very selfless with his time and energy. He'll go out of his way for those around him, always willing to help, support, or listen. He has a generous and warm spirit, and both his nature and his values are evident in his daily life, work, friendships, and family. Sean is always asking how he can help me; what he can do to take something off my plate, whether that's housework, grocery shopping, or a task I've been putting off. He is extremely selfless in our marriage. I feel very fortunate, as his care for me and his perspective help me to feel very secure and happy, both as an individual and in our marriage.

Sean is going to be an amazing dad! He adores our nieces, nephews, and godchildren, and he's affectionately called the "Fun Uncle" because he is silly with them, makes them laugh, and joins in every game or imaginative play they are engaged in. He will always sit on the floor with kids and talk to them at their level. He will be silly and fun, acting out whatever role they ask him to play; whether it's the Big Bad Wolf, or Cinderella's stepsister, he'll always make them laugh! Through his involvement in our dance class, I've also seen Sean's impact on the teenagers we teach. He has struck a great balance of making their classes fun and enjoyable, but also making his high expectations clear. This creates an environment where the kids all know to do their best work and that a good effort is expected, but the process of striving for excellence can be a fun one, and you can share a laugh along the way! I know from his interactions with kids already, that he will be a very warm, affectionate dad with so much love to give!





QUICK WITTED

CURIOUS

AUTHENTIC

INTELLIGENT

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# FAUNA

I have always had a passion for dancing and working with children, and started my own dance studio right after high school, at age nineteen. It's very rewarding knowing that I have had a meaningful impact on my students' lives, and have helped shape their character in ways that stay with them long after they leave the studio. Owning my own business is a lot of work, but with that comes a huge amount of flexibility. I will be able to take a leave of absence when we add a baby to our family. I run the business with the help of Sean and my sister, Cassie, so have a lot of support to help with our dance classes. My office work amounts to a few hours a day and is done from home. My teaching hours are during weekday evenings and Sean works during the day, so I would be home caring for our child during the day, while he will be home in the evenings. We also have grandparents living with us, and aunts, uncles, and cousins nearby who will always be up for helping out with childcare and play dates!

I love to be active and run most days. I've run everything from 5Ks to marathons! Sean and I also enjoy walking our dogs together on the many nature trails by our home. We love animals and keep chickens as well. We enjoy caring for them and watching their antics in the coop! One of my passions is fashion, design, and creating beauty in our home. I love to shop for myself and others (especially for cute clothes for my nieces and nephews!) I enjoy decorating for the holidays, arranging flowers, making homemade gifts, and decorating cakes and cookies!

My parents did an amazing job of making childhood magical! My sisters and I played outside almost every day and had so many adventures. We were encouraged to read and make up stories through play. My parents were very hands-on while also giving us space to safely make our own mistakes and learn from them. They gave me a beautiful childhood and I aim to give our child so much of what I received! I am so excited to experience the joy that a child brings to a family! I am excited for the opportunity to give our child an incredible upbringing filled with love, family, faith, beauty, adventures, opportunities and values. I desire for our child to love God, family and country, and that they are filled with love and respect for the people and world around them.



## IN SEAN'S WORDS

Fauna is the most amazing and gentle woman I have ever met. She somehow manages to balance running a hugely successful dancing school, being there for me and our families, looking after our pets, prioritizing health and exercise, while still finding spare time for reading and walking together. Her care for animals even extends to rescuing wildlife in their hour of need. She is very knowledgeable in many subjects and speaks well. She also has an amazing eye for what is aesthetically right and is thorough in her attention to even the smallest detail. This is in fashion, design, homemaking, and gardening. One of the first things that attracted me to her was her strong mindedness. When she knows what she wants she does what it takes to make it possible to attain. We met later in life and I am a firm believer of the saying "The best things come to those who wait."

Fauna is going to be a wonderful mother. She has been around children her whole adult life through both her dancing school and her nieces and nephews. As a dancing teacher she has been an incredible influence on so many of her pupils. She has shown how hard work and good ethics do pay off. This is so wonderful to see so many young adults speak of their time with Fauna as being what has inspired them to be better people. Fauna is very close to her family and they have regular Sunday lunch gatherings. During the summer months she always encourages the kids to be outside and play in the yard or interact with the chickens. When we add to our family, I know she will be so excited to share her love of the outdoors, whether this is through gardening, playing with the animals, or being active hiking or biking.





OUR LIFE

# TOGETHER



Our main activities revolve around our shared life and involvement in Irish dancing. This includes traveling internationally for competitions, putting on a show locally, or simply teaching a class together. We also have a shared love for our pets. We love to be outdoors, whether we are gardening, hiking, or sitting by the firepit in our backyard. We are avid readers, as well as podcasts nerds. One of our favorite things to do is discuss what we are reading, listening to, and learning about. We enjoy celebrating each season; apple picking in the fall, baking Christmas cookies in the winter, and hosting outdoor fun for our nieces and nephews in the summer! We spend our free time with our family and friends, either out to eat, attending events, or hosting people in our home. We love to be at home with our family and animals, but always take the opportunity to travel when it arises, especially to visit Sean's family back in England and Ireland. In addition to time with family, we enjoy exploring the culture, history, and shopping that are unique to these countries!



## OUR PETS

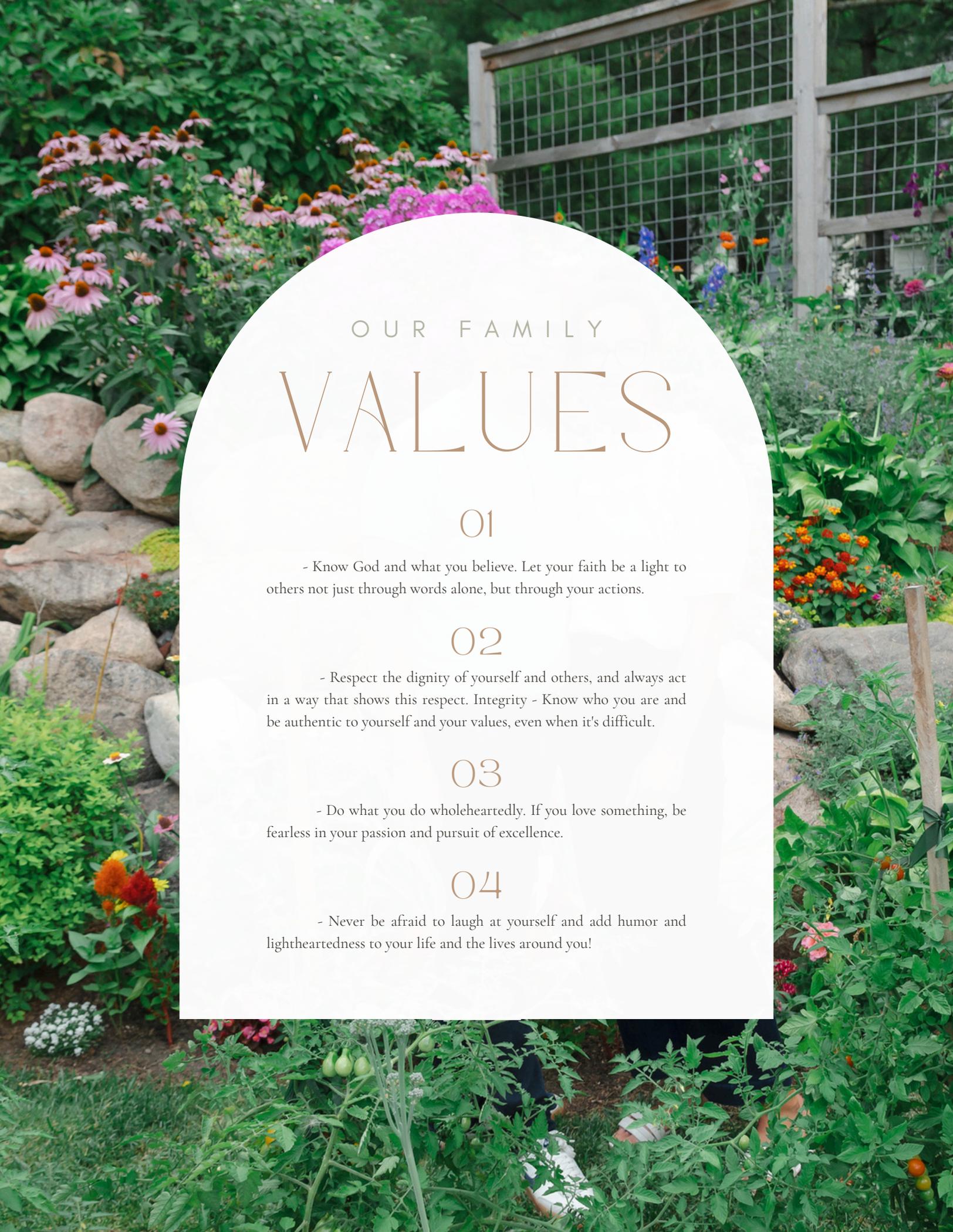
Crispin is a terrier mutt, Winifred is a jack russell terrier, and Tacie is a shih tzu. We love all three of our rescue dogs so much! We also have ten chickens who lay everything from white, to blue, to brown, to green eggs! Their names are Martha, Bridget, Caroline, Louise, Bonnie, Honey, Clementine, Pumpkin, Sugar, and Maisey. We also have a miniature parrot named Paulie. He speaks a few phrases and is such a fun pet!

# ABOUT OUR FAITH



We are Catholic, as are our parents and extended families. Our experience growing up in the Church gave us the something that we, and most kids crave; knowledge that we are loved and valued by God, and a sense of structure with moral guidance. This helped us to not only navigate an often confusing world, but to shape us into people who value and respect God's creation - both the people and the world around us. It also helped us to set high standards for ourselves in the way we conduct ourselves in the world, and show love and respect to others. We also were instilled with the joy of our faith. All of these elements are a part of our lives to this day through the sacraments, prayer, and involvement in our Church and community, and we would be excited to share them with our child.

We belong to a beautiful, old, country church. It's a small faith community of about five hundred people. Our Priest is a joyful, peaceful man full of love and wisdom. We are fortunate that he shares his gifts with us and our faith community. He is absolute magic with children, and helps them to see God as a warm and loving presence in their lives.



OUR FAMILY

# VALUES

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- Know God and what you believe. Let your faith be a light to others not just through words alone, but through your actions.

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- Respect the dignity of yourself and others, and always act in a way that shows this respect. Integrity - Know who you are and be authentic to yourself and your values, even when it's difficult.

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- Do what you do wholeheartedly. If you love something, be fearless in your passion and pursuit of excellence.

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- Never be afraid to laugh at yourself and add humor and lightheartedness to your life and the lives around you!



## WELCOME TO OUR HOME

We live in a large shared home with Fauna's parents. We decided to do a 50/50 home purchase between our two households because we genuinely love each other's company, and because it would allow us to purchase a home with land, gardens, and animals, knowing we have four adults to help make it all run smoothly! Our home is an older home that has been updated, but still has its original charm and character that makes it unique and full of special touches. We have two acres of land which is enough for big flower and vegetable gardens, as well as our chicken coop. All still with plenty of space for the dogs, nieces, and nephews to run around in the yard, play games, and kick around the soccer ball!

We have a porch in front of the house that looks out to our neighbors and a private deck in the back of the house that overlooks our land. We enjoy seeing the wildlife in the back, from deer to turkeys to eagles. Our home has five bedrooms, four full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. We have a finished basement that is a future play area, with lots of cozy space for reading, and playing with toys and games.

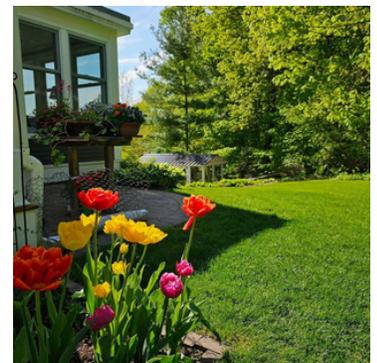
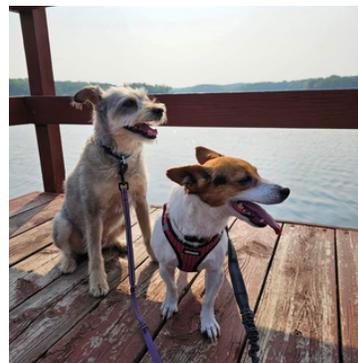
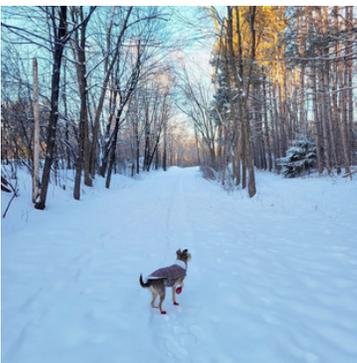




We live in a small country town just outside of the city in Minnesota. It's the best of both worlds as we have privacy at our home and a tight knit community, but should we wish to take part in bigger events in town, it's a short drive away. We enjoy attending the festivals and town gatherings near us, but will also go into the city for bigger events from time to time. Both have a lot to offer! Our town has quiet rural roads that wind through hills, trees, and nature. There are lots of young families in the area, and several playgrounds where families and kids meet up to socialize. One amazing thing about our community is that there are many walking, hiking, and biking trails to explore. It's a very active community that loves the local scenes and wildlife. Our little town has a community center with lots of classes and sports for kids; everything from swimming lessons, to tennis coaching, to soccer teams. There are regular family events in the area, from church carnivals to the local town festival! There are many lakes nearby, and people swim, boat, canoe, and fish!

Each Sunday we host family dinner at our home that we share with Fauna's parents. This is a chance for the whole extended family to share a meal and spend time together. The gathering includes twenty-one people, from Fauna's ninety-three year old Great Grandmother, to our newest niece who is just seven months old.

We absolutely love our home and are looking forward to making memories here for many years to come. We feel it is a perfect location for bringing up a child and will provide a loving, peaceful, and safe environment for all who live here. Our hope is that we stay in our house for the rest of our lives and always have somewhere for our extended families and friends to gather for holiday, birthdays, and Sunday dinners.





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# OUR FAMILY

## FAUNA'S FAMILY

My parents are John Paul and Sharon. We co-own a home together and enjoy the many joys and benefits that come with our multi-generational lifestyle. My dad owns an engineering firm and my mom is a homemaker. I have two sisters who live in Minnesota. Cassia is married to Jeremy and has four children; Hazel, Felicity, Maewyn, and Cyprian. Jenna is married to Brady and also has four children; Evie, Jane, Charlie, and Beatrix. The kids range from eight months to seven years old. We see my extended family once a week at Sunday dinner. This is hosted at our house and it is great to have all the cousins to meet up and play together. They are all very excited to have a new cousin to join in with their play and adventures. It is also an opportunity for us to catch up with my sisters and their husbands and talk through anything from books, work, or the latest bit of news.

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## SEAN'S FAMILY

My parents are John and Heather. They live in Ireland and are both retired. I have three sisters. Mandy is divorced and has one son, Noel. Lucy is married to John and lives in Ireland. She has three children; Katie, Aine, and John. Emma is married to David and has two children; Caoimhe and Jack. The kids range from eight to twenty-two years old. Since my family lives in England and Ireland, we do not see them in person often. With modern technology, we do speak two or three times a week and discuss how everyone is doing. My parents share an equal love for nature and we discuss and compare how our gardens are growing in different countries. They are very much looking forward to being able to book a flight to visit and meet their newest grandchild.





# OUR THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION

We plan to homeschool and hope that by offering an individual and customized learning experience for our child, they will thrive and see learning as a pleasure and a gift, rather than a chore. We will give them as many opportunities to socialize as they desire; through time with homeschooled cousins, and friends from all methods of schooling at church and activities. We will support our child by participating in regular after school activities such as sports, classes, music, and the arts. One cool tendency of homeschooled kids is that they are very advanced socially, since they don't experience isolation with their exact-age group peers in traditional school, but are out in the community daily with kids and adults of all ages, which is more reflective of the real-world social setting!

*“I was homeschooled, along with my younger sisters. Being homeschooled instilled a sense of curiosity and love of learning that remains with me to this day.” -Fauna*

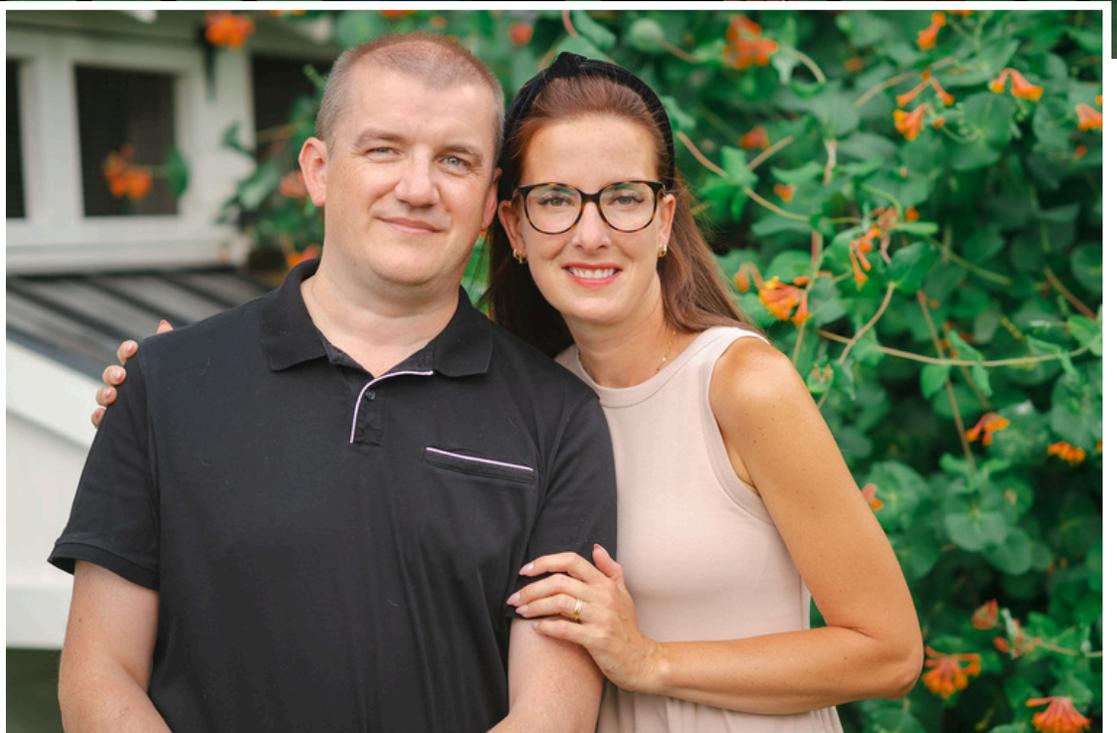
Depending on what our child is passionate about and wants to study, we will support them in choosing the best path for them. Whether that's a traditional college degree for a career where it's needed, or vocational training with real-world experiences. Whatever our child's interests and chosen path, we would support them in reaching their full potential through education and opportunities to learn, grow, and work with experts in their field who could serve as mentors to guide them as they begin their studies and career.

# HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

We host most family gatherings at our shared home with Fauna's parents. It's always a big family celebration with food, games, and down time together. This is for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Fourth of July! For Halloween, we go to one of our nieces and nephews houses and help with trick or treating and eating the resulting candy! For birthdays, we celebrate as our own immediate household, and for the kids, as a larger family gathering with gifts and birthday cake. Sometimes the nieces and nephews will pick an activity to celebrate, like swimming, or going to the playground, and we'll join them in that too!

One fun thing we do each year, and on special occasions like the arrival of a new brother or sister, is host the nieces and nephews at our house for sleepovers. This involves games, play, sleeping bags, smores by the firepit, and lots of extra treats!





*You are loved!*



# BEFORE YOU GO

We want to thank you for taking the time to consider us on this incredible journey. We are truly honored to be part of this moment in your life. We have always dreamed of being parents. Our hearts are open, and we're ready to provide a loving, stable, and nurturing home for your child. Family means everything to us, and we are committed to creating a supportive environment where your child can grow, learn, and thrive.

We cherish the values of love, honesty, and compassion, and we hope to instill these in our family. Our lives are filled with joy, laughter, and adventure, and we can't wait to share that with a little one. We look forward to celebrating holidays, family traditions, and the simple everyday moments that make life beautiful.

We understand that this is a big decision, and we respect and admire your strength and courage. Should you entrust us, we promise to keep you in your child's heart and life through our words and prayers. And, through communication, should this be where your heart leads you.

Thank you for considering us as part of your family's journey. We are beyond excited about the possibility of becoming parents through adoption; we would be forever grateful for the opportunity to know you, and welcome your child into our family.

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*You are seen and prayed for!*