



*Tom &
Melina*



Hello!

We are Tom and Melina, thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We are excited to open our hearts and home to another child. It is our belief as parents that we are to be a united front for our children and to give them a loving stable environment where they feel accepted and loved. We look forward to building memories with our family doing the things we love, learning about God, enjoying all nature has to offer and discovering the world with our children. We know that placing your child in another's arms is a difficult decision, and we want to walk along side of you in your choice, whether you choose to parent or entrust us. We want to reassure you that your child will know their story, and we do long for an open adoption if that is what you wish and if we are chosen to love and raise your child. A child can never have too many people loving them!

With love,

Tom & Melina



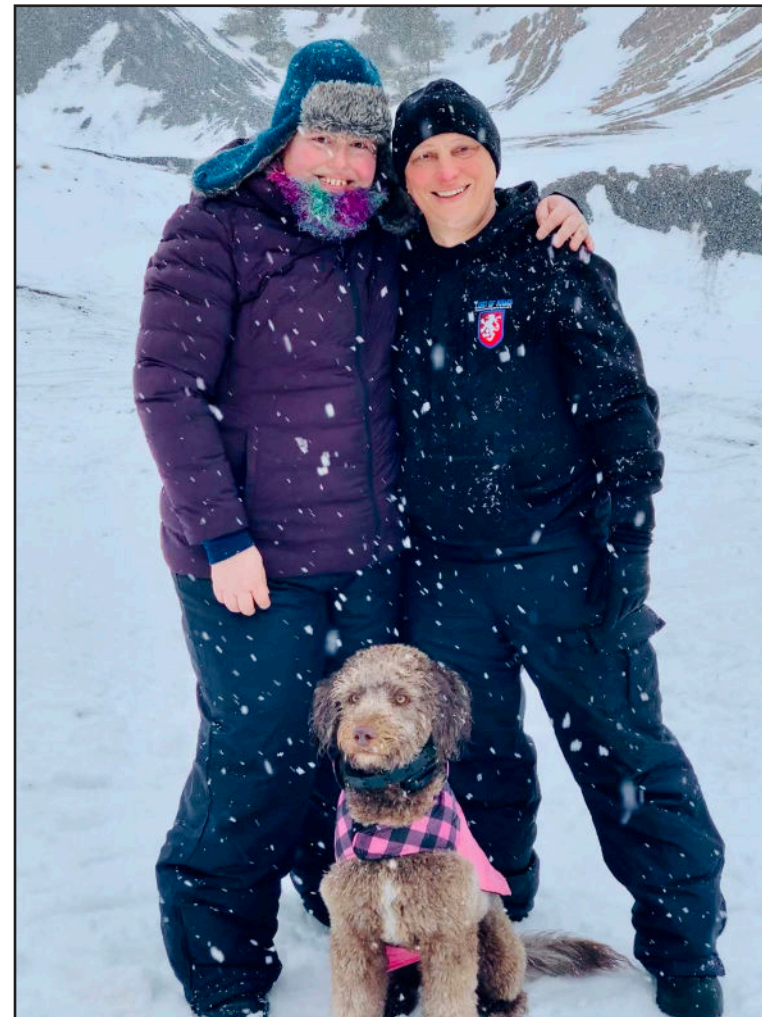
“ *Our family is defined by love, not blood.*”



Our story

The first time we met was at a diner for breakfast and it wasn't long before we knew God had brought us together. After dating for 3 years, we were married in 2017, and still love to have breakfast out. Our daughter was lovingly welcomed into our home in February, 2021 through adoption. We enjoy long weekend trips, hiking, riding our bicycles, camping, and hosting family and friends at our home to have a meal and play games.

As Christians, church is not just for Sunday, it is a way of life. We are very involved with our local church and consider them like family. They have embraced our daughter with such love and care, and have stood along side us on this next adoption journey, ready to embrace another. We have loved sharing our lives with our daughter and we are looking forward to adding another child to our adventures.



Meet Melina

by Tom

Melina is an amazing woman. She is kind, caring, fun loving and always thinking of others first. She leaves me thoughtful notes and always has a way to make one feel special. Melina has a gentle spirit that helps calm the home and those she is with. She is always keeping up on events around town to attend, so the calendar is filled with fun activities for the family.

Melina transitioned into motherhood seamlessly. She was a career nanny, caring for children comes naturally to her. But seeing how she looks at our daughter with pure love, and how they formed an instant bond from the first day, has showed me she was meant to be a mother. She loves sharing her hobbies with Isabella. They swim together, play piano, attended mommy and me classes and enjoy the day-to-day things together. I know Melina is ready to add another child to love and raise.



“Melina is the most amazing wife and mother that keeps our family healthy and active!”
- Tom

more about
Melina...

Occupation: At home mamma

Favorite book: Anne of Green Gables

Favorite place: Camping with my family

Can't live without: My family and my water bottle

Perfect day: A day out in nature with my family



Meet Tom

by Melina

From the first moment I met Tom I enjoyed his outgoing nature. He loves interacting with others, and brings out the best in people. Tom is always able to put a smile on my face and make me laugh. He has a real kindness, and a heart for others.

It has been a joy watching Tom become a father. Even when coming home from a day at work, he can't wait to be greeted by his family at the door, and enjoy some contagious giggles with Isabella. He is a very involved father and enjoys exploring the world through the eyes of a child. He shares his love of sports, the outdoors, and animals with Isabella and can't wait until he is able to share these experiences with another child as well. I know that he has so much to offer another child as a father, and am thankful that he is a great provider so that we can enjoy the extras in life.



“Tom is such a fun and loving father who provides a stable life for his family.”
- Melina

more about
Tom...

Occupation: Branch Manager

Favorite movie: The Fast and the Furious series

Favorite place : By a river listening to the water flow

Can't live without: My family and my cozy bed

Perfect day: Beautiful morning sunrise, I get every green light while driving, and I come home to an amazing wife and family for a relaxing evening.



Meet Isabella

Isabella is such an outgoing little girl. She absolutely loves being around other children, she is very social. Isabella also loves being outside. She enjoys bubbles, coloring on the sidewalk, the playground we have in our yard, feeding the chickens and playing with our dog. She enjoys to help cook, and imitates whatever you are actively doing. It is so cute to watch her play, as she is starting to imaginary play now by feeding her stuffed animals, or loving on a doll pretending it's her baby. She always wants us to sing to her and she has such a sweet little singing voice to join in.

We talk to her about her birth family, and show her pictures. She loves looking at the picture of her birth mom. It is so important to us for her to always know where she came from.



Our extended family

Tom's parents live only about 20 minutes away. We get together with them at least once a week. They enjoy treating the family to dinner out for just about any occasion. Tom is an only child, so our family gets all the love and attention from his parents. Every time we see them they have something special for Isabella and for our dog. They can't wait to have a new little one to love!

Melina's family is very tight knit and they love to do things together. We go at least once a year on a big family camping trip where we enjoy swimming, bike riding, hiking, playing games, volleyball, awesome food, and much laughter. We are together for holidays, and also host a lot of family at our home throughout the year. We value family and feel blessed to have one that is close. Isabella is a much loved, welcomed part of the family, and everyone is anticipating the next bundle of joy to come along.

“Isabella has a laugh that is contagious, and a smile to light up the room, she is such a delight to all her meet her.”

more about Isabella...

Age: 18 months

Occupation: Social director

Favorite place: Anywhere outdoors

Can't live without: Her giraffe pacifier

Perfect day: Reading books, listening to music and signing, lots of yummy food, other children to play with, a swim in pool, a trip to the park and then ending the day with an outside fire roasting some marshmallows.



Cousins playing in river



Grandpa reading to Isabella



Grandparents and all the grandkids



Family painting while camping



Dinner with the Grandparents



Sightseeing with Tom's parents



Our baby room



The chickens greeting us



Our spacious backyard

our community & Home

Our home is a welcoming joyful place to enter. Your child will have their own room, and we have a big play area dedicated to fill with things that interest the children. Outside we have a little play set and a swing. We have 5 chickens that we enjoy fresh eggs from. The yard and house are spacious and have enough room for a growing family to enjoy their childhood in.

We live in a small community in Oregon that offers a lot to families, and is just a few minutes from the ocean and an awesome Aquarium. We have 2 parks in walking distance that we frequent, and the local library is a great place where we go at least once a week for story time. We are both active in the community and enjoy our friendships with other parents in our town.



A lake near us



Weekend away with friends



Our daughters through adoption

Our Friends

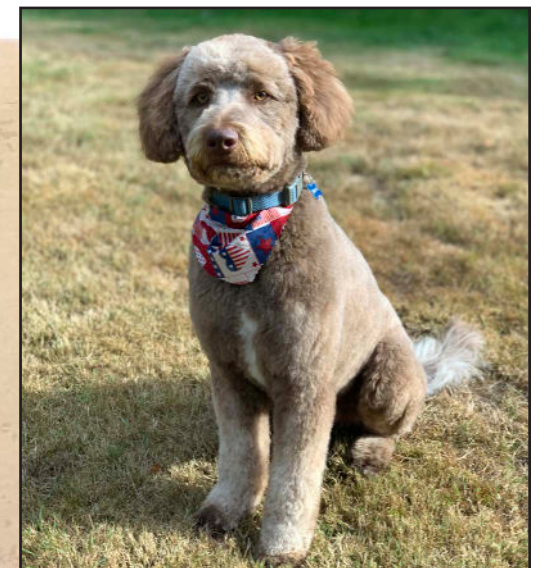
We have a good mix of friends that we enjoy our time with. Our really good friends have an adopted daughter the same age as Isabella, and we enjoy raising the girls side by side. In our church we enjoy doing things with the Latino congregation. Melina likes to embrace that side of her culture, and go to the Spanish service. We feel blessed to have a number of friends that live really close, and we enjoy dinners and play dates with their families.



Isabella with her friends

Meet Bear

We have a 3-year old Aussiedoodle named Bear. He loves children and has a special relationship with Isabella. He is great with children and wants to be involved with all the fun.



Fun Facts

about us

- We have a harvest party every year where we make apple cider and exchange homemade goods, whether it is a craft or something harvested or cooked/baked.
- Tom loves football and has been a 49ers fan since childhood
- Every Christmas Eve we give the children in our family a new Christmas ornament, something that symbolized their interests in the last year, for them to put on the tree.
- Melina went to nanny school and was a nanny for 15 years. She worked such diverse jobs, from a cattle ranch in the middle of nowhere, to New York and life in a busy city.
- Melina is part Colombian, and has enjoyed visiting Colombia and embracing that part of her culture.
- Tom learned carpentry in school, and although that is not his job, it's proved to be a great skill he can use for us around the house.
- We have taught Isabella some sign language. She loves using it, and will make up her own signs as well to make sure we understand her.
- Our bedtime routine is a special time, we love the reading, snuggling, and prayers we get to share with Isabella before she goes to sleep.



Making cider with family



Crafts at Harvest Party



Isabella's cousins hanging ornaments



Reading an adoption book



Isabella and her friend enjoying music class

Why adoption?

We had both talked about adoption when we were dating. When the time came to start our own family, we knew that conceiving was not going to happen, so we started the process of adoption. As we were adopting we had several friends who were adopting as well. That helped us as we learned about adoption and educated ourselves by talking to other adoptive parents, birth parents, and adopted adults. We feel it is so important that our children always feel supported and heard when it comes to them understanding their stories.



if you choose us,

We Promise:

- your child will grow up in a loving, nurturing home, where they will never doubt how much they are loved and cherished.
- if your child is of a different culture, that we will help them embrace it with language, music and food.
- to support your child, and help them grow to their full potential.
- that you can have as much contact with us that you want, we feel strongly that it's important for your child to know their story, and know where they come from.
- to support you in your choice, and be there for you with listening ears and a compassionate heart for whatever you need.



With LOVE

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us, our family and home, and our lives. Even though this booklet is just the CliffsNotes version of our family, we hope that it gave you a glimpse of who we are and the parents we will someday be. Thank you most of all for considering us as possible adoptive parents for your child. It means a lot and we are honored you spent time learning about us. Whatever plan you eventually make, remember that you are strong, you are brave, and we are rooting for you.

With love and gratitude,

Tom & Melina



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Our family loves to enjoy life together, our hearts and home are ready and open for more children to love and raise, while having a relationship with you.”