

Every family has a story... Welcome to ours!



Sean, Tiffany & Andrew

As a family built by adoption (both Sean and Andrew were adopted), we have firsthand knowledge of how adoption impacts lives. We met Andrew's birthmother and stay in contact through a Facebook page, posting photos and updates of his life. He even got to meet his half-siblings early in 2018. We will always keep the doors open for communication, knowing personally the loss of not knowing blood ties and family roots.

We know that there will be questions, and feelings of "not being like my friends." And we know the deep thoughts that happen right before bedtime. We know about how children and adults will ask questions and be cruel without meaning to. But we know what to say because one of us has been through this and can be a guide to why two families loved them so much that they came together to give them a life of love.



First day at home, 1978 (inset) & 2017

Our story

We fell quickly for one another, bonding over our shared love of music and the outdoors, and seeing the better qualities in each other through home-cooked meals and juggling schedules for a car in a repair shop for a month.

We tried for years to add to our family, without success. But in 2017 we were blessed as Andrew entered our lives, coming home with us before Christmas as one of our greatest presents.



Sean...through Tiff's eyes

Sean is a genius and a brat. The first thing you notice about Sean is how intelligent he is, always turning a phrase or talking about the new thing he's learned today. The next thing you notice is how he's always making a joke and trying to make you laugh. He brought me out of my shell from our first date and we've had a fantastic time since then.

There are many reasons why I love Sean. He is incredibly loyal and brave. He puts his family first and works hard to take care of those he loves. He is adventurous and loves to try new things like exotic food and distant travel. He balances my OCD with his playful, fun nature. We are a strong, well-matched team.

Tiff...through Sean's eyes

From the day we met, Tiff and I have always had this uncanny chemistry and she's my true partner in crime. I love listening to her sing, or play her guitar, and the days when she makes her way to the kitchen to make a pie or brownies are magical. She's horrendous at remembering song lyrics, gets cranky when she's hungry, but I love her dearly and can't imagine life without her there to rub at my shoulders when I'm tired or give me a quick kiss on the cheek before doing the dishes after I cook.

Tiffany is a strong woman, with a flair for detail and an astute sense of honor. Grounded by her science background but with a playful side, I look forward to seeing how our lives play out together.



Our Values

- Education. As lifelong students with Ph.D.'s, we want our children to go to college and follow their career dreams.
- Community. We believe in helping others and being a part of something more than ourselves, like church & volunteering.
- Passions. We will engage our children's (and our own) passions through travel, music, art, and conversation with those from all walks of life. We see our lives filled with sports practices, hiking trips, music lessons and theater.



Family

Our families hold a place in our heart and we strive to intertwine each other in our lives.

To us, family is more than just blood relatives; it refers to those who enter our lives and make an impact. With parents, grandparents, Tiffany's brothers and their spouses, cherished friends, and four-legged family members we are awash in those who care for us as we care for them. We are always looking to add to our family.



Sean, Sean's parents and Andrew



Tiffany's parents with Andrew, Sean and Tiffany



Andrew

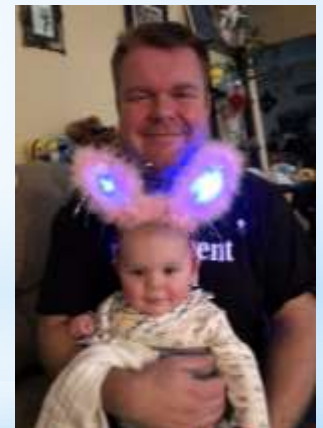
Our sweet little boy, who brings a smile to our faces every day. We are so proud of him and honored that we get to raise him. We love to see his face light up when we take him new places like the zoo or as he squeals with laughter when we push him on the swing or carry him on our shoulders. We look forward to holidays, watching fireworks, tossing the ball, and just being parents as he grows and plays with his future sibling.



Tiffany, Sean, Andrew and Andrew's Godparents (at Andrew's baptism)



Tiffany's brother with Andrew



Family traditions are important to us, particularly celebrating our holidays with good food and good times. The kitchen overflows with food from the deep fried Thanksgiving turkeys and family-recipe sage dressing, Mardi Gras crawfish, Christmas Eve ribs, and New Year's crab boil. We enjoy sharing our love of decorating during Christmas with the music playing and cookies baking in the oven, coloring Easter eggs, Halloween costumes, walking over to the park for 4th of July fireworks, and fun brass band music for Mardi Gras season while eating King Cake.



Our cat, True

Favorite movies: Star Wars, Harry Potter, Robin Hood, '80s comedies (Goonies, Indiana Jones, Ghostbusters, etc.), Braveheart, Hitchcock films, animated movies, anything with Minions for Tiffany

Favorite pastimes: Trying new foods & new recipes, finding new hikes, traveling back to old familiar places & finding new ones, singing along to the radio (or at a live concert or festival), catching time on our back deck and watching the sunset



Favorite foods: Cajun and Creole (there is a difference!), fresh seafood, thick cheeseburgers, Indian cuisine, BLTs with tomatoes fresh from the garden, anything from the smoker or grill



Places we've traveled

together: Niagara Falls (where we were married at the falls), Smoky Mountains, New Orleans, Scotland, Tampa, Seattle, the Alaskan coast on a weeklong cruise, all along the Michigan coast, and points in between in the Midwest

Future destinations: Local parks, Disney World and Disneyland, Europe, Africa, Grandma's House!, Washington, DC, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Louisiana Bayou



Friends and family eating crawfish, yum!



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We hope that this has given an insight into who we are and what we have to offer to a child. We will forever strive to bring hope and joy and love to any child in our lives.

May you have much love and happiness in your life.

With sincere gratitude,
Sean, Tiffany & Andrew