

Jason & Tasia

WITH
VIOLET
& Summit

WE ARE A BLENDED
FAMILY BUILT BY NON-
BIOLOGICAL BONDS!



Hello

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We can only imagine this time might be incredibly emotional and challenging, as you are figuring out the best option for you and your precious baby. We admire you so much for considering an adoptive family for your baby.

If you choose us, we want to assure you that we are committed to respecting your wishes for the level of openness and contact you desire to have with your child. We are committed to providing your child with a loving, safe, and happy home, filled with opportunities and fun. We are a blended family, and deeply understand the value of love beyond biology!

Please know, you are in our thoughts, and we hope you are surrounded by strength and love as you walk this emotional path. We would be honored to be part of this journey with you.



Who We Are



Our Colorado home is a place of gathering and fun. One of our close friends recently gifted us a bounce house as their kids are now grown. It has become a beacon of fun for neighboring kids to come and bounce in. By including water balloons, it increased the fun as the kiddos tried not to break them as they jumped.

We love to explore together. This summer we went to Zion National Park in Utah which provided some great family moments. One of the more colorful experiences was horseback riding with what we called "John Dutton on Yellowstone Ranch". We came to this nickname as the ranch owner was a 5th generation landowner of 1250 acres adjacent to the National Park. The 2-hour ride provided breath taking views and excitement as there were several steep climbs. The horses volleyed to see who could ascend fastest, Tasia won!



We enjoy adventure sports and like to do them with our own twists. Jason has loved dirt bikes since he can remember. It has been a lifelong hobby of fun and excitement for him. It is something the family gets to share and participate in. Jason loves coaching Violet as she learns to ride, calming her fears and providing details on how to have a fun and safe ride. Violet has a dirt bike outfit that is an expression of how she adds color to ALL the things she does, always being herself. Your child will always get to be themselves.



Meet Tasia

(WRITTEN BY JASON)

Tasia is **an insatiable adventurer**. She recently planned a camping trip to the Great Sand Dunes in Colorado where we were able to sled massive sand dunes. We managed to get sand in every inch of clothing we had on, enough to build a sandcastle at home. We were all giggling to the point of side-aches. It was so much fun and we have continued to talk about it ever since. Your child will live a lifetime of adventures!



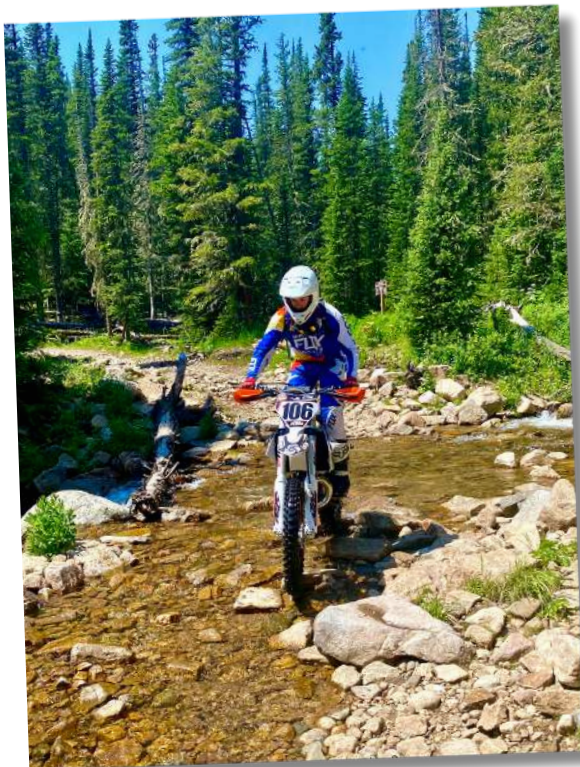
Tasia is **an incredible athlete** and lives a very active lifestyle. I put her stamina, drive and patience to a true test on a mountain bike ride not too long ago. It was a new area we were not familiar with but knew it had good trails, with challenging climbs and epic views. 24 miles and 3 hours later we completed what some would call a "suffer fest." Tasia reminded me that she still loved me and would now require a cheeseburger for what I put her through.



Tasia has a big heart and **puts the needs of others above hers**. She founded and runs an agency which supports individuals with intellectual disabilities. Here she can help those who can't help themselves. She supports each individual, and their families navigate to a better future. For example, she was able to work with a client, his family and supports, to create measures which allowed the client to find employment and then live independently and enjoy personal freedoms previously unknown.



Jason is **a kid at heart**, always finding the positive in every moment and never taking anything too seriously. Just recently at the park, while all the parents were on the sidelines watching, Jason was running and playing "Unicorn tag" with the neighborhood kids.



Adventure is always waiting for Jason! This fall he planned a family camping adventure to the mountains where we all got to dirt bike together followed by fairy-house building, s'mores around the campfire, and stargazing. Our hearts left full of joy and our bodies were tired from days of fun together!

Meet Jason

(WRITTEN BY TASIA)

Jason **loves to share his hobbies and active lifestyle** with family, which works out perfectly because he has a twin brother that loves the same sports. Jason and his brother have spent a lifetime together dirt-biking and supporting each other through all of their lives' journeys. Jason's brother is married with two children and our families spend every weekend together biking, skiing, camping, enjoying family dinner, or our favorite, cookie making. This past ski season, Jason taught his niece, Lily, and Violet the thrill of skiing the snow covered mountains. Your child will have a Dad that never stops playing with them!



BECOMING A *Family*

Our story of how we found each other is filled with joy, after a history of pain. Tasia left an abusive relationship filled with substance abuse from her daughter's father. After much legal help to get her and Violet safe, Tasia found the kind, stable and loving arms of Jason. We met online and within 20 minutes of our first date, we were hooked. Tasia knew Jason would be a great fit when on our first date he kicked off his shoes, placed his feet by the fire pit outside the restaurant, and told non-stop stories about his family.

After several months of dating, Jason met Tasia's daughter, Violet, who was 1 at the time. Tasia was nervous for the meeting, but Jason got right down at the one-year-old level (which is saying something as a 6' 3" guy) and played bubbles, tag, drew chalk and walked her to the park to swing. Jason and Violet have been inseparable ever since. **"Jason" turned to "Daddy"** after we moved in together. Being a Step-Father has been the greatest joy of Jason's life and it is evident of what we already believed; biology does not make a family.

Since our very first date, we shared a desire to have a house full of children. Regardless of our years of infertility and loss, adoption was always of consideration as **our family has been touched by adoption in multiple ways.** Tasia's cousin, Heidi, and her husband, Justin (who is an adoptee) adopted their daughter Olivia. Jason's mom placed her daughter for adoption before she was married. She, Jason and his brother have all built a relationship with her as adults. His mom has been able to visit her and her children as well. These relationships have taught us that families are much more than blood. We hope to be able to share our family with you through this journey.



MEET OUR DAUGHTER *Violet*

We love watching Violet experience life and **supporting her interests**. Violet loves skiing and quickly learned. After her second unassisted run she turned to us and said, " I do good, I ready for Flips!" We said, "YES, you did great, but you need to work on turns before we do flips". She then replied with "OK, so I do fast runs instead?" Violet has always been fearless and we love to be a part of it. Your child will always be supported in their quests through life and we look forward to encouraging their interests.



We both grew up with close sibling and feel those **sibling relationships are among our greatest lifelong gifts**. At Violet's school conferences this fall her teacher said "Violet is the most compassionate student in the classroom. She is the first to give other students a hug or help them if they are sad and she is always willing to stand up for what is right". Much of Violet's make believe play even focuses around having a baby and being a big sister. Your child will be loved beyond measure by the best big sister.



Violet has a **very creative side** and loves to do art. Late this summer, Jason decided to find rocks by the local park so we could paint them as we felt inspired. Tasia painted our family at the mountains, Jason painted a happy alligator, and Violet painted a smiley face.



Activities WE ENJOY



Hiking has been a weekly activity we get to enjoy and share as a family. We have **friends and extended family join us in the adventures** whenever possible. This summer, when hiking around a mountain lake in Wyoming, the kids found frogs, played in the water, kayaked, rode bikes and we all got the opportunity to disconnect from daily life and connect with each other.

You can find our family on our bikes several times a week. Recently we went on a **biking trip** along a river trail **with the goal of building fairy homes** along the way and finding two new parks to explore. Violet found and named "Pirate Park" where we played fairies and pirates and built two of the largest fairy homes possible, covered in sunflowers, of course. Your child will grow up exploring bike trails, learning all about nature and enjoying whatever their imagination can create.



We love to explore the outdoors through camping. On our maiden voyage of our pop up, **we debated what to name the camper**, while sitting around the campfire. Jason came up with "Poppy" while Violet wanted something more fun... "Cupcake." We loved our trip in **"Poppy Cupcake!"** We have had numerous trips together since then exploring the outdoors, building campfires, playing games, and just being together.



OUR SWEET DOG Summit



We both grew up with dogs and have always felt a close bond to them. We both have many fun memories of playing fetch, swimming in the lake, and snuggling with our family dogs. Summit was a rescue and has been the best dog you could ask for. **She was in bad shape when she was found** as a puppy. She was very sick and had a broken back leg, **but Tasia took endless care of her**, which shows what love and support can do. Tasia spent the first year of Summit's life helping her heal through lots of swims, short walks, puppy and dog classes, and tons of cuddles.

Our neighbors say Summit was born to be a big-fur sister as **she is the love of all the kids on the block**. Summit loves to be "walked" by the little kids, pet, and snuggled. When she is at the park, toddlers and kids will come over to pet and lay with her. Once, after a fresh snow, she was rolling in the snow and Violet came over to share in the moment, laying on Summit. She called her a "Summit pillow".



Summit lives for treats, so she has always been helpful when kids are around, mostly by cleaning up the floor. She will lay right next to their chairs and grunt until goodies fall to the ground, where she happily snacks as she "cleans."



Family

IF YOU CHOOSE US YOUR CHILD WILL GROW UP WITH 4 GRANDPARENTS, 2 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS, 8 AUNTS & UNCLES, AND **7 COUSINS.**



Our family **loves the outdoors.** This past summer we went on 4 camping trips with our extended family and their kiddos. While playing at the campsite, the kids built a 'monster truck and dinosaur adventure park.' They all took turns driving their trucks through mud ramps, building mud puddle homes for the dinos and then trying to see who's 'truck' could make the biggest mud splash towards the parents. We all ended up covered in mud, with tons of laughter and a quick dip in the river to clean off.

Our family has been **built by adoption** with the addition of cousin Olivia. Olivia has a sister Quinn who is the biological child of our cousins. Olivia has shown us that family is family despite their origin. Olivia's birth mom has remained in contact with her through photos and visits. This has been such a blessing to Olivia and our family. We hope to mirror this story, and to support the level of ongoing communication and involvement in your child's life that you desire.



Our family loves **living lake life together!** In the summers we are lucky to travel to Tasia's family cabin in Minnesota for lake life with the family. Cousins and grandparents have joined the festivities for the past 25+ years. The lake is something we had growing up and we feel blessed to be able to share those experiences with the next generations. Some of our favorite moments after boat time are bonfires to roast marshmallows for s'mores while the stars light up the sky.

Traditions



We have breakfast and dinner together every day. Weekends are extra special because **Sunday is Pumpkin pancake morning** and are a favorite. This past year we perfected dinosaurs and unicorn pancakes and Violet has become the master pancake maker, in charge of the griddle (with the help of Tasia of course).

Our Holidays are spent with family locally or in Minnesota where Tasia is from. Parents, grandparents, cousins, and siblings all participate to make them full and colorful. **Uncle Earl has a tradition of supplying everyone with a matching flannel** for celebrating. It has become a great way to kick off the time together. This started when Tasia was 10 years old, so we have a lifetime supply of Minnesota flannels to keep warm when up north in the winter. This past Christmas Violet tied all the flannels together and made a fort to play 'hide and seek' in, which the cousins loved. We look forward to learning your favorite traditions to include in our gatherings for your child.



Cookies are the dough that connects us! We have a tradition of decorating cookies as a family for Halloween, Christmas and Easter. The kiddos like to make it a competition and claim a winner. We see it as everyone wins as we get to eat endless cookies. This past New Years Eve we spent the holiday in the mountains skiing and finished with a cookie decorating competition. The kids made snowflakes, unicorns, hearts and dinosaurs.... and the winner got the loudest NYE noise maker.



OUR Home



Our home in Colorado is in a family centered neighborhood, with kids in every home. Our front and back patios are ideal to enjoy throughout the day and where our friends and neighborhood kids gather, but **the fun always ends up in the front yard or driveway** for some reason. The neighbors recently held a block party, and to participate, we pulled out the bounce house and slip-n-slide which soon became magnets for every kid to play on. The kiddos were drenched from water balloons and soon the bounce house was full of bubbles, giggles, and 12 happy kids.

Our favorite part of our neighborhood is the **large park just 4 houses down from us**. The park is full of slides, swings, climbing structures and even a sledding hill for the winter months. About a year ago, our neighbor, Luke, told Violet the rocks in the sand area were chicken eggs. We have since gone on weekly egg hunts, built nests, and Tasia is now known as the local egg expert! Your child will get to enjoy these wonders and explore our fun neighborhood and world with us.

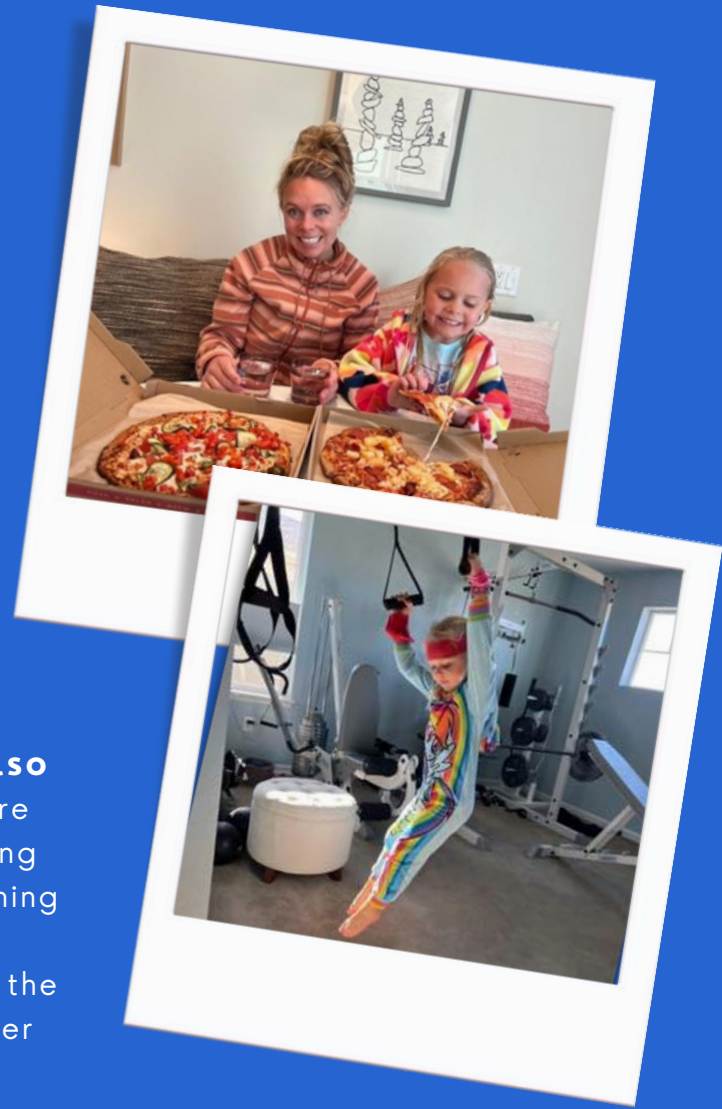


We have many fun parks, a library, children's museum, and ice-cream parlors, all within walking and biking distance.

One evening, **our daily dose of adventure was carried out on Skateboards**. Violet had watched Jason ride and decided she wanted to give it a try. She struggled a bit at first, but Jason jumped on the back and showed her how to balance. Violet and Tasia rode off into the sunset.

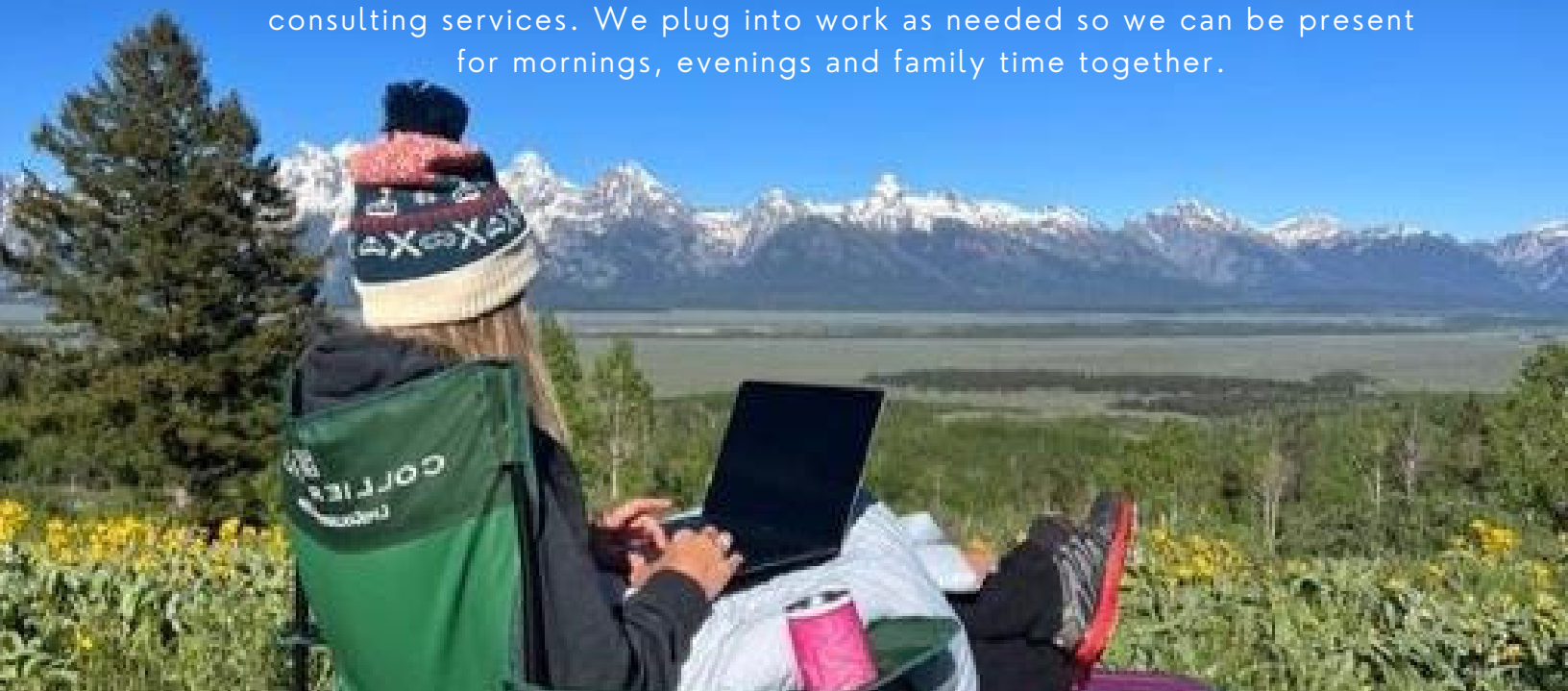
Weekdays

We make sure to unplug after work hours so **we can be present to play and have dinner as a family**. Jason loves to cook and he recently tried making homemade pizza, but it had to be converted into a Calzone to be cooked. Last month we had a pizza making evening where we each got to "decorate" our own pizzas. Violet's made a giant smiley face which included cucumbers and corn.... Happy to report, things are improving and we are all having fun together in the kitchen. Your child will have quality family time each day.



We are all **active and adventurous, but also love our quiet time**. On weekdays, if we are not at the park, running, riding bikes, or working out at home, we might be playing games, watching movies with popcorn, coloring, or reading together. Recently, Violet has taken a liking to the exercise bands at home so she can "work on her muscles and jumping skills."

We own our own companies, so we are able to **work from home** (or anywhere) and have **flexibility** in schedules. Tasia supports individuals with intellectual disabilities and Jason has companies with real estate and consulting services. We plug into work as needed so we can be present for mornings, evenings and family time together.



Thank You

We want to thank you for your time and consideration of us as adoptive parents for your child. Our lives have many beautiful parts, but we have been deeply wishing for the addition of a little one to share and grow with.

We appreciate your willingness to get to know more about us as a couple and family to determine if we are the right fit for your child. We admire your strength and hope to be part of your journey. **We respect the level of contact you are comfortable with**, now and in the future. Thank you again, and we wish you the best!

Jason & Tasia





MADE WITH LOVE BY
Tasia + Jason