

JOHN *and* ANDREA



hello there!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US!

We want you to know that our first priority is to love and support you and your child. We cannot imagine the courage it takes to navigate these challenging decisions, but we admire you greatly for your careful and loving consideration of your child's future. Our prayer is that you make whatever choice is best for you and your child. The following pages contain a few of the most important pieces of our lives. We hope that you find we are a loving couple excited to grow our family through adoption.

***If you do choose to move forward with us,
we look forward to getting to know you and learning how to
support you throughout this process and into the future.***

John and Andrea





OUR *story*

WE MET IN 2018 AND DATED FOR A YEAR BEFORE GETTING ENGAGED.

We lived in separate towns, so many hours were spent in the car driving back and forth. Andrea was attracted to John's gentle nature, perpetual optimism, and easy-going personality. John was drawn to Andrea's thoughtfulness, fun-loving nature, and generous spirit towards others. John proposed in October 2019 at one of Andrea's favorite places to hike. We were married in Winona Lake in May of 2020 in a small chapel with only a few of our closest friends and family in attendance. We look back on that day with fondness and feel fortunate to have shared the start of our marriage with the people we love. We have been happily married for three years and looking forward to the next chapter of our lives together!





WHY *adoption*

ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIG PART OF OUR
PLAN TO GROW OUR FAMILY.

Both of us grew up knowing many families that adopted and always felt a tug on our hearts to pursue adoption. Discussions surrounding adoption started early in our dating relationship and have continued over the years of our marriage. We initially planned to begin our family by having biological children and then start the adoption process. However, after several years of trying to conceive a child, we decided to pursue adoption earlier than expected. We are fortunate to have several close friends with young, adopted children who have offered guidance and supported us through this process. We are very excited about the prospect of becoming adoptive parents.





MEET *Andrea*

BY JOHN

Andrea is a kind, thoughtful, and incredibly gracious person. Whether it is in her work, our neighborhood, or our church, she wants to make sure all people feel included, cared for, and loved. At church, she often volunteers to teach Sunday school to young kids or cares for the infants in the nursery. She loves her family deeply and would do just about anything for them.

"I'm very excited to see her step into this new role of being a mother and see how she continues to grow. She will make every effort to ensure a child is loved and given every possible opportunity."



MEET *John*

BY ANDREA

John is steady and consistent. No matter the situation, he always deals with others in a deeply kind, calm, and empathetic way. He is extremely reliable – I know I can count on him to show up every day for the people he loves. He never shies away from difficult situations or conflicts but navigates challenges with a positive attitude, humility, and compassion. John's consistency and goodness have always been a source of peace and safety for me.

"John has longed for fatherhood for many years and often talks about all the experiences he is excited to share with his children. I know he will be a very involved and committed father to any child we welcome into our home."



OUR *home*

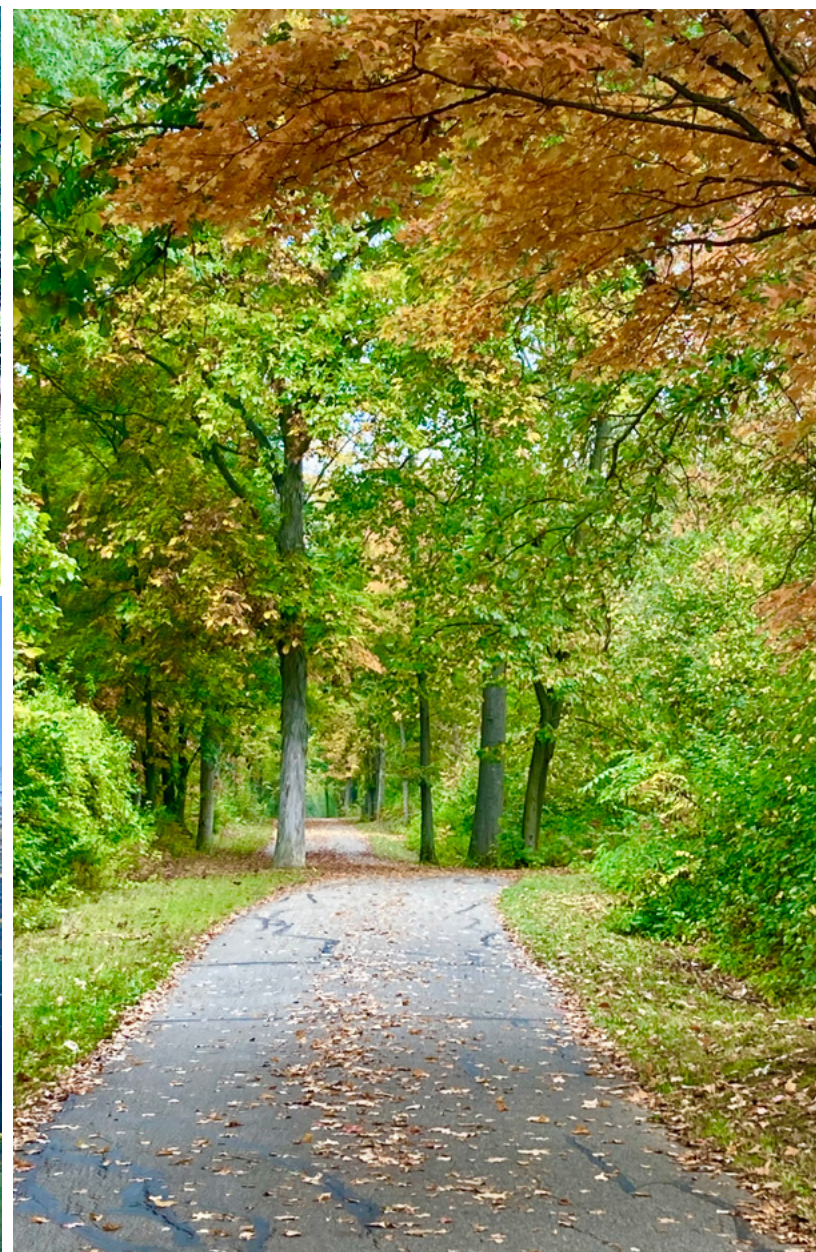
**WE PURCHASED OUR HOME IN JANUARY OF 2023 AND
DREAM OF THE DAY WE CAN RAISE A CHILD HERE!**

We intentionally chose this house because it has ample space for young children to play with a large, finished basement and fenced-in backyard. It is large and cozy, perfect for a family. Our neighborhood consists primarily of families with children and has a small neighborhood playground around the corner from our house. We often see kids playing and riding their bikes on our street. It is a very safe neighborhood in a nice part of town.



WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Our house is about two blocks from a paved trail that we frequently walk in the evenings. One of our favorite weekend activities is to walk the trail to the Cookie Cottage to pick up sweets! Our neighborhood is also within walking distance from a local farm, which offers many kid-friendly activities such as a fall festival, petting zoo, and hayrides. On our walks, one of the things we love is how many different languages we hear spoken by others walking by. We live in a very diverse area with many different ethnicities represented in our neighborhood.





10 FUN facts

1. John teaches at a small, local Christian college.
2. John is an excellent cook and enjoys smoking meat. His Thanksgiving turkey has become very popular around the holidays.
3. John has traveled all over the world including Australia, Japan, Taiwan, New Zealand, and most of Europe.
4. Andrea is a pharmacist and works in a doctor's office.
5. Andrea has a large extended family that gathers every Christmas.
6. Andrea's parents read books to her every night until she was 10 and we would love to continue this with our own children.
7. John loves to learn about almost any subject. He is constantly reading and listening to podcasts.
8. Andrea loves to be creative and enjoys painting and cross-stitching.
9. Andrea has started a tradition of baking John a cake each year for his birthday. She tries a new recipe every year – last year she baked him a Reese's peanut butter cake.
10. Our Christian faith and regular church attendance is very important to us.



YOU DON'T FALL INTO LOVE.
YOU COMMIT TO IT.

LOVE SAYS, "I WILL BE THERE
no matter what."



EXTENDED *family*



We are both fortunate to have family that live locally and have a close relationship with both sets of parents. Andrea's parents live only 10 minutes away, while John's parents and youngest brother are about an hour from our town. We typically see our parents every 1-2 weeks and enjoy the time we spend with them. Holidays usually include a big celebration with parents, siblings, and Andrea's grandparents who live nearby in Ohio.

Andrea's sister and John's second brother live with their spouses in Durham, North Carolina. Andrea is very close with her little sister, and they talk on the phone often. John's brother lives with his wife and 2-year-old daughter. We enjoy visiting North Carolina at least once a year with our siblings and our niece.



OUR FAMILIES ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR DECISION TO ADOPT AND ARE EXCITED FOR A NEW BABY TO BE ADDED TO OUR FAMILY.

THINGS WE *love*



SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS. We love to go on walks, hike, and kayak.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. John is very handy and has built several pieces of furniture for our home. Andrea loves landscaping and gardening.

ATTENDING SPORTING EVENTS. John works at a college and we always enjoy going to games on campus with his coworkers and their families.

LOCAL TRADITIONS
We love fall festivals and apple picking.



SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. We prioritize any time that we get to spend with our closest friends and family. We see our parents every other weekend to go to parks, cook meals, and spend time together.





OUR friends

Our friends were some of the first people we told about our decision to adopt and have been our support system throughout the process. Several of our closest friends have adopted and have been generous enough to share their experiences and advice. We met most of our friends through college, work, and church. For the last several years, we have met with a group of church friends most Sundays for lunch, each of us taking turns hosting for the group. We also enjoy spending time with friends at college sporting events, holiday parties, or having them over for dinner. Many of our friends have young children, and we look forward to our kids growing up together.

adventures

One of our favorite traditions is traveling to St. Augustine, FL, once or twice a year! It is a beautiful town with beaches, delicious food, and great history. Some of our favorite things to do there include walking on the beach, touring the historic downtown, and getting snow cones/ice cream. Andrea grew up going to St. Augustine each summer and has many happy memories of playing on the beach and going to the pool with her family. As we grow our family, we would love to continue the tradition of going to St. Augustine for vacation and we look forward to creating new, long-lasting memories there.





our promises

SHOULD YOU FEEL A CONNECTION TO OUR FAMILY
THROUGH THESE PAGES, WE WANT TO LEAVE YOU
WITH A FEW FINAL PROMISES...

We promise to give your child the love, support, care they need all the days of their life

We promise to give your child lots of opportunities to explore and learn.

We promise to speak highly of you and foster the relationship your child has with their birth family.

We promise to have open communication and an ongoing relationship with you.

We believe the relationship between you and your child is of utmost importance and desire to foster that relationship. We would love to have 2-4 visits with you per year and are open to traveling to the city where you live as well as inviting you to come to us. Ongoing, we would also plan to send you photos, videos, and letters.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We hope this has given you a glimpse into who we are and our heart for adoption.

John and Andrea



