

Hi, sweet mama,

We are so glad you are taking the time to learn a little more about us and our family.

If there is anyway in which we can support and honor your journey, we want to be there for you.

We can't begin to know what this experience is like for you, but we would imagine that some days it must feel like an absolute rollercoaster. Please know that we are praying for you, and we know that whatever decision you make will be one of immense love.

It feels important to us that you know that I (Annie) was adopted as a baby. As a result, I have a profound respect for and understanding of the adoption process and all those involved. That is why adoption is so dear to me and has always been a calling on my heart. I also believe that, should you choose adoption, and should you choose us for that honor, that your child will grow up with not only, two more people who love them unconditionally, but also someone who genuinely understands the wide array of feelings that they are experiencing.

If you do decide to move forward with an adoption plan, know that we will respect whatever level of openness you are comfortable with. We want you to know that we will cherish not only your child, but you as well, as you will both be a beloved extension of our family.

There is so much more to learn about each other, and we look forward to growing closer through each milestone with you. Know that in the meantime, we are praying for you and your little one every step of the way. May angels of peace surround you and guide you through whatever decision you come to.

With love,  
The Virellas



Annie believes that everything is figure-out-able as long as you face it with a sense of humor and give yourself a little grace. She cares deeply about everyone she meets. It doesn't take her long to slip into mama-mode, even with strangers, trying to take care of everyone around her. Annie is a firm believer that in everyday there is something to be proud of and effort is more important than the result. She is proud of her Cajun heritage and loves any excuse to bring that into the kitchen with gumbo, pralines and shrimp creole.



Louisiana born, Georgia raised  
Caucasian/Spanish descent  
Taurus  
Award-winning journalist  
Singer  
Pro football fanatic

Annie



# Andrew

South Carolina born and raised  
Caucasian/Puerto Rican  
Aquarius  
Multiple business owner  
Speaks English and Spanish  
Contagious belly laugh

Drew is the kind of person who looks tough on the outside but has a heart of absolute gold. He works very hard to provide the best life possible for his family, and the kids all know, without a doubt, there's nothing he wouldn't do for them. He loves to cook big breakfasts on Saturday morning so our family regularly wakes up to the smell of cinnamon rolls and bacon. A jack of all trades, there is nothing Drew can't build or repair, and he built his own business doing exactly that.

At the end of the day though, there's nowhere he would rather be than home with his family, having family dinners or helping with homework.

We live in a small, rural community on a quiet street.



Our house is a one-story ranch style home with a big back porch looking out to the woods behind our property.



# Our Home



Every morning we are visited by a family of bunnies and every night there is an owl that sits in the tree in our yard. From our kitchen window we can watch the birds gather on the two wooden tray feeders Drew built.



There are two small parks with playgrounds within walking distance from the house, and river access is a short five minute drive away.



# *Family Adventures*

AS MUCH AS WE CAN BE HOME BODIES, WE ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET OUTSIDE AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER. EVERY YEAR WE TAKE A FAMILY REUNION STYLE TRIP TO THE BEACH AND IF WE GET HOME AND START MISSING THE SAND BETWEEN OUR TOES, WE MIGHT JUST PACK UP A COOLER AND MAKE A DAY TRIP BACK TO THE SHORE. IN THE FALL, IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOTBALL WEEKENDS AND A TRIP TO THE STATE FAIR.



# Happy HOLIDAYS!



Both of our favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. Focus is on family and togetherness and gratitude. Everyone gathers around the table to share a meal and the kids play outside with their cousins. But if we're being honest, Annie tries to make every holiday a big deal. Every holiday is a chance to make a little magic for the kids so, there will inevitably be a visit from Cupid, personalized letter from the Easter bunny, and as many trips as possible to look at Christmas lights. Christmas lights have magical powers, you know.

## B, age 14

"Every Summer we go down to the river, or go to Grandma's every weekend. Then at the end of the day, we all sit around the table and have family dinner together."



## K, age 10

"My favorite thing is when we have jam sessions in the car, blasting music with the windows down."



*From the kids...*

"I love it when we all play board games together."

"Dad and Annie always make sure we have everything we need or might want. And I love all our trips to the river."

## N, age 15



"I like when my family has crawfish boils. I get to play with my cousins."

## KJ, age 7