





Occupation: High School Social Studies Teacher
Hometown: Kansas City, MO

FAVORITES

Food: Chocolate
TV Show: The Office or Parks & Rec
Movie: Angels and Demons
Color: Teal
Superhero: Captain America
Ice Cream Flavor: Coffee
Drink: Caramel Macchiato
Song: American Pie by Don McLean
Candy: Snickers
Season: Fall
Place: Target



Andy's Favorite Thing About Carrie: Carrie not only makes me laugh more than anyone else with her wit, but unknowingly pushes me to be better with her honesty and organizational skills.

According to Andy: Over the 23 years we've known each other, Carrie has become my closest friend and the person I can't imagine doing life without. She is strong and independent and is also an amazing partner who shows me how much she loves me and others in her life every day. Carrie loves to learn and laugh and is amazing at bringing those things to our life together. She goes from spouting random facts about sharks or history to quoting "The Office" and making me laugh. Carrie is also one of the most organized people I know. She keeps our day-to-day lives running and has planned some amazing adventures for us. When we visited England and Scotland, she put together a 25 page document detailing our trip including places to eat nearby to make sure "hanger" could be avoided at all costs! She pours her organizational skills, passion for learning, and sense of humor into her students and gives them her best every day. Carrie inspires me to be a better person with her humor, her strength, and her spirit.



Favorite Animal: Dogs or Sharks



Favorite Sport: Baseball



Favorite Hobbies: Reading and Vacation Planning



Harry Potter House: Ravenclaw



Occupation:
Middle School
Choir Teacher

Hometown:
Kansas City, MO

FAVORITES

Ice Cream Flavor: Double Fudge Brownie

Hobbies: Board games, Dungeons & Dragons

Food: Chick-Fil-A

TV Show: The Office

Movie: Clue

Color: Light Blue

Superhero: Iron Man

Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper

Song: Breezeblocks by Alt-J Δ

Candy: Skittles

Carrie's Favorite Thing About Andy: Andy is one of the most positive people I know. He can see the bright side of any situation.

According to Carrie: I can say with confidence that there isn't anything Andy wouldn't do for me or the people he loves. He is incredibly kind and patient and gives of himself daily to the people around him without second thought or hesitation. He brings enthusiasm and energy to everything he does whether it is his job as a middle school choir teacher, his game board collection (I think we're getting close to 150 games!), or as my best friend and husband. I love watching Andy interact with his students because he does an amazing job of connecting with them and building relationships to make sure they feel seen and appreciated. Andy makes me smile every day, and I love his sense of humor and playfulness. He is going to be an amazing dad, and I'm lucky to be his partner in building a family.



Harry Potter House: Hufflepuff



Favorite Animal: Dogs



Favorite Sport: Soccer and Baseball



Favorite Season: Summer



It's not often that you meet the person you'll spend your life with when you're 9 years old, but that's our story. We met for the first time in 3rd Grade in Sunday School. As we grew up, we continued to get to know one another through our church youth group. After a whirlwind middle school romance and a year of dating in high school, we got together for good during college. We were married in June 2012. We've known each other for years and cannot wait for what's next.

❖❖ *Path to Adoption* ❖❖

After we were married for several years, we decided we were ready to grow our family. As we struggled with infertility for two years, we talked and prayed about our next steps. Together, we decided that the path forward for our family was adoption. At the end of the day, we knew we wanted to expand our family and that adoption would give us that opportunity. Andy has three adopted siblings and Carrie's dad and aunt were both adopted, so we both understand the tremendous opportunity to build our family through adoption. We are excited to be on this journey together and look forward to what the future holds!





We love spending time together playing board games, going on walks with the dogs, taking trips to the zoo, watching Harry Potter and Marvel movies, quoting the Office and Parks & Recreation constantly, and enjoying the Royals and Sporting KC. We also absolutely love Target, and we are there A LOT. :-)

TIME TOGETHER





We both love teaching but also love the fact that we have breaks together throughout the year. Because we get summers off, we have been fortunate to be able to travel and make lots of memories.

We decided that for our anniversary, instead of gifts, we would take a trip each summer. Sometimes these are smaller trips to the lake or Branson; sometimes we go on bigger adventures to places like the United Kingdom, Disney World, and New Orleans.

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NEW ORLEANS



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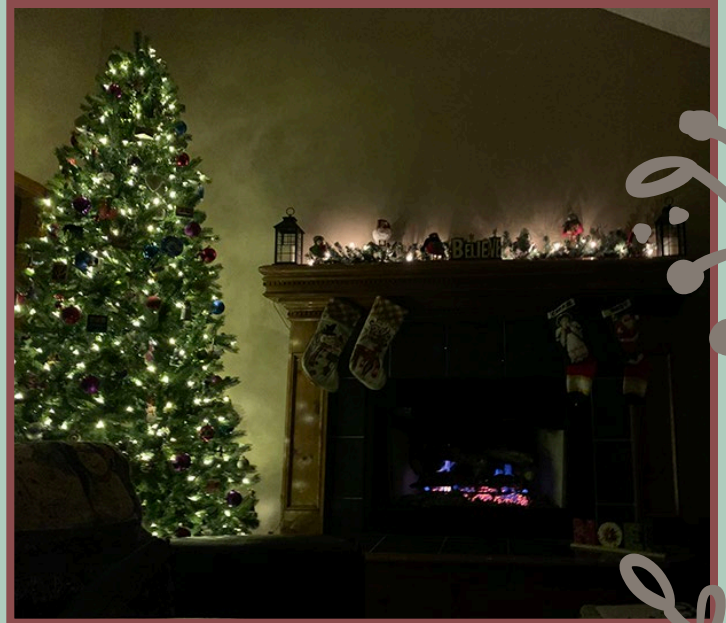


Our Traditions

Every summer, we look forward to visiting some of Carrie's extended family in Ohio. Last year, we packed an entire suitcase full of board games to take with us on the trip!

Christmas is a favorite holiday for us. We love to watch Christmas movies like *Elf* and *White Christmas* on repeat while baking cookies, wrapping and decorating. Each year, Carrie's mom helps decorate our house, and we spend the night on Thanksgiving so we can be up bright and early the next day to decorate with Carrie's parents.

Each fall, we always make a point of enjoying time together at a local farm where we (mostly Carrie) feed goats, go on a hayride and enjoy apple donuts. We pick out a pumpkin at the farm and go home to carve it that afternoon.





MEET *Harper & Gus*

Carrie's first word was "dog", and she grew up loving them. Andy had dogs growing up too but fully embraced his love for dogs after marrying Carrie. Our dogs, Harper and Gus, are an important part of our family.

Harper is a 10-year-old Chihuahua-Jack Russell Mix. (We were very surprised when we saw her breed profile results!) She is a sassy old-lady who loves to nap in the sun, play with Gus or go on walks in the neighborhood.

Gus is a 2-year-old Beagle Mix. He is a sweet boy who loves to snuggle, run as fast as he can around the backyard in big circles, or play with his toys that are scattered around the living room.

Harper and Gus have both spent time with kids and are patient and relaxed around them.





Family

We are lucky to have a lot of family living nearby including our parents, siblings, grandparents and cousins. Because we have family closeby, we are able to spend time together every holiday and just because. Carrie also has extended family who lives in Ohio, and Andy has a brother who lives in Chicago. Both of our families are excited to welcome a new member and are excited to be on the adoption journey with us!



Friends

Many of our friends are people who have been in our lives for years. We grew up with them or met during college. We've also made some amazing friends as we have pursued our careers and hobbies. We enjoy celebrating important events in each other's lives, having game nights and experiencing the fun that Kansas City has to offer. As our friends expand their families, we look forward to having playdates and sharing the experience of being parents.





Our Home



Our home is located on a small cul-de-sac in a suburban area of Kansas City, Missouri. We picked the location because of the great schools located nearby. There is an award-winning elementary school a short walk away.

We have a big, fenced-in backyard with plenty of space to enjoy outside. There is a room set aside for a baby someday and plenty of room to play in the game room in the basement.

Our neighborhood has lots of kids, including several who live on our street. We love to take walks through the neighborhood where there are always people out and about. There are ponds, trails and playgrounds nearby as well.





Hello,

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! While we cannot begin to fully know the feelings and challenges you are facing, we are so grateful you are considering making an adoption plan for your child and hope this profile provides a brief glimpse into our lives and the life we hope to provide for your child.

More than anything, we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally and will nurture them to grow to be the best person they can be. Education is incredibly important to both of us, and we will do all we can to make sure your child receives the best possible education both inside the classroom and in their life experiences. We will encourage your child to explore their hopes and dreams and to discover their passions in a home full of love, silliness and curiosity.

When asked why we want to bring a child into our family, we like to use the analogy made by Leslie Knope from the show Parks and Recreation: "Nobody's life is perfect," Leslie says. "You have kids because you and Andy (a fun coincidence) are a team, and you want to bring in some new team members." Adoption gives us the chance to add to our team in an incredible way; we get to add a child to our team and you. We want you to be part of your child's life in a way that is comfortable for you so they can have a connection to where they come from and know the love you have for them.

As you go through this process, know that we are praying for you and your child and hope you will find peace in whatever decision you make.

With love and gratitude,

Carrie & Andy

