



Andrew + Ashley

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Hello Friend!

We are Ashley and Andrew, thank you for taking the time to view our profile. We have been dreaming of this time since we were married seven and a half years ago, and we are eternally grateful for this opportunity. The magnitude of this decision you are considering is incomprehensible. During this challenging time, we pray our book brings peace and comfort to you as you take these courageous steps to learn about us, and the story we wish to write with you and your baby. Please know that not only will your child be loved and cared for, but as they grow, will know you, and their story. We believe this is one of the most selfless acts of love a parent can provide for their child. If you feel so drawn, we encourage you to learn a little more about us in the following pages; may our excitement bring you hope.



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Our Story

We are high school sweet hearts that met through mutual friends over 17 years ago. We married in 2018 before moving to Salt Lake City. This is where we first became parents when we adopted our cat, Cora. Living in Salt Lake City taught us a lot; how to work together as a team, how to lean on another for support. After 5 years, we returned to the St. Louis area, to where we met, to settle down surrounded by friends and family that inspire and motivate us everyday.

Our marriage is strong, built on a foundation of trust, communication, and teamwork. We feel this core will guide us as we transition into parenthood. We have had our own fertility struggles; many of which we have known about long before we were married. It is through these struggles that brought adoption so close to our hearts. We find comfort knowing God has a plan for us, one which will test us but not overwhelm us.



meet ASHLEY

My name is Ashley, and I am an only child who was born in Iowa and moved to Missouri at the age of eight. Faith and family have always been an important part of my life— I grew up going to church every Sunday and spent many cherished summers visiting my grandparents’ farm in South Dakota, creating memories that I still hold close. I’ve been fortunate to travel often and have explored 35 of the 50 states so far, with a goal of eventually seeing them all. I have a lifelong love for animals and grew up with Maine Coon cats; today, I share my home with my own sweet long-haired cat. I enjoy watching football and hockey and proudly played on my varsity girls’ golf team throughout high school. I graduated with a degree in interior design, which perfectly reflects my love of creativity and making a home feel warm and welcoming. I also have the rare and special joy of being married to my first and only high school boyfriend, and together we are excited to grow our family through adoption.

FAVORITES



Place to take a Child: My Grandparent’s house in South Dakota.

Musical Artist Dan and Shay

Hobby : Decorating

Dessert: Anything chocolate!

Sport to play: Pickleball

Sport teams: Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Blues

Collection: Travel lapel pins

Source of inspiration: Family

Accessory: Earrings

In Andrew's Words

Ash and I first met in high school, and it truly was love at first sight. She is kind, generous, humble, smart, and selfless. Most importantly, Ash is dependable; she will always put the well-being of her friends and family before herself. Ash is devoted, devoted to her work, devoted to her home, devoted to her tribe. Additionally, Ash is spiritual. Like many others, her walk with God has not always been easy. From an early age, she has struggled knowing she will likely never be able to conceive her own children. I don't see this as one of Ash's limitations, but instead a demonstration of her perseverance. I think this experience allows Ash to relate to expectant mothers on a deeper level as they consider placing their child for adoption.

FUN FACTS



I am an only child. | I love to sing

I have an astonishingly good memory when it comes to dates, particularly birthdays.





meet ANDREW

I grew up in a tight-knit family of six, with an older sister, a twin brother, and a younger sister. Our home was grounded in Christian values, with honesty, hard work, and family at the center of everything. My childhood was filled with outdoor adventures, countless games and sports with friends, and lots of laughter and friendly competition that shaped who I am today.

Family has always been central in my life, and I'm grateful for an extended family that remains just as close. I cherish the unforgettable vacations we shared—like our “National Treasure” adventure to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.—as well as the holiday traditions that brought us together, especially sleeping on my grandparents' floor with my cousins while eagerly waiting for Christmas morning.

Today, I still enjoy staying active through sports and a good board or video game, and pickleball has become a new favorite. I also love expressing care for others through cooking, a tradition passed down from my mother and grandfather that I hope to continue.

FAVORITES



Place to take a child: Mountains and National Parks

Musical Artist: Linkin Park and Goo Goo Dolls

Hobby: Video games and Pickleball

Dessert: Chocolate lava cake

Sport to Play: Soccer, Pickleball

Sport Teams: Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Blues

Collection: Newspapers- historical events during my lifetime

Can't live without: Friends and family

Seasonal Activity: Snowboarding

In Ashley's Words

I have had the privilege of knowing and loving Andrew for over 17 years, and my love for him has only grown during that time. Andrew's passion and drive for his friends, family, and God were the characteristics that initially drew me to him; his humor and intelligence were bonuses. Andrew will drop anything for a friend or family member, whether it be helping a friend move or writing a heartfelt best man's speech for his twin brother, you can always count on him. Additionally, Andrew is always willing to lend a hand or offer a laugh; these are some of his best qualities that will make him a great dad. Andrew's intelligence never ceases to amaze me. It was no easy feat for either of us, but one of my proudest moments as a wife was watching the culmination of all of his hard work in grad school come together and become a reality. Those seven years of graduate school are a testament to his character, showcasing perseverance, dedication, and mental agility in reaching an end goal that will ultimately yield the best outcome for our future family.





welcome to

OUR HOME



We live in a cozy, recently renovated 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home in Lake St. Louis, Missouri. This is our very first home, and we have put a lot of love and care into making it a place that is both comfortable and full of life.

From the moment we moved in, it felt like home.

The neighborhood is everything we hoped for: quiet, friendly, and safe. We have gotten to know some of our neighbors, and there is a real sense of community here. We are just minutes from great shopping, restaurants, and a beautiful park, where we love to go for walks and enjoy the outdoors. It is the kind of area where you can truly feel settled, with plenty of space to grow as a family.



Meet Cora

Cora has been part of our family since she was 10 weeks old, when we were living in Salt Lake City. She's now 6 years old and still brings constant entertainment and comedic relief to our home. She loves racing through her tunnels, sprinting around the kitchen and living room, and rotating through her favorite napping spots. Cora also takes her role as the home supervisor and protector very seriously.



Cookie baking with Andrew's family!



Christmas lights with Ashley's family!



Easter with Andrew's family!

VALUES

HONESTY

TRUSTWORTHINESS

GOAL-ORIENTED

DEDICATION



Wedding fun with friends!



Thanksgiving with Ashley's family!



Andrew's Family



Our niece Ryleigh



Ashley's Family



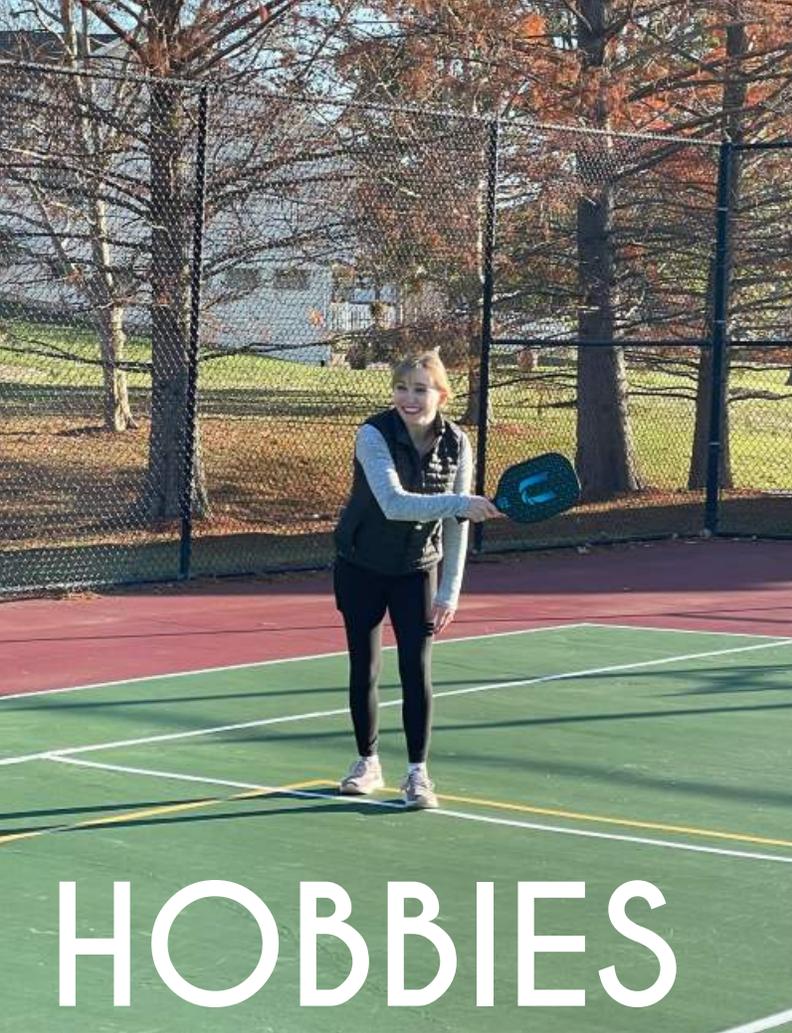
Our cousin Axel!

FAMILY TIES

Our families are the focus of our lives. They are what motivates and inspires us to be our best for one another. We are fortunate to say that both of our parents have been married for over 36 years, each marriage an example of dedication we strive to live by. We each have countless fond memories of holiday traditions, family game nights, and annual vacations spent with aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends.

We are lucky to have all of our immediate family live close by to us. They continue to be an extensive support system for ourselves and our adoption journey. Recently, we have become an aunt and uncle to our first niece, Ryleigh. This has been so rewarding for us; it is so nice that our child will have a cousin so close by.

Outside of our families, we have a close friend group that we have known for many years, one we consider more as family. Like us, they are learning to navigate marriage and starting a family. We cannot wait to make new memories with our adopted children with all of our family.



HOBBIES + ACTIVITIES

Our travel bucket list includes; Germany, Norway, and Sweden. We have ancestral ties to these locations and hope to one day see them in person.



Exploring



Beach trip



Sightseeing together



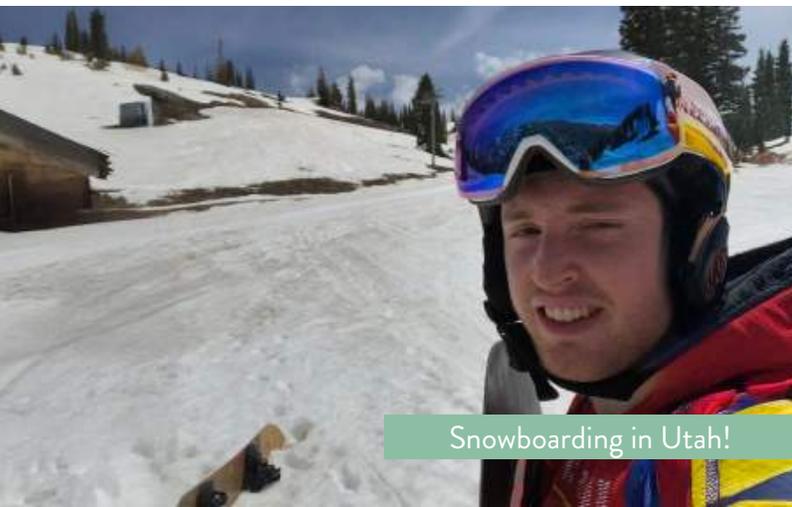
Playing Pickleball!



Decorating for the holidays!



Cooking together!



Snowboarding in Utah!



Fishing on Grandpa's boat!



parenting + ADOPTION

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We believe in our hearts that children are a blessing, and deserve the best that life has to offer. We will strive to provide the best upbringing a child could have by ensuring they have everything they need to grow and become their own individual. We will parent in ways that are understanding but firm, to raise our child so that they become a well-rounded individual who is kind, responsible, respectful, and loving. It is important to us for our children to know that we are all part of the same team as a family.

We would never want our child to doubt who they are or where they come from. Just as our adopted child is joining our family, please know that you are as well. Family is important to us, and we understand the significance of knowing your story. We want to cultivate a family built on trust and love above all, where our child will feel that they can come to us with anything.



FAMILY INFORMATION

Date of marriage: 05/26/18

Children: None

Interest and hobbies: Together, we enjoy watching movies, playing games, and spending time with friends and family. Separately, Andrew enjoys playing video games and playing sports like Pickleball, while Ashley enjoys reading and decorating the house for the seasons and holidays.

Home: We love St. Louis for many reasons. We are close to our friends and family. These relationships remind us of the comfort that comes with familiarity and mutual support- two things that will be most helpful as we start our family. We love that the Midwest experiences all four seasons. The changing seasons present changing landscapes from the vibrant colors of fall to the snowy winters. St. Louis benefits from an early spring with plenty of time for flower beds and garage sales. And what would summer be without plenty of sun and humidity!

Our hometown is a perfect blend of city and country. We are 10 minutes from shopping, restaurants and parks in one direction, and then minutes from farms, forests, and wildlife in the other. We love that we have access to concerts, an airport, a theatre, farmers markets, pumpkin patches, and hikes. We also love our hometown professional sports teams: baseball's St. Louis Cardinals and hockey's St. Louis Blues.

Pets: Affectionately known as "Cora Cat", is our 6 year old domestic longhair cat. Since joining our family, she has maintained her larger than life personality and feisty spirit.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Growing our family through adoption has been on our hearts long before we even said "I do." As a pre-teen, Ashley was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder that impacts fertility, and sharing that early in our relationship opened up honest conversations about our future together. We explored every family-planning option with open minds and hearts, but time and time again, we kept coming back to the same beautiful conclusion: adoption is the path that feels deeply meant for us.

Now, settled back in St. Louis surrounded by dear friends and family, with jobs we truly love and the financial stability we've worked hard to build, we're thrilled to take this next joyful step—becoming parents through adoption and welcoming the child who's been in our hearts all along.

Openness to birthparent(s): We believe an adopted child should remain meaningfully connected to their birth family, and we are fully committed to an open adoption that nurtures that lifelong bond. Openness can include letters, photos, updates, and visits in ways that feel natural and comfortable for everyone involved. We want your child to grow up secure in their story, deeply loved from every direction, and confident in the care behind this plan. Ashley and I understand how foundational this connection is to a child's identity and well-being, and we look forward to creating a personalized approach to openness with you—one that grows over time. Our hope is to welcome you into our extended family circle as we share in the joy of watching this child thrive.

Childcare plans: We live 15 minutes away from both sets of prospective grandparents who would be more than willing to babysit. Ashley also works as a daycare teacher with many trustworthy co-workers.



Mother's Name: Ashley

Occupation: Infant Daycare Teacher

Education: Bachelor's of Fine Arts

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 1993

Hair Color: Light Brown with highlights

Eye Color: Blue | **Height:** 5' 2"



Father's Name: Andrew

Occupation: Scientist

Education: Doctorate of Philosophy in Chemistry

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 1994

Hair Color: Ginger

Eye Color: Hazel | **Height:** 5' 8"



THANK YOU

You are incredibly brave. The love, care, and thought you put into this journey is truly remarkable. You should never feel afraid to share your feelings or express your heart. We want you to know that we are here to support and honor you. This is our promise: we will love your child unconditionally, and we will always nurture, respect, and guide them with kindness. We are so grateful that you've taken the time to learn about us and our family. While we cannot fully imagine all that you've experienced, we hope you can find comfort in knowing how deeply we will care for and cherish this child. We see you, we honor your strength, and we admire your courage every single day.

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