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MILES  
AND  
DAVIS  
& COSIMA!

**FAMILY BOOK**



Hello! We're Davis (left) and Miles (right) and Cosima, and we're so excited you're checking out our family book!



## WE MET

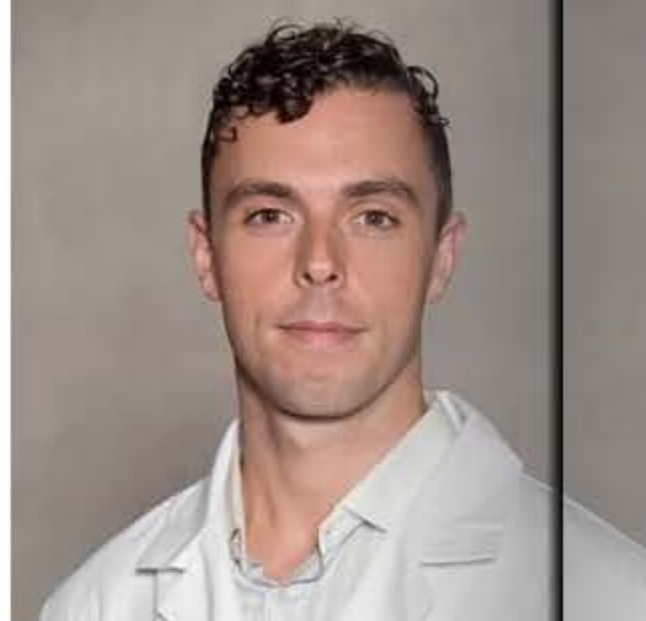
We met about a decade ago working together on a project and stayed friends since. There was an immediate connection, Miles was pretty smitten with Davis and Davis knew he had connected with an amazing person. The way life works, we stayed in touch and one day over lunch, Miles asked Davis out on a romantic date. That moment was lightning and we've been inseparable ever since.

Our relationship is built on this friendship, love, and trust. We believe in each other and support each other's needs, goals and dreams. So many of which we share, no wonder our friendship was so deep! We have been lucky to get to travel a lot together and love to create adventure even when we're not venturing that far away from home. Life has been so beautiful together, and became incredible when we welcomed our first daughter Cosima and started our family. Lazy mornings doing the crossword have become early mornings reading Cosima books and playing, and the connection that parenting and raising a happy and healthy family will be the most special experience of our lives.



# MILES

was born and raised in Oregon. He has an older sister and two amazing parents - his Dad is a semi retired doctor and his mom is retired English teacher and now avid volunteer. Miles fell in love with theater at a young age and pursued a dream of acting for the Oregon Shakespear Festival in Ashland. That dream took him to college in Chicago before an audition for the festival his senior year. He was accepted into the company and spent four amazing years performing on the stages amongst an amazing community of people. This experience was exceptionally formative in his life and led him to consider how he could do more to foster community and help others. He turned to medicine and is now underway in school to become a medical doctor. He is drawn to public health and internal medicine.





When not studying for school, Miles is always doing something for others. He is currently leading a research study nationally to investigate health care experiences of incarcerated women. He is also active in the Students for Queer Health Alliance and a member and volunteer of a friend's community farm. Additionally, he is active in student tutoring.

Miles is curious about people and the world, always reading or researching, or leaning into a deep conversation to get to know someone he's just met. This could be a 90 year old or a kindergartener, he has a big beautiful heart for others.



**DAVIS** grew up outside of Arcata, California in the countryside next to the Redwood Forest. He has an older and younger sister, both very close in age. His mother is a family therapist and writer, and his father Barry taught third grade at the local elementary school, after going back to school in his thirties to get his teaching credential. Davis loved that his dad had summers off to spend with the family.

Davis and his sisters grew up playing in the woods and the creek running through the property, helping mom in the garden, or Dad in his workshop. He learned gardening, cooking, and love of having people over for food and good times from his mother. The house was always under construction as his Dad never stopped adding rooms or remodeling and improving it. His parents live there today and have just completed another remodel to make the boat house larger. Davis' parents worked hard together to create a home and life for the family that exceeded their humble beginnings, and gave Davis and his sisters a tremendous foundation from which to launch into the world.



Davis and his younger sister were basketball nuts and his older was the bookworm and academic. Throughout school, Davis played and coached basketball, until a back injury meant he could no longer play. This was in high school and pushed him further into his love of film. He grew up watching all kinds of movies with his Dad and started writing screenplays as a young teenager. He moved out to pursue film work at 18 and within a year, he landed a job as an assistant on the set of a movie, and never looked back.



He grew up close with his sisters and they maintain a tight relationship today. Both sisters now live with their spouses in Sacramento, California and work in public health.

Davis owns a creative production company. They produce film and photography for clients and artists around the world. The company has a tight-knit staff of 25 and the Portland office is only a 10 minute bike ride from our house. The company believes in people, love, and storytelling. Outside of work, Davis loves spending time with Miles and Cosima, working in the garden or the kitchen, riding his bike, and seeing films.



# COSIMA JUNIPER!

Cosima Juniper was born at the end of October in Oregon. We met her amazing birth mom in May and had a very special opportunity to get to know her all Summer long before Cosi was born. This time together included lunch dates and hikes as well as being invited to attend her prenatal appointments. She planned the birth as a home birth, and invited us to be there. Being with her and supporting through the last 12 hours of labor was an experience that forever changed us - what an amazing human and mother Cosi's mom is. We are so honored to have been chosen to be Cosima's parents and have had an amazing time getting to know the extended birth family as well. We are all lucky to have them in our lives, especially Cosima.

Cosima is a brilliant little human. She is so curious about people and the world, she really looks into people's eyes and engages. She is a tremendous bright spot for all our family, and is lucky to have six grandparents as we include her birth grandparents in her life. She is in a nanny share with another boy adopted through open adoption and we love that they will grow up knowing each other, their adoption stories, and are already developing a bond. Seeing her with other kids makes us so excited to see her as a big sister. She's going to be a great one.



# FAMILY, FRIENDS, & ADVENTURES!

We love our friends and family and they are central to our lives. We like to joke that each get together is just an opportunity to plan the next one, but safe to say that all sides enjoy time together.

We both come from parents who have been married many decades and believe strongly in creating family and community. In addition to blood relatives, both families have collected and adopted new family members over the years. Davis has an expanding list of amazing nieces and nephews and his parents are looking forward to celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary this year. Miles' family is thrilled to have just celebrated the 2nd birthday of Cosi's cousin. Davis' family all lives in California, and Miles' family is in Oregon, so trips home are easy, frequent, and fun.



Japan adventures with Davis' parents and time at the zoo with cousins!



Summertime ferry ride in NYC!



Birthday brunch

Family time in Tahoe

Christmas caroling with Davis' family in Sacramento!



Adoption ceremony for new nephew!





Hosting Thanksgiving . . . for 30 people!



First time camping with this kiddo, and guess who woke up bright and early!



Visiting Miles' Nana and aunt



Cosima's first birthday!



## FREDDIE MERCURY!

We have a four year old cat named Freddie Mercury. She is a pretty great part of the family - a little wild, a little snuggly, but completely independent.





## OUR HOME

We live in an old Spanish style house in a great neighborhood in Portland, Oregon. We moved to this neighborhood because it's in the heart of the city, near great schools, and we can ride our bikes anywhere. Our neighbors are a great, tight-knit community and have welcomed us with open arms. They are even applying a little friendly pressure about the potential we'll be adding to the number of cute little kids running around the neighborhood.



# DREAMS FOR OUR FAMILY



We love being parents and are excited to raise great humans. We will teach our child that love and laughter are magic, to value all life, and to believe in themselves. We will model values of compassion, dedication, honesty, and curiosity. Our children will see us seeking out new experiences in the world, and they will do so in turn. We will help them find their own interests and explore the world around them.

Travel, both near and far, has been an amazing part of our lives and is a value our families instilled in us growing up. We look forward to all sorts of traveling with our child, showing them the many types of people and cultures there are in the world - not just big trips, but simple adventures like visiting our amazing National Parks or volunteering in a rural community here in our state. Travel is an opportunity to experience how other people live, and this perspective is important to us to raise a compassionate and connected human.



Our parents provided us many opportunities and experiences throughout childhood, and we will do the same for our children. We were always encouraged (if not required!) to be learning an instrument or playing a sport or reading a book, and to be involved in various activities. These experiences helped make us who we are today and we want this for our children. We will create community around our family, and will support and nurture that community by volunteering and participating in service work together as a family.

# OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS

We enter adoption with open minds and open hearts. We are not perfect humans, but we lead our lives with positivity, acceptance, and love. Life is busy, hard, and messy and with our adoption, we want to start our amazing new young person down a path of understanding that there is no perfection, there is only the best you can do and the best you can be. We hope that birthparents and birth family can be involved in creating this family and surrounding the child with loving energy as well.



We have adoption on both sides of our family, including cousins, nieces and nephews. We dream of a diverse, inclusive family of adopted and birth relatives that all support each other and the child. We imagine creating traditions, inside jokes, and adventures together with our new open family.





Something special, and bigger than us, will happen with this adoption.

While we don't know you yet, somehow our lives are being brought together. Whether our time together is for just this moment as you think about your future and the decisions you will make for your child, or if this might be a fit to create a life-long connection through a new family, we send love your way and hope you can feel it.