

# Sara & Andrew



## Hobbies & Interests

Sara: reading, baking, photography, running, family  
Andrew: soccer, cooking, technology, cars, board games, family

## Occupation

Sara: High School Special Education Teacher  
Andrew: Automotive Engineer

## Education

Sara: Master of Arts in Teaching, Madonna Univ.  
Andrew: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Kettering Univ.

## Religion or Belief System

Christian/Agnostic (informal)

## Children in Home

Morgan: 2 1/2 years old

## Pets in Home

Maya: 1 1-year-old Shiba Inu (dog)

## Our Story

We met in June of 1999, between junior and senior year of high school, through mutual friends at Cedar Point. Our two groups combined, and we ended up spending the remainder of the day together at the park. We dated for a short time, and then parted ways the majority of our senior year of high school. We reunited in March of 2000 and have been together ever since, becoming engaged in May of 2001 and married in July 2004. We brought home our puppy, Maya, that summer. After a long road to parenthood, our daughter, Morgan, joined our family in 2013, marking the beginning of an exciting and rewarding chapter in our lives!

## What Brought Us to Adoption

After a challenging year and a half of doctors, and a failed cycle of IVF, we took a step back to evaluate our goals and direction in our lives. We both felt that being parents was extremely important to us. It was then that we realized that our end goal was parenthood, and pregnancy was not a necessary component. After extensive research, we decided that adoption was the way we wanted to grow our family. After adding our daughter, Morgan, to our family via adoption in 2013, we couldn't be more happy with our decision. Parenting has been everything we hoped it would be – and more! We are excited to grow our family through adoption again!

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

Our children will always know that they have become part of our family via adoption. From birth, we have read our daughter storybooks with adoption themes, and have discussed them at age appropriate levels. Additionally, we believe whole-heartedly in open adoption.

We feel it is important for children to know their roots and have questions answered as they grow. Unless the birth family feels otherwise, we would hope that they would become a part of our extended family, too. We think the more love, the better! Ultimately, we hope to have a relationship with the child's birth family that will be most beneficial for everyone involved, most importantly, the child.

These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please contact:

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