

Hello we are...

Janelle & Andy



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our hopes and dreams have always included being able to provide a loving and supportive home to a child. We are eager and yearn for every laugh, every cry and take every opportunity to hold, comfort and protect our child.

We met at work more than ten years ago and started dating six months later. We've now been married eight incredible years. This is the first marriage for both of us and we can't imagine being with anyone else. We are truly each other's best friend, having the same values, beliefs, interests, and hobbies. We share a common goal in our marriage of always putting family first.

We had both dreamed of being parents and shared a desire to have children early in our marriage. We started trying to conceive immediately after we got married. Three years later when we still hadn't been pregnant we sought help for infertility. We went through one round of infertility treatments and knew it would be our last. We both know that parenting a child is the actual miracle and how that child comes to us doesn't matter. We knew adoption would be our path forward.

And why not! We already have family members who have adopted and who were adopted. Adoption is a natural and easy decision. We are thankful and excited for the opportunity to adopt!

Going through the process together has created an even better relationship between the two of us as well as with our families. We both grew up in an environment where love was never-ending, laughter was contagious and support was there when needed or wanted. To provide the same to a child will be such a fulfilling blessing.

The love this child will be shown is absolutely endless. From us as parents, from our families, and from our friends, our child will have no doubt they belong.

If you select us to parent your child, we will raise him or her to know the selfless sacrifice you made in choosing adoption. We will never take your selflessness for granted and will always hold a place in our heart and in our family for you! We hope you will feel peace and comfort, and be free of regret because you know, and we have proven, we will provide the absolute best for your child.

With much respect,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Family. We both grew up in large and loving families where our mothers, fathers and siblings were always supportive of everything we did and dreamed of doing. They encouraged us to make our own decisions and to be ourselves. By doing so, our families instilled trust, compassion and kindness in us. These are all values we will teach our child by providing them the same love and support we were shown as children. Our child will be grounded in family and know they belong to a unit that loves and supports them beyond measure.



Education. We believe education begins at an early age and is a continual process throughout life. A child learns from absolutely everything that crosses their path, and as parents we will encourage our child to continually learn by asking questions and exploring new ideas. We will make everything we do a learning opportunity regardless if it's going for walks, collecting leaves, building castles in the sand, or simply reading before bed. And, as our child grows we will be there to support their academic and extracurricular needs. We will prepare for and encourage our child to attend college or university following high school.



Communication. We are both strong advocates for open and ongoing communication. We've learned that it's always better to share our thoughts and feelings, because most of the time it leads to better understanding and more compassion. We want our child to feel comfortable talking to us about anything and everything. We will encourage them to tell us about their day, about who they played with on the playground, what games they played. When we take them to a movie we will ask them about their favorite part and listen to their responses. As they get older we will ask them questions about their friends and be engaged in their activities. We will always be available to our child so they feel heard and know their thoughts and feelings are valued and respected.



Being Open Minded. We believe being open minded allows us to hear others viewpoints and perspectives. It teaches us about others opinions and way of life. Listening opens doors for better understanding and compassion. We will encourage our child to be open minded so they always come from a place of wanting to understand and learn rather than coming from a place of judgement. We will model this trait in everything we do. We will provide goods to a family less fortunate, we will be kind to someone seen as an outsider by others, we will visit places and participate in conversations where we are the minority. Our hope is that our child will always error on the side of seeking knowledge and understanding.

Fun. We believe in living life to its fullest! Both of our favorite childhood memories involve laughing and having fun with friends and family. Sure vacations and weekends are usually fun, but we want to create a lifetime of happy memories every day. One of the best aspects about our marriage is we continually create memories with friends and family. We go to sporting events, the farmer's market, cook together, celebrate little successes. We are committed to making happy and lasting memories for our child as an individual and as a family. Whether we are playing at home or going on adventures to the park, zoo, etc., we look forward to making a lifetime of fun and happy memories.

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Our home...



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Cooking & baking, reading, crafting, sports, taking our dog for walks, playing games, enjoying the outdoors, spending time with family & friends.

Adoptive Father:

Yardwork, electronics, grilling out, taking our dog for walks, watching and playing sports (basketball, baseball, football, etc.), enjoying the outdoors, spending time with family & friends.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Director of Communications, Education & Events

Adoptive Father: Territory Account Manager

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

When we selected the area and started the building process for our new home, we knew it would be the place to start our family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

You see, our city was just named a "Playful City USA" for the ninth consecutive year. This program recognizes cities that ensure children have easy access to balanced and active play in the community. Thus there are many playgrounds, parks, pools, and football, softball, baseball and soccer fields all within walking distance. Being new, our neighborhood is full of young families with children of all ages. There are always children playing together in each other's yards. We both grew up with a basketball hoop and large yards to play in, and remember hours spent playing with cousins, siblings or friends. We cannot wait for our child to do the same.

Our home is open and inviting. The warmth of the dark wood cabinets and furniture are balanced by the light walls and floors. The flow of the kitchen, dining area and living room create easy conversation. It's perfect for entertaining. Lounging on the couch in front of the fireplace is the perfect place to hang out during the cooler months. From our four-season porch we love watching the sunrise reflect off the pond. We can't wait to snuggle up with our child in a blanket in front of the warm fireplace, and together watch the geese on the pond.

Janelle's vibrant memories of helping her mother and grandmothers bake and cook were the inspiration for our own kitchen. Janelle loves cooking Mexican (tacos, fajitas, nachos) or Italian (lasagna, spaghetti & meatballs, mac & cheese). Or any dessert imaginable!! Not only does Janelle enjoy cooking, but when Andy joins in it's fun. The tunes are cranked and a dance party begins! We can't wait to add our child to the impromptu party, make pancakes in the shape of animals and fill the house with the sweet smell of fresh baked cookies. Along with a glass of cold milk, the pair makes any day perfect.

Our child's bedroom is close to our room and ready to be personalized to match his or her personality. It's a blank slate, yet inviting and comfortable. Of course there is a crib, a dresser/changing table, and a rocking chair to snuggle in during late night feedings and story time. Janelle's grandmother made a blanket which will be passed down to our child. The blanket makes the room cozy, while baskets of toys, including a few of our own favorites, sits on the floor ready to be played with by little and big fingers alike.

We are excited to share the home we love with a child we love. We dream of filling our home with chatter and giggles. We look forward to snuggling on a cozy chair, playing on the floor, reading a favorite book, and rocking our child to sleep. We look forward to holding our child while we zoom down a slide that will one day occupy our backyard. When our child gets older, we can't wait to ride bikes as a family on the path that goes right by our home, and play hoops with friends and family. But most of all, we look forward to everyday life together as a family. We even look forward to the late-night feedings and the dirty diapers. We imagine everything we do will revolve around our child. And, we can't wait!



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Our family...

We met more than 10 years ago when Andy got a job at the company where Janelle worked. Spending time together at work and outside of work, our friendship grew incredibly strong. When Andy left the company a year later, we began dating. A year later, Andy proposed. We've been happily married for more than 7 incredible years.

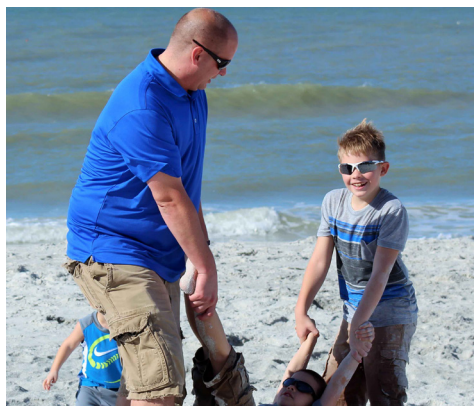
Prior to dating we had already learned that we can rely and depend on each other. Integrity, trust and communication are the foundation of our relationship. Janelle is loving, caring and giving. She is a positive and happy person. She keeps Andy grounded and looks out for others. Andy is caring, generous, intelligent, reliable and easy going. But don't let that fool you. He's very much a family man and works hard to care for his family.

We truly enjoy our time together and never take each other for granted. We both have a love for all college and professional sports (basketball, football, baseball) and enjoy the family atmosphere at sporting events, often attending them in our local area and surrounding states. During the warmer months we take advantage of our community, going for walks, bike rides and attend outdoor events such as live music and farmer's markets just to name a few. There is plenty to do around here and we take full advantage of it, either just the two of us or with family and friends. We look forward to doing all these activities and more with our child.

We look forward to growing our family from two to three. Andy is a big kid at heart and is more than ready to play with a child. He will be a really involved - tossing the ball in the yard, playing at the park, on the floor playing with dolls and/or trucks, building sand castles in the sandbox - kind of dad.

When we celebrate Christmas with Andy's family, Santa always makes an appearance to spend time with the children, each and every one of them. Seeing their faces make us excited to share that experience with our child. Janelle's family has an annual family reunion where her whole family from near and far come together to enjoy amazing food, conversation and unique family games that were created when her father was little.

We look forward to creating new traditions too. We will make birthdays and holidays extra special by planning a unique tradition for each one. Growing up our parents always made these days extra special by having a specific food or doing a specific activity. While these may not always continue throughout adulthood, it's the memories we have as a child from these special occasions that really stand out. Now that Janelle's parents have retired and are living in Florida, we look forward to visiting grandma and grandpa especially in the cold weather months, and they look forward to spending time with their grandchild. We look forward to experiencing traditions with our child who will hopefully carry on these traditions for years to come!



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