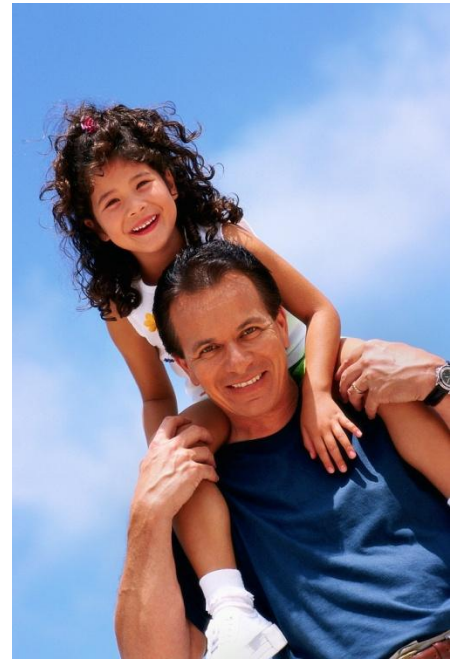


Hello! We are Mark, Cindy, Emily and Sarah.

We are an energetic, fun-loving family, with two beautiful daughters. Emily is 3 years old and Sarah is 5 years old. We enjoy being outdoors and do many family activities that are outdoor-related. Some favorites include hiking, camping, going on walks and bike rides. We enjoy spending time with friends and family and traveling. We are firm believers in learning, and take every opportunity to teach our children something new. Last year we took a trip to the coast and played in the tide pools for an afternoon. Last winter we took our girls to the local ice skating rink and taught them how to ice skate, a yearly tradition we are looking to start. We set aside time every Sunday evening as "family time" and we do something fun like go out for ice cream or watch a movie together. We encourage our children to be strong, hard-working, thoughtful, responsible and happy in whatever they do.



Mark and Cindy met in college their junior year, and have been together ever since. We have been happily married for 11 years. We are each other's best friends, and are very supportive of the other. Our family is based on this close-knit support system. We are looking to add another child to our loving family, and have decided to pursue adoption. Emily and Sarah are very excited about the idea, as are we. They would love to have a brother or another sister close to their age. As parents, we know we can provide a safe, nurturing, loving home for a foster child. We feel like we will be able to give them the care and support that they deserve. Cindy's parents live a few blocks away from our house, and we see them once a week. They are wonderful grandparents to Emily and Sarah, and we know that they will give a child from foster care so much love and attention.

We are open on both gender and race.

Our home is located in a suburb of Portland. We live in a nice, quiet neighborhood, where there are a number of other families. Emily and Sarah are close to some of the neighborhood kids, and we feel like a child would benefit greatly from our close community of neighbors. The neighborhood is very clean and safe; one of Emily's favorite activities is learning to ride her bike up and down the street after dinner. Being close to Portland offers many opportunities for learning, volunteering and adventures, as well as outdoor activities. We are only a couple hours away from both the coast and the mountains.