

andrew & chelsea



Hello there, and thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We're a creative, thoughtful, and active couple. We love our community and spending time with our family and friends. Most nights you will find us on the couch watching TV together while most weekends you'll find us exploring the city or working on our hobbies (you'll learn more about those later in our profile).

As we prepare to grow our family, we are excited for the opportunity to become parents and to share the love and values we each experienced growing up. It's our goal to provide a loving home full of joy, learning, and adventure. Biological parenting is not an option for us, but we've decided that DNA does not define our family.

Your decision to explore adoption is an incredibly selfless act. We hope to do you justice as parents and any child placed in our home will know how brave and strong their first-family is by making this decision. We are open to openness, and want to respect your wishes regarding how much involvement you would like to have. Thank you so much for considering us. We are so excited and ready to begin this journey with you!

With love,

Andrew & Chelsea



1ST PICTURE TOGETHER - 2006



ST. GEORGE ISLAND, FLORIDA



MAKING HOMEMADE PASTA



OLD MAN'S CAVE, OHIO



FRANK & ARTIE

our story

We met in the fall of 2005 on a college radio show after Andrew's co-host invited Chelsea to be a guest to talk about local music. Chelsea laughed at Andrew's bad jokes and ended up becoming a regular guest. After graduation, our friendship evolved into a relationship and now we've been together for 12 years and friends for 16. In our eight years of marriage, we've supported one another through difficult challenges and exciting opportunities all while pursuing our dreams. Our relationship has remained strong, stable, and loving throughout the years. We've now settled down into our forever home and we're ready for the next big adventure of our lives.

about andrew - by chelsea

FAST FACTS:

Secret talent: Karaoke
Favorite food: Noodles
Favorite emojis: 100 🍕
1st job: School supply warehouse
Guilty pleasure: Fast food
People say I look like: Tom Hanks
Favorite sport: Basketball
Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving
Hobbies: Reading, video games, sports, working out, podcasts

Andrew is an incredible guy. He's intelligent, thoughtful, curious, and charming. He will be a great dad because he loves to learn and share with others. Our friends love that he's adventurous and is always game to try something out of the ordinary. Recently, he's learned how to make pasta from scratch - yum! Andrew likes having people over to watch sports or enjoys bonding with our nephews by taking them to games. People often think Andrew is quiet, but really, he's a great listener and he's amazing with kids.

about chelsea - by andrew

Chelsea is a kind and natural teacher who I know will make a great mom. She has a warm, open personality and a knack for putting people at ease. Chelsea loves working with kids and is great at supporting them through everyday issues and bigger challenges. She's also secretly a nerd but isn't afraid to use power tools or get messy in the garden. One of my favorite things about her is that she is always trying new things. This year we've learned how to make a bunch of new recipes and are learning Spanish together.

FAST FACTS:

Secret talent: Dance party starter
Favorite food: Ice Cream
Favorite emojis: 😎 🧐
Guilty Pleasure: Cherry Coke
Favorite type of vacation: Beach
Favorite TV show: Parks & Rec
1st concert: N*SYNC
Favorite series: Harry Potter
Hobbies: Reading, home projects, bike riding, crafting, music

our pets - frank & artie

Favorite time of day: Dinner time
Favorite toys: Blue Mice
Favorite emoji: 🍷
Favorite meal: Canned cat food
Hobbies: Watching the wildlife in our yard, cuddling, sleeping

We have two sweet orange cats named Frank and Artie. Chelsea rescued Artie from the bushes by her office two weeks before our wedding and Frank was adopted two months later. They are great with kids and we are excited to share the joy they bring us with a child.

our favorite memories • • • • •



CHARLESTON, S. CAROLINA



HARRY POTTER, LONDON



HIKING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN



CHELSEA'S BROTHER'S WEDDING DAY



QUALITY TIME WITH ANDREW'S FAMILY



OUR WEDDING DAY



INDIANS OPENING DAY BASEBALL



CAVS 2016 NBA CHAMPIONSHIP

our careers • • • • •

Andrew: I'm a journalist and I love my job because I get to do something different every day and meet and learn about people from all walks of life. I also enjoy helping people learn about the people and events in their communities, and helping them understand the perspectives of those who see things differently than they do.

Chelsea: I'm a therapist and I work with kids and teens. I never meant to become a therapist, but as a social worker, I found I was really good at connecting with people in difficult situations and helping them see their unique strengths. I love empowering my clients and watching them grow. I work flexible hours, which will be great when I'm a mom.

our home

We love that our house is centrally located and that we are able to host large gatherings for our family and friends (Thanksgiving and July 4th, are our favorite holidays to host!). We picked our house because it's in the city, close to things we like to do, and in a cool neighborhood with other like-minded people. Our neighborhood is very social and kids and adults gather regularly on the grassy oval in front of our house to play and talk.

We have a big backyard that's great for playing soccer, doing cartwheels, and tending to our garden where we grow vegetables and herbs (unless the city deer get to it first). Inside, the house has 3 bedrooms and lots of space including a room we call the library because it's full of books and a comfy couch. Chelsea is really handy and has done most of the house renovations herself.

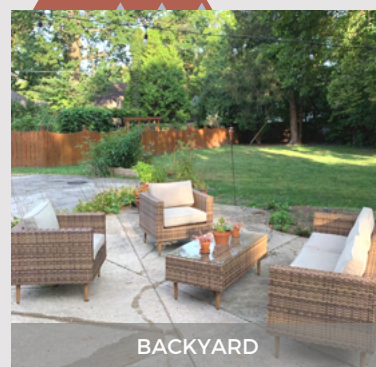
A child placed in our home will have the option of attending a great neighborhood school or a language immersion school where they would learn Spanish or French, which we think is super cool.



OUR HOME



LIBRARY ROOM



BACKYARD



ANDREW'S PARENTS & NEPHEWS

andrew's family

My family is from Northeast Ohio and we visit them regularly. My dad is a retired pastor who is an amazing singer and a serious Cleveland sports fan. My mom is a retired children's librarian who taught me to read at a very young age and inspired my love of books. They are sweet and playful grandparents. We are very close with my older sister's family and love spending time with her two sons. My family is very kind, supportive, and loving.



CHELSEA'S PARENTS

chelsea's family

We see my family weekly for family dinners or other social events. My parents are cool, fun and everyone loves them. They are super active and love to experience new things and travel the world. They are also great role models and hard workers. I have an older brother who has three sons who we absolutely adore. My parents love spending weekends with my nephews to take them to the zoo, COSI, the pool, and local parks. My family is very energetic, social, and encouraging.



HOSTING THANKSGIVING



With Love
Andrew & Chelsea

our promise

Our promise is that a child placed in our home will grow and thrive. They will experience the wonders of the world through travel and play. They will be in a home full of comfort, coziness, and unconditional love. They will be raised to be kind and just and we will empower them to raise their voice to stand up for what's right. It is our goal to raise a good human and a good citizen. A child placed in our home will know just how special they are, and how special you are. We can't wait to start our journey with you!



CHRISTMAS WITH NEPHEWS