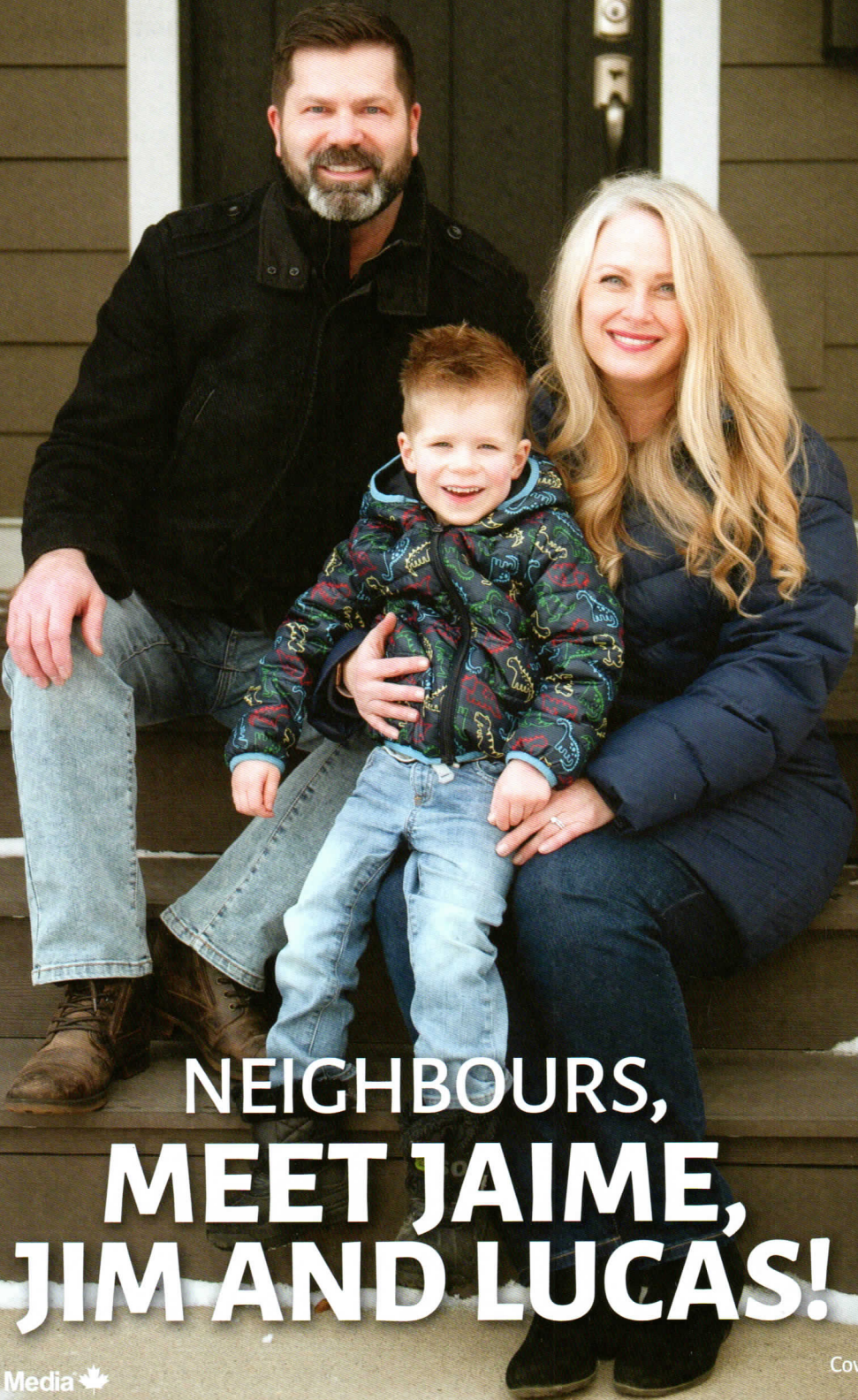


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**NEIGHBOURS,
MEET JAIME,
JIM AND LUCAS!**

SAY HI TO THE LOVES!



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This month, we're taking a peek into the local Love family. These life-long Alberta residents are no strangers to Altadore and have lived here in the neighbourhood for over 10 years now. They've come to absolutely love the area and community that comes with it. Neighbours, meet Jaime, Jim and Lucas!

Jaime grew up in St. Albert with three younger brothers, who also happen to be identical triplets. She completed her undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta followed by her Master's of Business Administration from Queen's University, which she completed remotely. Jaime eventually found her way to Calgary in 2011 for work, where she purchased her first home in Altadore.

Jim, on the other hand, grew up on a farm in Northern Alberta near Grande Prairie with three brothers and one sister. He would later make the big move to Calgary in 1997 for work. Since then, he has worked in both the



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construction as well as oil and gas industries. He leads a very active lifestyle and has been playing in the same recreational hockey league for the last 23 years. This past year, his team made it to the final league tournament in Toronto where they ended up winning their division. On the side, Jim also organizes a slo-pitch team in the petroleum softball league.

Jim and Jaime first met online in the summer of 2012, shortly after Jaime moved to Calgary from Edmonton — and it wasn't long before they knew it was the real deal. They were married in 2015 at the Eldorado Hotel in Kelowna surrounded by 50 of their closest friends and family. Like most weddings, the nerves were flying. “As I was putting the ring on Jim's finger, he couldn't help but crack a joke and say ‘you're putting it on the wrong hand,’” Jaime laughed. Needless to say, it was a much-needed chuckle in a moment of nervousness and truly a memory that will last forever.

The Loves purchased their current home in Garrison Woods in 2013. It wasn't easy making the decision as they looked at many different neighbourhoods across the city. But, they ultimately chose Altadore due to its location. Not only is this community accessible to downtown, but it's close to many of their friends. Since then, they have discovered so much more that they adore about the neighbourhood — from its connecting bike paths to the abundance of local shops and amenities nearby.

It was also in this home that Jim and Jaime decided to grow their family, which brings us to their son Lucas. Lucas is a spirited boy full of energy and knows what he likes — which is anything with four wheels and/or Paw

Patrol-themed. He participates in many activities such as gymnastics, swimming and most recently, skating. Come summer, he'll be looking forward to the Peanuts soccer program. “He always makes us laugh,” the couple agreed, “and his laugh is something special.”

The Loves have truly enjoyed their time here in Altadore. “This past Halloween we saw someone playing the organ dressed as the phantom of the opera,” Jim explained. “It makes for a great experience for the children and says a lot about the community.” The family has found a great deal to love about the area, including the many local businesses they support whenever they can. Some of the Loves' favourite spots include Distilled Beauty Bar, Springbank Cheese and, once in a while, they treat themselves at Master Chocolat. The area also provides amazing resources for Lucas, including his optometrist at the Eye Gallery and his dentist at Chew Chew. They make use of their membership at the Giuffre Family Library too.

Believe it or not, Jim and Jaime started their own wine label, Hello Someday Wine, in the fall of 2019. “When we started our label, we were finally saying ‘hello’ to our ‘someday,’” Jaime smiled. They launched their first two wines during the pandemic and added another two wines last year. They are amazed by the local support they've received and hope that when others hear their story, it will inspire them to chase their dreams too.

During the pandemic, the family found themselves rekindling their love for camping. An activity Jaime and Jim both grew up doing, they wanted Lucas to have the same experience. One of their favourite camping spots is Mount Kidd in Kananaskis. They also thoroughly enjoyed the Aspen Crossing superheroes train ride through the Alberta countryside last summer. On top of that, the family takes an annual trip to Fairmont every fall, just as Jaime has done with her family since she was 5-years-old. “It's always a peaceful and relaxing trip away from the city,” she added.

If this family had a life motto, it would be, ‘Don't be afraid to make mistakes.’ Jim added, “They are going to happen and are necessary for you to learn and grow — but instead of over-analyzing every decision, sometimes you need to just take the leap.” If you see the Loves around the community, be sure to say hi and introduce yourself!

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