

Hello from  
Allie and Andrew



# OUR STORY

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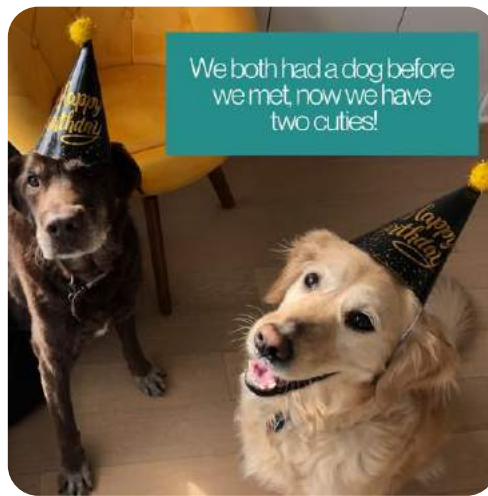
It is our greatest dream to become parents and raise children to be strong, compassionate, and creative humans. We have always had adoption in our hearts, and began this process when modern medicine confirmed Allie cannot have a safe pregnancy. We are grateful to be considered as adoptive parents.

**It is our utmost priority to do right by our adopted child and their birth family for the rest of our lives.**



### WE LIVE OUR LIVES BY THESE RULES

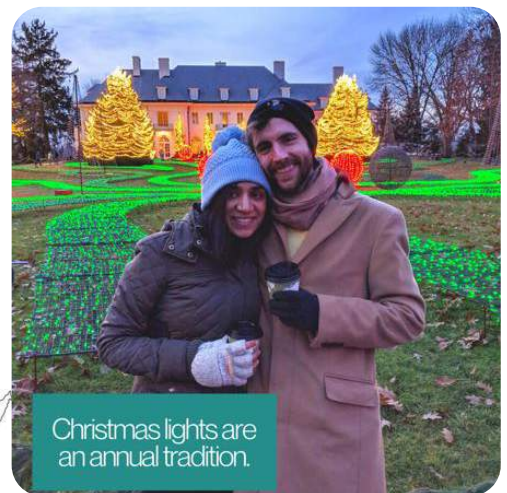
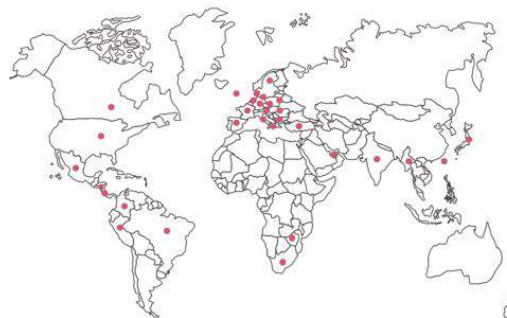
- BE AUTHENTIC
- SPEAK UP FOR JUSTICE
- BE A GOOD ANCESTOR
- GIVE MORE THAN YOU TAKE



We are an **interracial couple** who are home study approved and court certified to adopt from anywhere in the United States. We have steady careers (**doctor and teacher**), two gentle dogs, and a big **community of brown, Black, and white folks ready to share love and belonging** with a little one. We hope you'll get in touch with us to say hi, ask us anything, whatever!



We've been to many places. We have many more to still explore, hopefully with a little one.





We unexpectedly met when Andrew, who is usually very shy, asked Allie to dance at a party in Seattle. We ended up talking for hours and exchanging numbers. It was love at first sight that was confirmed with every subsequent date. We are best friends.



The first photo of us ever!



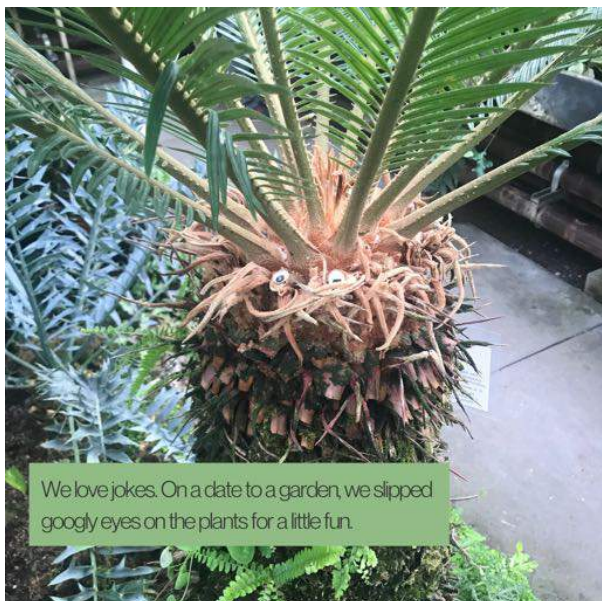
On our second date, we talked about adoption and raising kids. It has been in our hearts and minds for a long time.



Our relationship and love grew throughout Andrew's years of medical training, which moved us around to a few different cities.



*when you know, you know*



We love jokes. On a date to a garden, we slipped googly eyes on the plants for a little fun.



After two years of dating, Andrew made a surprise visit to the school where Allie worked and proposed right in the middle of the school day. Allie's students were thrilled, but not as much as she was!



we had a surprise wedding in the Hamptons

# MEET ALLIE



Allie has wanted to be a mother for as long as she can remember. During college, she was a nanny and considers those families to be extended relatives. Our engagement and wedding ceremonies included so many families, children, and former students — she is beloved.

-ANDREW

Math Teacher

Makes people laugh

Grew up in Washington

**ABOUT ALLIE**

Worked in the music industry before teaching

Pretty organized (but not annoyingly so)

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She is the type of person that will go to bat for you, stand up for you and protect you when you've been wronged. Someone that actively tries to be better.

-OUR FRIEND, BABIE



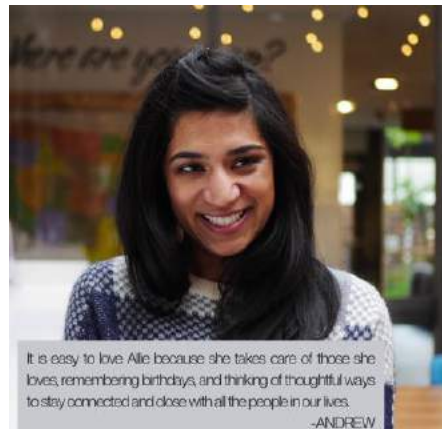
Allie is in her sixth year of teaching middle school math.



Allie taught kindergarten and Pre-K for four years.



Allie has a dozen tattoos, all quotes and messages, in the handwriting of family and friends.



It is easy to love Allie because she takes care of those she loves, remembering birthdays, and thinking of thoughtful ways to stay connected and close with all the people in our lives.

-ANDREW



Allie always has a book. She is trained as an early childhood educator and can teach a child how to read.



Andrew is an infectious disease doctor, the perfect job since he loves science and helping people. Though he loves his job, Andrew will always prioritize spending time away from the hospital to be with the baby and Allie.

# MEET ANDREW

**Infected Disease Doctor**

**Grew up in Indiana**

**Excellent at drawing**

**ABOUT ANDREW**

**Practiced medicine in four countries**

**Fluent in French, proficient in Spanish**



Andrew hang gliding



Andrew has been skiing since he was four. He taught Allie, and can't wait to teach a child, too!

Andrew anticipates what someone might need and then offers it without reservation. It might be a little thing like wrapping up dinners for friends, offering his umbrella in case it rains, or volunteering to speak to a friend's grandma who is uncertain about the COVID vaccine. Andrew is always generous with his time and things.

Andrew is a prepared and intentional person. I am confident he will bring this dedication and love to parenthood and be an amazing dad.

-ALLIE

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Andrew is a very selfless and caring individual. He seeks new learning opportunities and cultural experiences. We know that he would provide a rich, loving, and nurturing environment to his future child/children.

-OUR FRIEND, SHANE



One of Andrew's hobbies is home experiments. He has been brewing different fruit flavors of kombucha lately.



We are total travel bugs. Andrew has a long list of countries to visit with the baby.

# OUR PROMISE



WE PROMISE

This child will always come first.

WE PROMISE

We will raise the little one to be compassionate, joyful, and confident.

WE PROMISE

We will see, honor, and love every aspect of the child's identity.

WE PROMISE

You will always have a place in our family and life.

Our family and friends (Black, brown, and white folks) participated in a workshop instead of a baby shower where they made a lifelong commitment to advocate for and support this child. If you choose to place with us, this child would have many Black aunties and uncles. Here is what three of them would like you to know:

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They are two of the most thoughtful and caring people that I know. I have full confidence that Allie and Andrew will raise their child to have a beautiful self-image where love reigns supreme. I also know that they will ensure that there are people in their child's life who look like them. I hope to be an uncle to this baby!

-AKINTOYE

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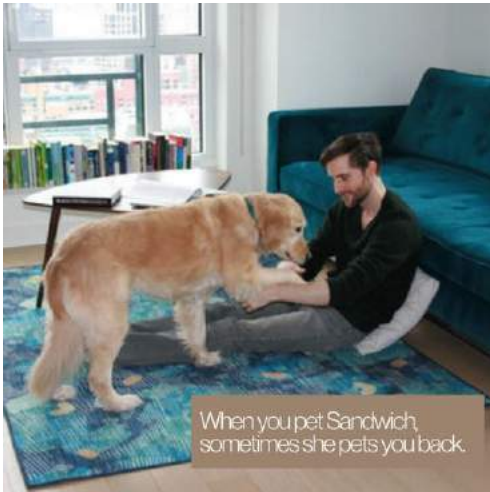
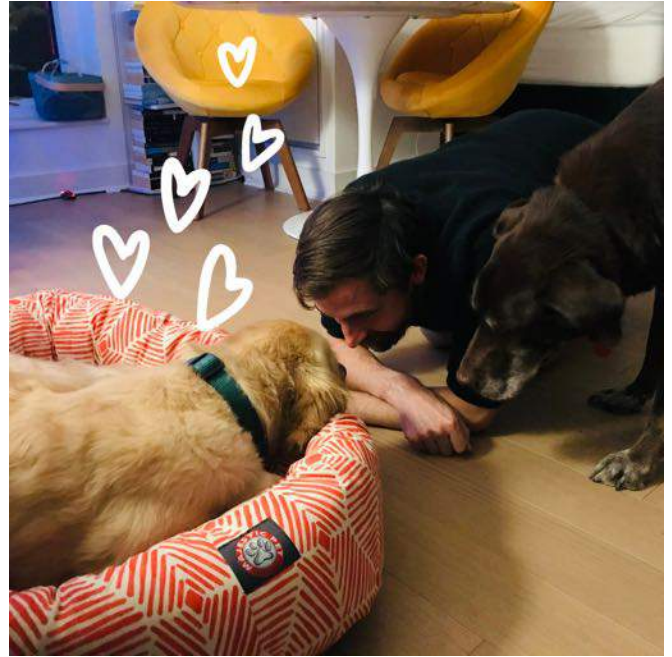
We have grown from friends to family and I am so honored to be an auntie. Herself and Andrew have taken steps to not only look inward to be culturally responsive but also encouraging those who are going to be in their child's life to educate themselves culturally to ensure that the child is celebrated, supported, and loved in a manner that does not hinder their identity. I love them both dearly and I am more than reassured that whatever child is brought into their atmosphere will be given an amazing life and have a plethora of amazing diverse people to support them in a village-style manner.

-MONIQUE

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# OUR HOME

We live in a penthouse apartment in a family-friendly building in the heart of New York City with enormous windows overlooking the city and river.



When you pet Sandwich, sometimes she pets you back.



our home is often busy with friends and family



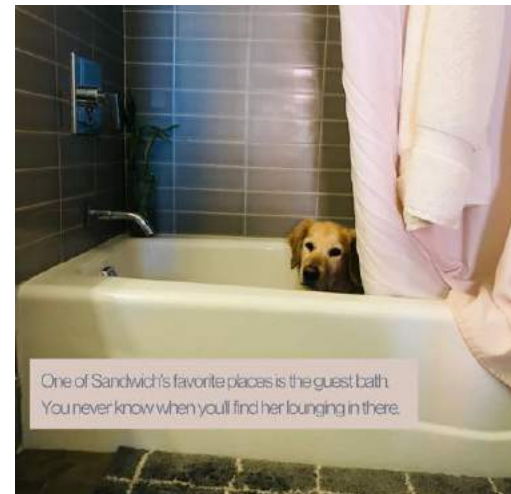
Allie has been nesting hard in the baby's nursery.



We love our terrace with its city and river views. We eat dinner, read, and hang out there all the time.



Andrew's specialty is homemade pizza. It is a weekly tradition.



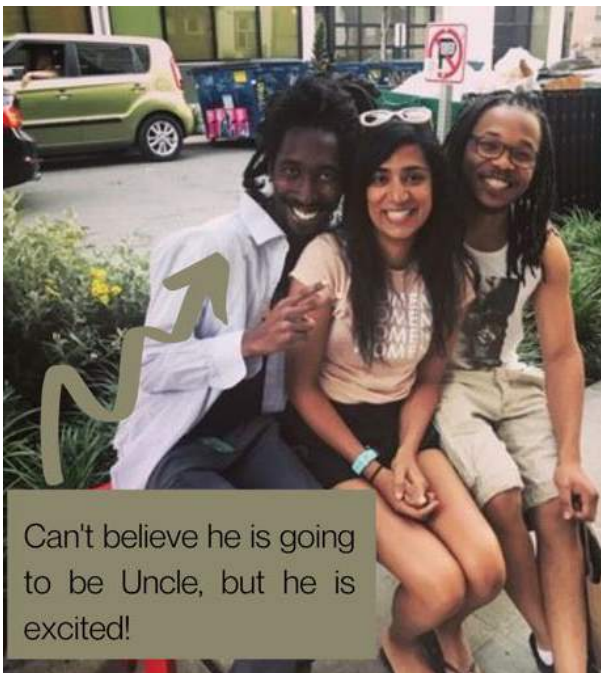
One of Sandwich's favorite places is the guest bath. You never know when you'll find her lounging in there.

# OUR VILLAGE

## *some* auntie plans for baby



The baby would have five living great-grandparents, four grandparents, and dozens of aunties, uncles, and cousins.

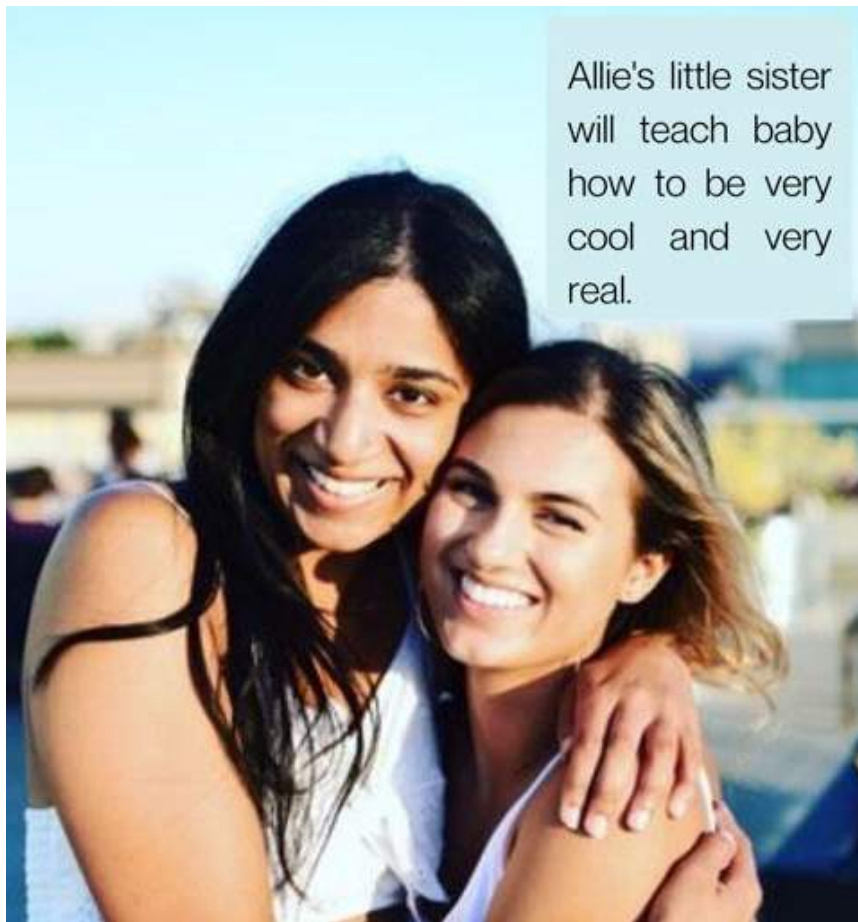




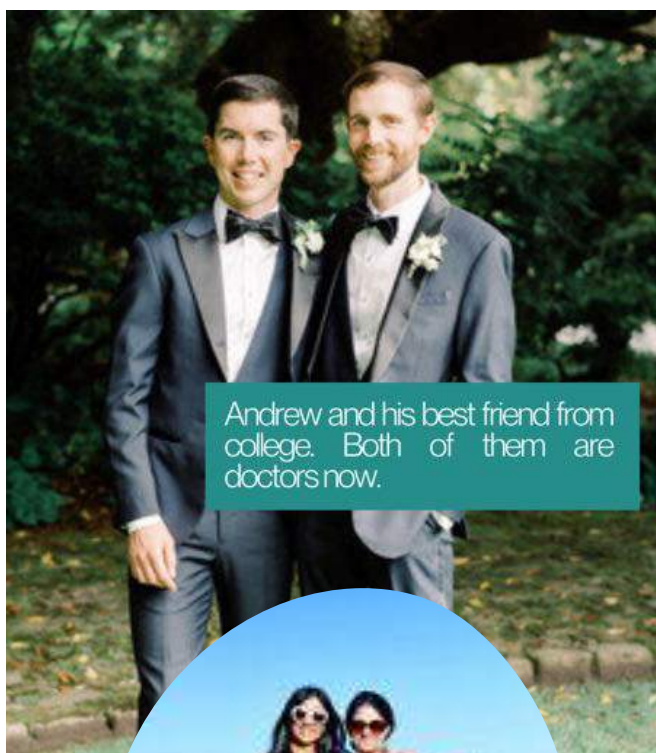
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Andrew's extended family are a goofy bunch.



Allie's little sister will teach baby how to be very cool and very real.



Andrew and his best friend from college. Both of them are doctors now.



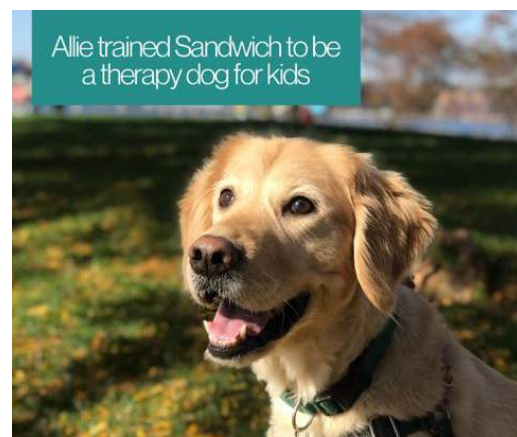
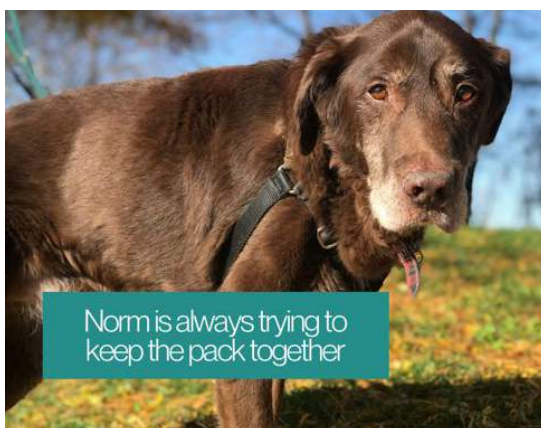
Our village of family and friends are so excited to welcome a child and be their lifelong advocate. Here are some of their thoughts:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We will focus on the parts we are comfortable with. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We will see and honor all aspects of the adoptee's identity and life story. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We didn't mean it like that!                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impact is more important. We will take responsibility and do better.        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Love is enough.                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Love and belonging are both necessary.                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I don't know how.                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I can learn how.  |

Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents. Thank you for reading through our adoption profile.

We live our lives with honesty and integrity. We would hold our relationship with you with the same level of truth and love. We want you to know that we support you. We deeply respect whatever choices you decide to make for your life and this child's future.

Whatever level of openness you choose, the little one will know how much you love them. You will always have a place in our family, whenever you choose to occupy it.



THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

*Andrew, Allie, Norm & Sandwich*