

# Alaina & Andrew



## Hobbies & Interests

Together: hiking, traveling, concerts

Alaina: flute, baking, skiing

Andrew: piano, music composition, science fiction

## Occupation

Alaina: Executive Assistant

Andrew: Music & Multimedia Computer Specialist

## Education

Alaina: BA English, University of Michigan

Andrew: BA/BMA German/Music Theory, University of Michigan; MM Music Technology, New York University

## Religion or Belief System

Roman Catholic (Christianity)

## Our Story

We are high school sweethearts who have been married since 2009. We met in sixth grade, so you could even call us middle school sweethearts! We spent the first four years of marriage commuting into New York City from Jersey City for grad school and work, then decided it was time to come home to the Midwest and start a family. We have nearly opposite personalities that pair well with our shared values. Alaina is caring, determined, and organized. Andrew is patient, intellectually curious, and imaginative.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

We entered our marriage with the expectation and hope of becoming parents. Our infertility came as a surprise to us, given our overall good health. We questioned whether we were called to adopt or continue as a family of two, and set to prayer and research. Learning about open adoption from families formed through it is what led us to start the adoption process.

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

As parents, we would never want to hide our children's history and heritage from them, and we would welcome regular communication between our families. We have fallen in love with the prospect of adding a whole new branch to our family through open adoption. We promise a home full of warmth and love for any child we are blessed to raise.



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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