



ANDREA *and* BRIAN

hello!

Welcome and thank you for taking the time to visit our profile!

We deeply respect and admire your selfless decision to consider adoption.

We know this must have been a very difficult decision to make, and we promise to love and adore your child from the moment you choose us for the rest of their life. We promise to provide a safe, nurturing, and stable home filled with new experiences, learning, and fun. We will honor you throughout your child's life, sharing your bravery and the story of how they became part of our family.

We're Andrea and Brian, a couple who values love, laughter, and a deep sense of family. Together, we've built a home that's warm, welcoming, and full of adventure. Andrea's warmth, kindness, and love for learning make our home a joyful place, while Brian brings fun, creativity, and a spirit of discovery. Together, we are excited to share these values with a child.

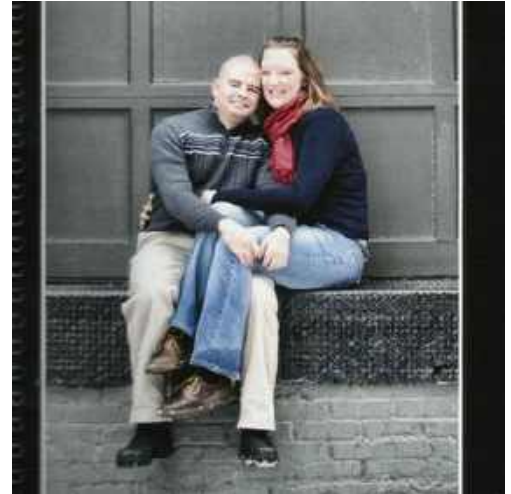
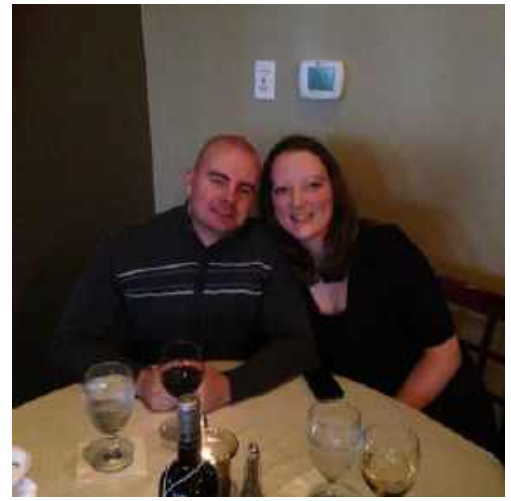
Our hearts and home are ready for the joy, curiosity, and laughter a child will bring. We are truly excited about the journey ahead and the opportunity to share our love and support. We look forward to growing as a family, creating traditions, exploring new places, and building a life filled with love and support.

Thank you for considering us. We want you to know that if you choose us, we will be forever grateful to you for giving us the greatest gift of our lives: the gift of parenthood. We hope our story resonates with you and look forward to the possibility of connecting further.

Our Story

Our story began in the digital world—we met online, two strangers brought together by curiosity and a bit of luck. Our first date was far from typical; we braved a West Michigan snowstorm to meet, which made the night all the more memorable and set the tone for the adventures that would follow. From that frosty evening, our connection only grew as we discovered shared dreams and passions. Over the years, we moved across several states, each new place bringing fresh memories and challenges that strengthened our commitment to each other.

Travel and exploration have been constants in our relationship, fueling a life of discovery and joy. Together, we've embraced every adventure, finding strength and unity in both the big and small moments. Each experience has taught us something new—about each other and about the world we're building together. Now, 13 years later, with a foundation rooted in love, laughter, and resilience, we look forward to whatever lies ahead, ready to face it side by side.



MEET *Andrea*

Andrea was born and raised in mid-Michigan, where I learned the value of family and community. I was an extremely active child involved with sports (softball, volleyball, and tennis), orchestra, Girl Scouts, and volunteering. Family and friends have always been central to my life and I've built my adult relationships around these values. My passion for education grew throughout high school, college, and graduate school leading me to work in academic advising and student services before earning my doctoral degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Currently, I serve as the Director of Career Development at a community based medical school in Michigan where I assist medical students to successfully navigate their future careers as physicians.

In my free time I enjoy, volunteering with the Junior League of Grand Rapids, taking our dogs for long walks and to the dog park, reading, crafting, traveling, and spending time with our nephew.



fun facts

- Andrea taught herself to crochet and loves to gift blankets!
- Andrea is an amateur photographer and is commonly found behind the camera instead of in front of it!
- Andrea is currently teaching herself Spanish and American Sign Language!
- Andrea is a lifelong learner with a love for reading books on all sorts of topics!
- Andrea loves to bake; her favorites are Dutch apple pie and Texas sheet cake, which never fail to bring smiles to her friends and family!

MEET *Brian*

Born and raised in Michigan, I've always felt at home in places surrounded by nature, from the Great Lakes to the quiet countryside. My journey led me to serve in the US Navy, where I gained invaluable experiences and made lifelong connections. After my service, I pursued a career as a commercial pilot, combining my love for travel with the thrill of being in the skies. When I'm not working, you can usually find me outdoors with my two beagles, who keep me busy and bring a lot of joy into my life.

In my free time, I enjoy diving into a good book, which offers a different kind of escape and adventure. I also cherish the moments I get to spend with my wife, whether we're relaxing at home or exploring new places together. Life has taken me to many destinations, but at the end of the day, it's the simple pleasures—good company, loyal dogs, and time to unwind—that mean the most to me.



fun facts

- Brian is a Commercially Rated Pilot and has been flying for 20 years!
- Brian has earned his SCUBA Diver certificate
- Using his aviation knowledge, Brian has become a self-taught amateur meteorologist!
- Brian loves computers and everything about them. He has even built 2 of his own computers!
- Brian has traveled to 15 of the currently 30 MLB stadiums!
- When not flying, Brian brings airline designs to life through photo editing! His recreated liveries are used by flight simulator companies worldwide!

What I love about...

ANDREA

Andrea is truly one of a kind—her caring nature shines through in everything she does, and she’s always putting others first. Her dedication, whether it’s in her career, with family, or supporting friends, inspires everyone around her. I couldn’t be prouder of the incredible person she is, and I’m beyond excited to watch her grow into the wonderful mother I know she’ll be. Andrea also knows how to bring joy and fun into any moment, always finding ways to make life a little brighter for everyone around her.



What I love about...

BRIAN

Brian has a big heart and goes out of his way to help and care for others. He is a hard worker who strives to take great care of his family. With a love for the Lord and a heart for children, it’s been a blessing to see him with our nephew and friends’ kids. Brian’s friendly, outgoing nature allows him to naturally connect with anyone. He reminds me not to take things too seriously and always make me laugh after a tough day. Brian loves the Boston Red Sox baseball, grilling year round, all things airplanes and is a diehard Notre Dame fan. He truly is the best spouse, brother, son, and friend to have and I can’t wait to watch him grow into his next role as dad.



MORE ABOUT *Us*

- We both are foodies! We love to try new restaurants and search for new recipes to try at home together. Brian tends to be the grill master while Andrea is the baker.
- Before returning to West Michigan, our careers took us all over the U.S. Andrea lived in West Virginia for grad school, while Brian lived in New York and Boston early in his aviation career. Together, we've lived in North Carolina and Indiana, and are now excited to be home in Michigan, close to our family and friends.
- One of our favorite pastimes is traveling to cheer on our favorite sports teams. Brian is a die-hard Notre Dame fan, while Andrea proudly cheers for Michigan State. Despite our college rivalries, we both unite over our love for the Boston Red Sox.





OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

Our home is cozy! It is located in a quiet, diverse neighborhood and we enjoy interacting with other families there, including many with young children. We built our home in 2023 and soon afterwards added a patio in the back along with turf grass and a beautiful perimeter of annual flowers. Our home is open concept allowing us to host family dinners and special holiday occasions. We love the location of our home! We are within 30 minutes of Brian's parents, 60 minutes of Andrea's parents, and close to several parks, shopping centers, and libraries.





Our Boys

Jake and Jack are the two most spoiled dogs in the state of Michigan! Jake is a 13-year old beagle mix rescued from the local animal shelter when we lived in Concord, North Carolina. Six years later, we brought Jack, a purebred beagle into the family as a rescue from Beagle Freedom Project, an organization that rescues and rehomes animals used in experimental research and laboratory testing facilities. Jake and Jack love to play outside, politely demand belly rubs, and of course devour the treats! They are the best cuddle bugs around and have us wrapped around their perfect paws!





Family + Friends



We feel truly blessed to have such supportive families who have shaped us into who we are today. Both of our families are excited about our decision to adopt and can't wait to welcome our future child—and their family—into our lives. To us, family is about love and acceptance, not genetics.



We are very fortunate to have our parents and siblings nearby and enjoy spending time together, whether it's sharing meals, attending local events, or having our nephew over for sleepovers. Family is a big reason we moved back to Michigan to be closer to them.



We consider ourselves lucky to have many close friends, both locally and across the U.S., who feel like family. Their support throughout our adoption journey has been invaluable, and their children are excited to welcome another playmate. Each friend's home is filled with laughter, kindness, and strong family values. Their commitment to helping others inspires us daily, and we know they will be wonderful role models, offering a loving and nurturing environment for your child.





Andrea's Family

My family is the center of my life, providing love and support that has shaped the person I am today. My parents taught me the values of hard work, honesty, dedication, and compassion, which guide me in all I do. I'm blessed to have close relationship with my brother, and together we navigate life's ups and downs, always supporting each other. I'm also fortunate to have a stepfather who has enriched our family, bringing new perspectives, unique experiences, and further strengthening our bonds.

My extended family, spread across Michigan and Illinois, has also played a vital role in my life. Family gatherings for holidays and reunions are highlights, filled with laughter, stories, and cherished memories. Each visit reconnects me with more than 40 cousins and second cousins, in addition to 14 aunts and uncles, reinforcing the importance of family, even from afar. Through it all, it's love and support of family that lifts me up and inspires me daily.





Brian's Family

My family has been a cornerstone in my life, offering support and guidance that has shaped who I am today. My parents, in particular, provided me with the tools I needed to be successful, teaching me the importance of hard work, resilience, and integrity. Their example has been a lasting influence, one that I carry with me in everything I do. My younger sister is also a huge part of my life, and she's now preparing to help welcome a new addition to our family. Watching her step into this role has been both inspiring and heartwarming.

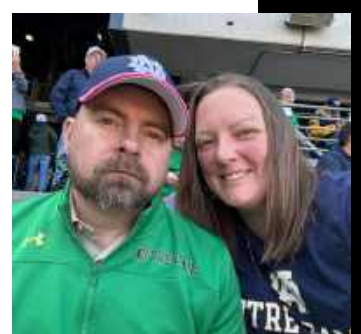


Beyond my immediate family, I'm incredibly close with my extended family in Maryland and California. Despite the distance, we've maintained strong connections over the years, sharing memories and milestones that bring us closer together. Whether it's catching up during family reunions or just staying in touch regularly, they play an essential role in my life, grounding me and reminding me of where I come from.



Traditions

- A favorite tradition for us is taking to the skies together each summer, exploring new destinations near and far. It's a blend of adventure and discovery that makes our summers unforgettable!
- The holidays are some of our favorite times of the year. Every Christmas, we take new family photos (costumes included!) and enjoy taking our nephew to see Santa and the Christmas lights somewhere new each year!
- Growing up, Andrea's grandparents took her and her brother strawberry picking on the first day of summer break. No one knows how many berries were eaten in the field, but a good time was had by all. We've since passed this tradition to our nephew and look forward to sharing it with our children.
- We love learning about new cultures, especially through food and community. Each year, we attend the Polish and German festivals in our area, enjoying golumbkis and schnitzel. These meals bring us closer, celebrating our traditions and the stories that shape us.



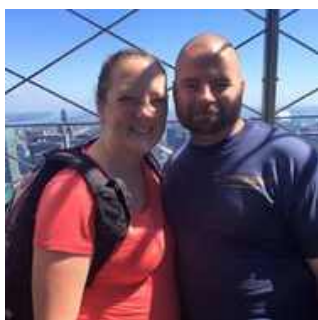


OUR ADVENTURES

Our family thrives on adventure, and we cherish every opportunity to explore new places together. One of our most memorable trips was to Yellowstone National Park, where we took in the breathtaking geysers and diverse wildlife. Hiking through the scenic trails, we created lasting memories spotting and watching Old Faithful erupt. This trip reminded us of the importance of exploration and togetherness.

Our travels also took us to Boston, where we caught a Red Sox game at Fenway Park then ventured into New York City, and visited Times Square, Central Park, and the Empire State Building. Each stop was filled with new cultures, adventures, and lots of laughter. Closer to home, we've explored the beautiful sights of Michigan, from the sandy beaches of Ludington to the charming streets of Mackinac Island. Each local adventure brought us closer to the stunning landscapes of our state.

These experiences have strengthened our bond and filled our lives with joy and excitement. We look forward to sharing this spirit of adventure with a child.



Thank you



Thank you so much for taking the time to read about us and for considering us in your adoption journey. We feel incredibly honored that you're here, learning about who we are, what we value, and the life we want to offer a child.

We're excited to become parents and share our lives filled with love, laughter, and endless support. Family means everything to us, and we are grateful for the love and strength that our families, both near and far, have shown us. These same values are what we wish to pass on: the sense of belonging, kindness, and the belief that you can be and do anything in life.

Please know how much we admire your courage in this process. We hold immense respect and gratitude for the love you're showing by considering adoption. We are ready to open our hearts and lives, and we hope you feel a connection with us.

WITH LOVE,

Andrea & Brian