

Andrew AND Victoria





Dear Friend,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and considering us in your adoption plan. We hope that by reading about us, you will be able to feel the love we share with each other, our family, friends and our future child. We are extremely excited to become parents and have endless amounts of love to offer to a child.

We want you to know how much respect we have for you for making this difficult decision. We want to promise you that if you choose us we will raise your child with love, compassion and integrity.

Much Love,

Andrew & Victoria



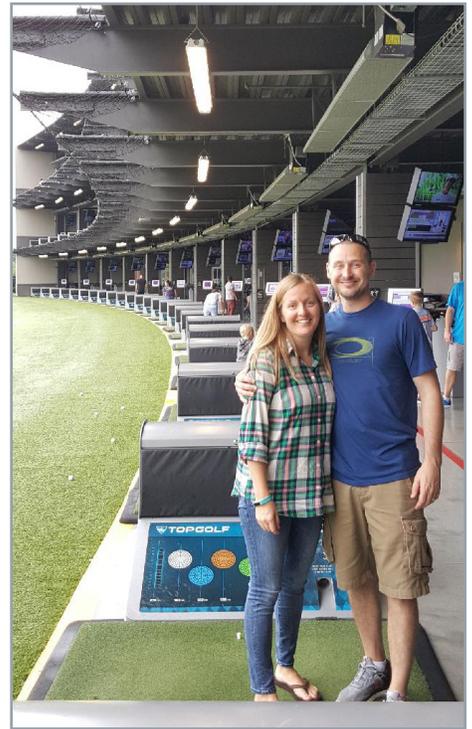


ABOUT US

Our love story began in 2002 when both lived in Northern Virginia, while working at a movie theater. We dated for three years before Drew proposed at Christmas (our favorite holiday) in front of my parents and sister, and it was absolutely wonderful. We defied the odds of an international, long distance relationship and we were married in 2005, in England surrounded by our family and friends.

We are a couple that loves adventures as much as we love the simple life with lazy days with little plans. We enjoy soaking up time with our dog, family and friends.

We live in Virginia, close to the beach and we have access to wonderful parks and outdoor activities. We live in a quiet, child-friendly neighborhood within a great school district. We love to spend time at the beach, watching the dolphins and walking with our dog, Alfred. Another favorite thing to do together is travel. We have been fortunate to visit many different places both internationally and within the United States. We are excited for many more travel adventures and look forward to sharing them with our child.



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ABOUT VICTORIA

by Andrew

Victoria "Toria" is an amazing, kind and caring individual. Her fun-loving personality and family values are just a few of the reasons why I knew I wanted to be with her forever.

Toria loves spending her free time walking along the beach every chance she gets with Alfred (our dog) and myself. In addition to the beach, Toria loves to read, paddle board, hike, watch movies, play board games and spend time with her twin sister. Toria absolutely loves Christmas and everything that comes with it, the music, the family time and the light displays!

Toria is going to be the most amazing mother. To see the love, she has towards her family and her students is heartwarming and I know she is eager to love, guide and share many giggles with our future child. She will be supportive and encouraging through every stage of our child's life.



A LITTLE MORE ABOUT *Victoria*

Age: 34

Occupation: Elementary School Teacher

Favorite movie: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days or really any light hearted, romantic comedy!

Favorite place: Naples, Florida, my favorite family vacation spot.

Can't live without: Family, Our dog - Alfred, strawberry frosted donuts, Chap Stick, good coffee.

Perfect day: It would start with a morning beach walk with family and our dog. After the beach we would all go and get coffee and donuts. After a little relaxing at the house, we would head back outside for a small adventure; possibly paddle boarding or even just hanging out at the beach with family/friends. The day would end with a cookout and an early night with a good book.







ABOUT ANDREW

by Victoria

Andrew "Drew" is generous, loving and funny. His caring nature is one of the main characteristics that attracted me to him. He has the best personality, he enjoys time outdoors playing hockey, walking with Alfred, but also loves to relax, watch movies and play Canasta (our favorite card game). He loves pasta, especially with his dad's homemade sauce and if he had his way he would eat that every night for dinner!

Drew is going to be the most amazing father and has so much love to offer. He is extremely family oriented and was raised by a close-knit family; this is something he is excited to offer his child.



A LITTLE MORE ABOUT *Andrew*

Age: 39

Occupation: Human Resources

Favorite movie: Star Wars

Favorite place: Naples, Florida or Playa Mujeres Mexico

Can't live without: Our dog - Alfred, Family, Hockey Season

Perfect day: It would start off by taking the family to the beach so they are able to enjoy the sand and water before it gets too busy. After spending some time there, we would enjoy a nice brunch or lunch outside at a café or local restaurant. In the afternoon we would spend our time outside at the ocean or pool hanging out with family and friends. Dinnertime would be a nice barbecue followed by a relaxing evening watching a funny movie or one of our favorite shows.



Our Extended Family



Drew's family with his grandfather

Toria comes from a very close, tight knit family. Her immediate family consists of her mom, dad and twin sister. Her parents live in the United Kingdom, however she speaks with them multiple times a week, and they are in constant communication through text. Her parents have been happily married for 35 years and provide a great support system for us.

Every summer her family gets together for a vacation in either the USA or the UK. Her parents come over from the UK every Christmas and we love visiting all of the Christmas displays together. Growing up she was extremely fortunate to have a close relationship with her grandparents, and we are excited to see her parents become first-time grandparents.

Drew comes from a very large Italian family. Drew is the third of four kids and has three nephews and two nieces. Drew's Parents have been married for over 40 years and each of them is the second of five kids. When you include all of Drew's Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and two grandparents that means that there are always family events that are going on; birthdays, graduations, weddings etc. A majority of Drew's family still lives within 20 minutes of where they grew up, which makes seeing everyone very easy when we visit.



Drew with his parents and siblings



Toria with her twin sister and mom



Boat trip with Drew's Aunt and Uncle



With Toria's parents, sister & brother in law



Canoeing and kayaking with Toria's family



Celebrating Toria's Grandfather's birthday

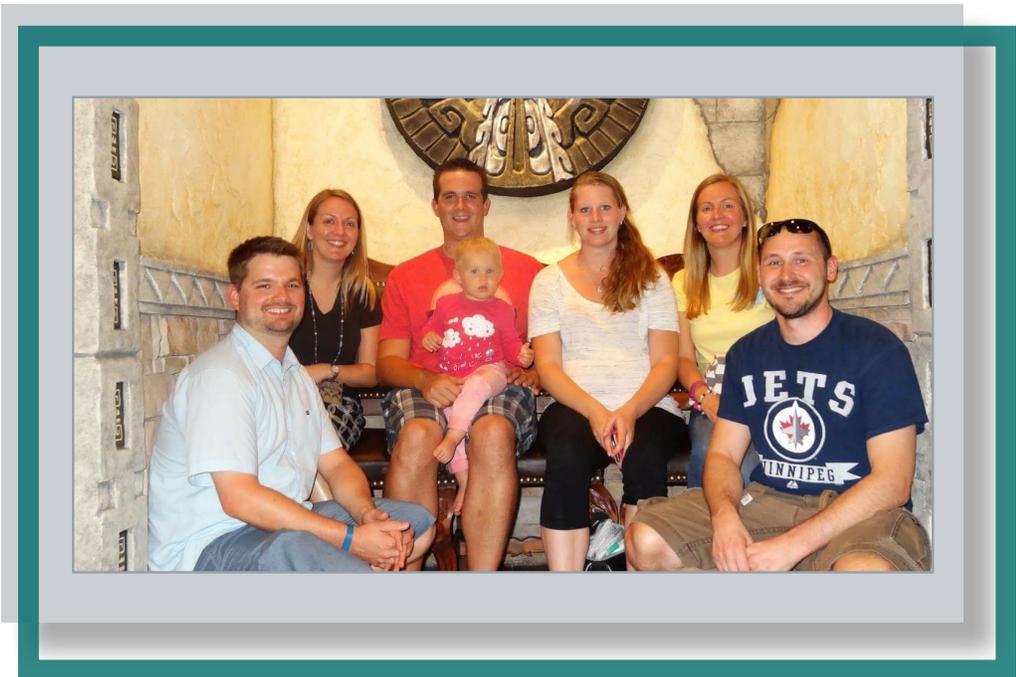
One of our favorite traditions is celebrating Christmas together. For the holiday, Drew's dad will cover the house with lights, get the biggest tree they can fit in the house and place over a dozen stockings over the fireplace.



Our Friends

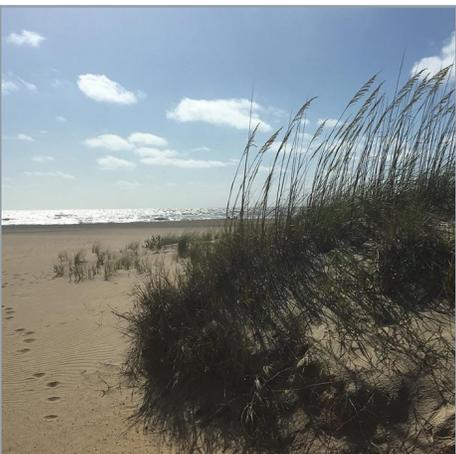
We have a small and tight-knit group of friends that we see often. Our best friends have two young children that we love to spend time with. We enjoy pool days, spending time at the beach, casual dinners, and child-friendly activities as most of the time the children will be with us when we spend time together.

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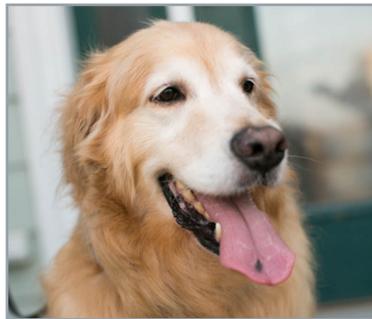
Community *and* Home

We are in a quiet neighborhood in Virginia that is kid friendly and in close proximity to the ocean, many parks, walking trails, and great schools. We have a great community space with swings and room to play ball, throw the frisbee and build snowmen in the winter.



Our Dog ALFRED

Toria has always had a Golden Retriever growing up. In 2005, after we got married, Drew surprised Toria by getting an eleven-month-old Golden Retriever, Alfred. Alfred will be 14 years old in December and is the most calm, easygoing dog. While spending time around the nieces and nephews, Alfred will encourage them to play with him by throwing a ball in the air or follow them around until they pet him. Alfred enjoys his walks on the beach, naps throughout the day and his frequent visits to Starbucks for his Puppuccinos.



Interesting Facts

ABOUT

Andrew & Victoria



Victoria loves paddle boarding, donuts, traveling, spending time with family and reading.

We have completely opposite taste when it comes to music and movies, but somehow we always find something to listen to and watch that we both can enjoy!



Drew loves hockey, wrestling, canasta, traveling and spending time with family.



Our Promise

- We promise to provide unconditional love
- We promise to be supportive and encourage their goals and interests
- We promise to laugh and create everlasting memories
- We promise to raise him or her in a warm, loving and stable environment
- We promise to continue to put family first and to teach kindness & respect towards others.

Why Adoption

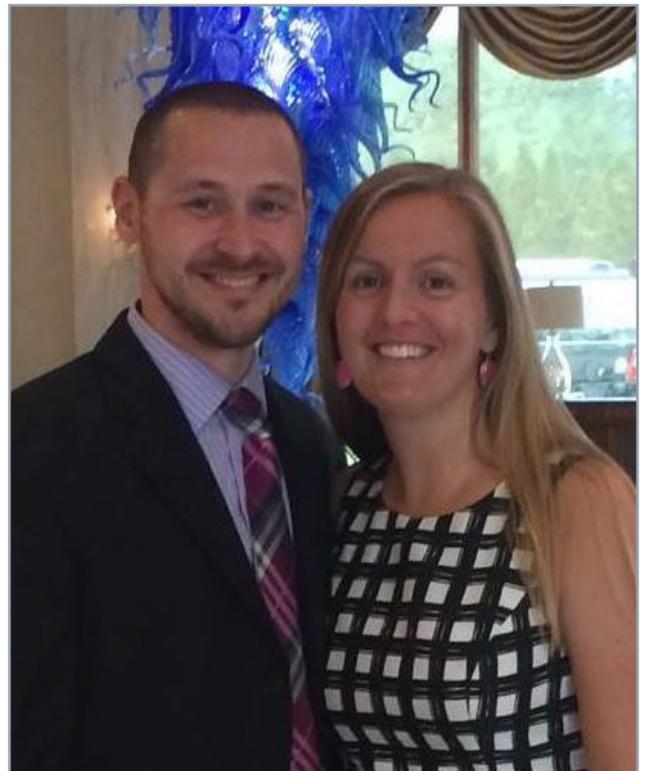


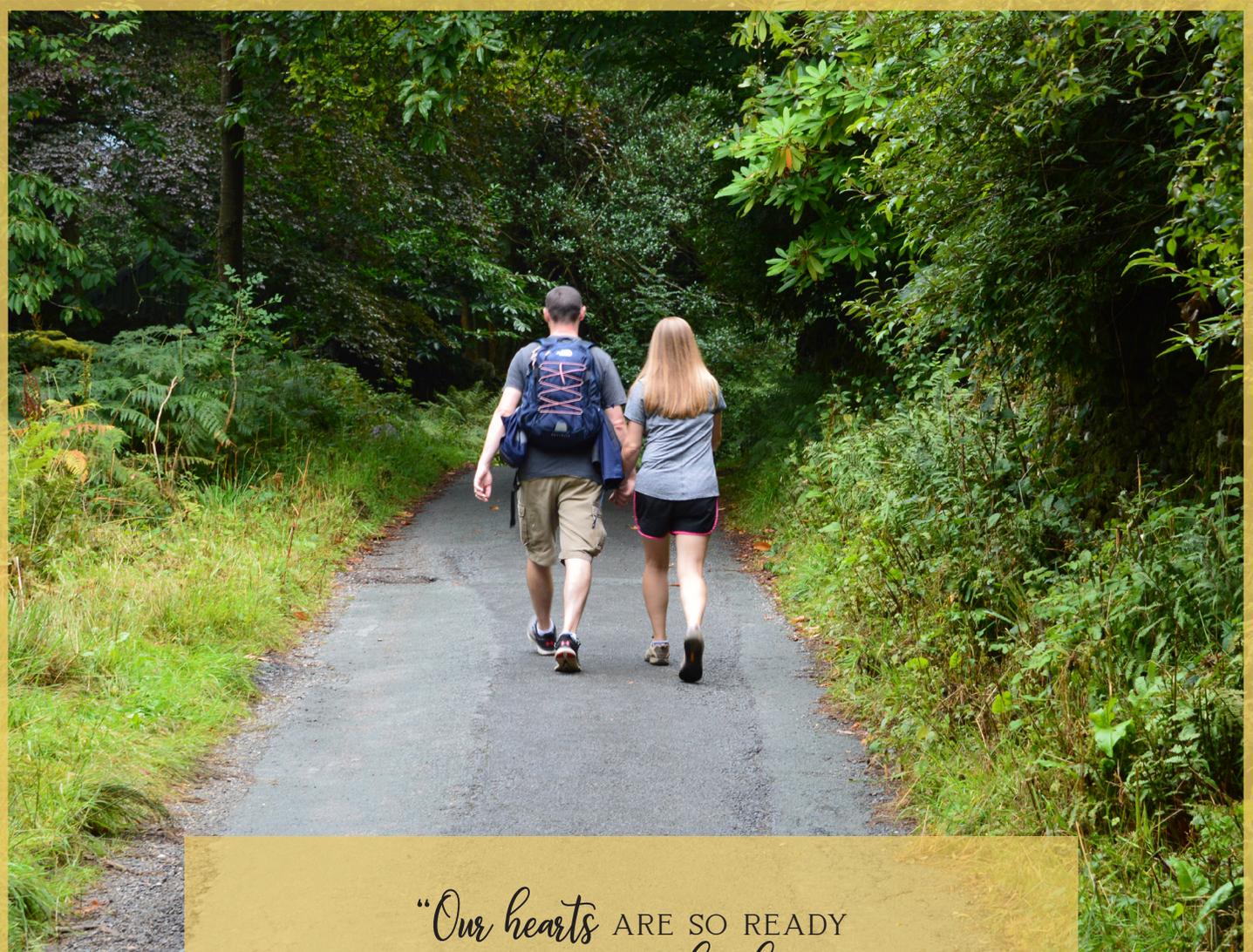
We waited eight years before trying to grow our family. Our desire to grow our family was strong and we both knew the time was right. Unfortunately, the process of having children has not been as easy as we had hoped. After years of trying and several failed fertility treatments, we began discussing alternative ways to grow our family. After many conversations, we both felt strongly that adoption was meant to be in our story and we decided to stop all fertility treatments and begin our adoption journey. Our road to parenthood has not been easy, but if anything, it has brought us closer as a couple and made our desire to parent even stronger. We cannot wait to love and share our life with a child. We promise to raise him or her in a loving, joyous environment surrounded by family that will love them as much as we do.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this and learn more about us. We appreciate your consideration and if you only remember one thing from this, it is that there is much love in our home. Family is most important to us and your child will never doubt how much they are loved and cared for not just by us but also by their entire family. We know how much love you have for your child and can't imagine how hard this decision is for you. If you choose us, we cannot wait to welcome your child into our hearts and home!

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“Our hearts ARE SO READY
TO *grow our family*
AND WE ARE *excited* TO CREATE
MANY NEW ADVENTURES WITH *our child.*”

WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK

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