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family spotlight

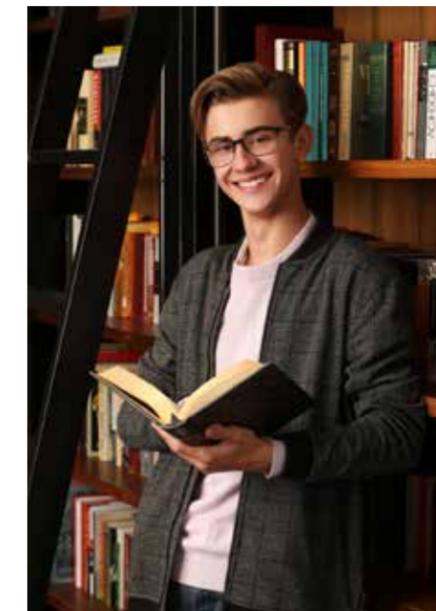
Even before they met in their 20s, Keith and Autumn already loved helping others. They instilled in their 3 children the importance of philanthropy, and from the time the kids could walk, they have been part of Miracles for Kids, the nonprofit Autumn started 16 years ago that serves low income families with critically ill children. Family philanthropy is just one of the many facets of this dynamic family of 10 (5 humans, 4 dogs, and 1 hamster).

Autumn grew up in the small Mojave Desert town of Apple Valley, CA, and was the only child of a single mom. Working since age 10, she learned her survival skills and the value of giving and receiving support early on. In addition to community service and work, Autumn played varsity tennis in high

school and competed in show choir, lettering all four years in both. At 17, she headed to UCSB, earning her BA in Political Science and International Relations. She then headed to NYU to earn her Master's in Public Service--achieving both with honors. Autumn put herself through school, becoming the first in her family to earn a college or master's degree.

Keith grew up far from the Mojave Desert, in an NYC suburb, Upper Saddle River, NJ. Keith had a more traditional upbringing with summer camps and vacations, but he was also drawn to community service. At 16, he got certified as an EMT and served 6 years on a volunteer ambulance corps. He earned his BS with honors at Cornell University, and a JD from NYU Law, but realized quickly that law was not a good fit for his eclectic mind.

It seems unlikely that 2 people from worlds apart would end up together, but when their paths crossed on the NYC subway one snowy Friday night



in 1997, fate took over. Keith's office was across from City Hall, where Autumn worked for Mayor Giuliani--both got on and off at the same stop. Keith got her attention by asking to borrow a pen, then asked her to dinner. Keith proposed in a helicopter over Manhattan 2.5 years later, and they were married at the Hotel Del Coronado in 1999.

After Autumn completed her MPA, she became an investment banker at Morgan Stanley to pay off her school debt. It took 5 years, but then she left Wall Street and refocused on her career helping people, running public policy for the NJ Multiple Sclerosis Society. At the same time, Keith transitioned into management consulting and they started a family.

In 2004, after tiring of the frigid and humid weather, the couple, along with their 14-month-old son, Griffin, and 3 dogs, moved to the OC, first settling in Dove Canyon. Charlotte and Camille were born at Mission Hospital before the family moved to Coto in January 2013.

Keith's world has always been a global adventure on the forefront of technology. He became Deloitte's Global Chief Digital Officer in 2011, and then Ernst & Young's Global Head of Artificial Intelligence. Now, as NVIDIA's Worldwide Head of AI initiatives, he helps countries transform their economy with supercomputers, robots, and self-driving cars.

While Keith bounced between airports, Autumn raised the kids and launched a nonprofit supporting critically ill children and families in SoCal and beyond. Started from her couch, Miracles for Kids is today a significant nonprofit that has raised over \$27 million. The incredible support of many families and businesses in Coto played a key role. Autumn is the Co-founder, CEO, and President of the Board, roles she's held for over 16 years. Her dedication to the community also includes serving as the Board President of Epic Charter Schools, a decade-long membership in Gen-Next, and along with her 2 daughters, 4 years with National Charity League Canyon Chapter.

Griffin, 17, is a senior at Fairmont Prep Academy in SJC. A unique mind, he has been studying Latin and Greek since elementary school, is an avid reader and collector of the classics, enjoys regularly beating Keith at chess, and can sing every line of Hamilton by heart. He's excited for college next fall, where he plans to study history and political science.

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Charlotte, 15, is a sophomore at San Juan Hills High School. Driven to achieve, she was ice skating at 3, and played years of league and travel softball, where she was part of national championships teams in 10U and 12U. At 14, she shifted gears, channeling her inner Katniss and found true passion as a competitive archer. An entrepreneur who loves fashion, she funds her style statements with sales on Depop. She loves poetry, Renaissance art, reruns of The Office and her COVID puppy, Angel.

Camille, 13, is a 7th grader at Arroyo Vista. Full of drive and grit, she's spent the last 7 years as a proud member of South County Dance's competitive team, winning solo, trio and team national titles. She loves her role as a

teacher's aide, for 3 years helping tiny ballerinas learn to dance. When she's not at practice, Camille can be heard late at night making TikTok videos or organizing and reorganizing her school notes or room decor.

The Strier family loves their home in Coto and their neighborhood. With a bit more time at home lately, they can be seen at the Coto Club playing tennis or walking (mostly chasing) their dogs down the street.

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