

Hello!



We are Lauren and Andrew

Hello! We are Andrew, Lauren, and Max, a fun-loving family who values one another and surrounding ourselves with those we care about. Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and for considering adoption. We know this is not an easy choice, but we believe that adoption is a beautiful, selfless consideration. Adoption has always been in our hearts, and over the last few years we learned that biology is not an option for us; however, it quickly became apparent that biology is not important. In August 2020, we adopted our son Maxwell and cannot wait to give him a sibling. We are looking forward to growing our family and having another child to love and nurture. Children in our home experience love, respect, and laughter. We value diversity and will teach our children to love and respect others as well as themselves. We have enjoyed an open adoption with Max's birth-mommy with pictures and letters of his growth and progress. We are committed to honoring the level openness that is best for the situation. We admire your strength and hope for the opportunity to provide a safe and loving home for your baby to grow in.

Our Story



In September of 2003 Andrew and Lauren were freshman at two different universities in Ohio. Almost immediately, Lauren made a new best friend and roommate who was coincidentally a lifelong friend of Andrew's. Over the next 10 years, they grew closer and closer, and their mutual friendship developed into love.

Andrew and Lauren spent 3 years in a long distance relationship. After several years, they realized they simply could not live without one another.

Then in May 2015 Andrew took a job in the city where Lauren was living so they could finally be together. Just one month later Andrew asked Lauren to spend the rest of her life with him. They were married the following spring and have continued to grow together.

Having a strong and loving relationship, they're excited to grow their family through adoption.

Lauren & Andrew

Lauren (by Andrew)

When I first met Lauren in 2003, I knew there was something special about her, but I had no idea she would be the one person in my life that I couldn't live without. She is the smartest person I know, and I feel so lucky and honored to spend my life with her. Lauren has an immense amount of empathy and compassion and it shows in both her career and her personal life. She makes others feel at ease in any situation. I love how easily we can spend time together without having anything to do, or how we can have an action-packed day, yet it feels like a walk in the park. We share a common sense of humor and a love for new experiences and she makes every single one of them instantly memorable. I couldn't think of a better, stronger, more equipped partner to navigate this life with, or anyone who could possibly be a better mother to a child. Watching her care for Max has been amazing. She has become the best mommy and role model for him and we are both lucky to have her.



Andrew (by Lauren)

I feel blessed to have a husband who is also my best friend and teammate in life. Andrew is extremely kind and considerate. He goes out of his way to ensure that others feel comfortable and welcomed. Andrew loves talking to everyone he meets and does not know a stranger. His great smile and energy light up the room. Andrew has a great sense of humor and loves to make others laugh. His love and devotion and is unfaltering. It has been amazing him watching him become the most incredible, loving, and attentive father. Andrew's unconditional love, patience, and laughter make him the best husband and father. I am beyond grateful that he is my partner in life.



Our Family & Extended Family



We adopted Maxwell in August 2020 and could not be more in love. We are beyond blessed with this adorable, spunky toddler and cannot wait for him to have a playmate and confidant. Activities we enjoy doing with Max include reading books, going for walks, visiting the animals at the zoo, dancing to music and hanging out with our friends and family. Max loves to explore and is always on the go. He is energetic, intelligent and loving, and enjoys playing with his friends at school and in the neighborhood. He is kind to his canine sister, Honey, and we know he will make the best big brother too! Honey loves children and is proud to be an older sister.

Andrew and Lauren are both the youngest of their siblings. Andrew has one older brother named Adam. Andrew's brother and parents live in a city in northern Ohio not too far away. We are lucky to see them throughout the year for events like birthdays and holidays. Andrew's dad also likes to visit and help out with projects around the house. Lauren has an older sister, Erin, who is married with two young children. Lauren also has an older stepbrother, Nathan, who is also married with two young children. Lauren's older stepsister, Sarah, is also married with two young children. Although Lauren's family does not live in Ohio, we spend time with each other multiple times throughout the year. Lauren's parents live on a lake in South Carolina, and the family enjoys gathering there for a big family Thanksgiving and summer visits. The family also gathers for vacations to Mexico.



Our Home & Careers



We live in a four-bedroom home in a quiet, suburban neighborhood. We are fortunate to have a beautiful wooded yard and neighborhood common space for children to play. We have several families with young children that live close by, and we enjoy swimming, cookouts, and campfires with them. The local school district is highly rated, and both the elementary school and middle school are within walking distance. Our home is close proximity to many walking paths, parks, and an entertainment district with retail shops, restaurants, and ice cream shops. The community holds many family friendly events throughout the year including a Halloween event, winter lighting festival, dog gatherings, and lots of live music events.

Lauren

I am trained as a school psychologist and behavior analyst and work for a non-profit child welfare and behavioral health agency. I develop and grow programs to provide services such as therapy, substance use treatment, parent education, and workforce development to youth and families. I whole-heartedly believe in the mission to meet people where they are while being an instrument of compassion and positive change. I'm blessed to have a career I'm passionate about while maintaining a flexible schedule and family first values.

Andrew

I am an audio-visual professional and work for a large health care organization. I manage and produce all of their virtual learning programs. We serve all specialties of health and medicine and provide health care professionals with continuing medical education courses. I feel very rewarded to work in the education field and know that products and courses I create directly impact physicians and nurses in all fields of health care. We rely on doctors and nurses to keep us healthy and I feel lucky to keep them current and educated in their fields. I enjoy my job and love knowing that what I do will help others at the same time.

Hobbies & Interests

Andrew and I enjoy traveling. Some of our most memorable trips include Riviera Maya (Mexico), Puerto Vallarta (Mexico), Key West, FL, and Breckenridge, CO. Some of our other interests include listening to live music, spending time outdoors, cooking meals together, and going on walks with our French Bulldog. Andrew also enjoys doing handiwork and updates around our house. He is excited to have a little helper and someday pass on these knowledge and skills that he learned from his dad. Lauren enjoys participating in exercise such as yoga and Zumba during her free time.



Our Hopes and Dreams

Andrew and I aspire to raise children that feel love and a sense of belonging. We are committed to teaching our children about their unique history and story, as well as ensuring they know they are loved and valued members of the family. Teaching children to love and respect themselves, as well as to respect others is extremely important to us. We value education and learning and will work to help our children cultivate a love of learning as well. We will respect our children's interests and opinions and will provide them room to grow and develop their own sense of individuality. Andrew and I are committed to providing our children guidance and unconditional love. We are elated to grow our family, and both Andrew and I, as well as our extended families will love your child as our own. We look forward to making many happy memories and thank you for taking the time to learn about our family.

*With Love,
Lauren, Andrew, & Max*