

ANDY AND JASON





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AND
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From
— BERKELEY, —
CALIFORNIA

— WE ARE —
ANDY And JASON

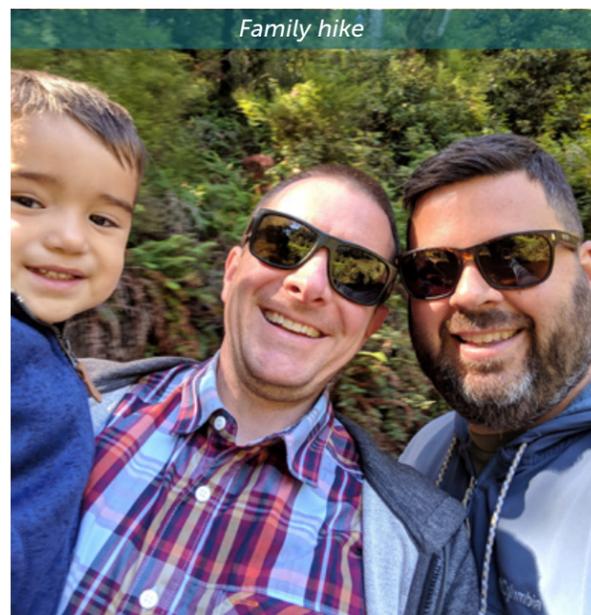
We're so *grateful* you've taken a moment to get to know us.

We've been happily together for nearly 20 years, and since early 2018, we've been proud parents to Joseph, our first adoption miracle. Our home is filled with endless love, laughter and joy, and we're hoping to complete our family with an amazing child like yours. We promise to give your child a loving and supportive home (with an awesome big brother), and we look forward to providing them with every opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

You show so much love and courage in considering adoption for your child, and we're humbled to be part of your search for the right family. **WE PROMISE TO NURTURE, CARE FOR, AND PROTECT YOUR CHILD WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!**



Having dinner



Family hike



OUR MARRIAGE
— IS BUILT ON —



Exploring outdoors



Halloween costumes with Joseph



GETTING TO
KNOW
US

We've built our family on love, respect, and a healthy dose of laughter and adventure!



We graduated from Georgetown University in the same year, but we didn't meet until after graduation when a mutual friend hatched a fateful plan to bring us together. Her plan worked, and we've been a couple ever since. We got married in a small church ceremony in 2004, and continued building a wonderful life together in Berkeley, California.

Despite coming from very different family backgrounds—one from a traditional, midwestern family and the other from a family of Cuban immigrants—we share an amazingly strong connection that makes us feel complete. Becoming parents has

only strengthened our bond, and it has brought us closer to our community than we could have ever expected.

WE'VE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO BEING GOOD PARENTS.

We have careers at flexible, family-oriented companies with very generous family benefits. We also own a kid-friendly home in the heart of the San Francisco Bay Area, near great schools and right next to several community playgrounds where we spend many hours playing with Joseph every week. We feel extremely lucky to be at a point in our lives and careers where we can focus on raising a happy, healthy family.

LOVE » RESPECT » LAUGHTER » ADVENTURE

MEET JASON >>

—BY ANDY—

Jason is a loving, devoted, and dependable partner and papa. While he is more introverted than I am, his warm heart and deeply caring nature make him the perfect partner for me. He is my constant source of support. He is responsible and practical, but also a lot of fun. Watching him become a father has been an amazing gift. After nearly two decades together, I cannot imagine my life without him.

—WHAT— makes Jason a GREAT PAPA

Joseph and I look up to Jason. He's super smart, intensely curious, and he's always teaching us stuff. **AS A PAPA, HE FOSTERS A SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND CURIOSITY IN OUR FAMILY.** I know Joseph loves him, learns from him, and looks up to him as much as I do.



Ice Cream Treat

JASON'S STATS

HOMETOWN
Lincoln, Nebraska

EDUCATION
Georgetown University and UC Berkeley

CAREER
Helping people use data to tell stories and make decisions

FAVORITE MUSIC
Dance divas, from Madonna to Whitney to Lady Gaga

FAVORITE FOOD
Hot sauce (the spicier the better!)

BEST FAMILY DISH
Grammy Ost's sugar cookies

FAVORITE HOLIDAY
Thanksgiving

HIDDEN TALENT
Can solve just about any puzzle—whether it's a difficult crossword or a broken kitchen appliance, he's not afraid to jump in and figure it out

GUILTY PLEASURE
Factory tours (he loves to see the big machines behind how stuff gets made)



Joseph is all smiles hiking with papa



Vacation love



A great day for an adventure



Gardening in our community



ANDY'S STATS

HOMETOWN
Orlando, Florida

EDUCATION
Georgetown University

CAREER
Coaching people to be better communicators

FAVORITE MUSIC
Motown and classic rock, from Marvin Gaye and Otis Redding to Paul Simon and Billy Joel

FAVORITE FOOD
French fries

BEST FAMILY DISH
Cuban black beans

FAVORITE HOLIDAY
Christmas

HIDDEN TALENT
Cooking meals out of thin air—I have looked in the refrigerator and seen nothing to eat, yet Andy can somehow come up with a full meal

GUILTY PLEASURE
Karaoke (he's really good!)

MEET ANDY

—BY JASON—

Andy is happy and outgoing, the type of person everyone wishes they had as a friend. He is very giving of himself to others, and always finding ways to make the very best out of any situation. Andy's love of music and good food is contagious, and it's fun to watch our child learn to explore the world in Andy's vibrant presence.



—WHAT— makes Andy a GREAT DAD

ANDY IS THE KINDEST AND MOST JOYFUL PERSON I HAVE EVER MET. He has a light that shines from within him, and this light spreads to all those around him. It's a tremendous gift to watch Andy share his warmth and love—not to mention his fabulous cooking and silly songs—with our child.



A Kid at Heart

JOSEPH'S STATS

HOMETOWN
Berkeley, CA

FAVORITE BOOK
The Pout Pout Fish

FAVORITE FOOD
Applesauce

HIDDEN TALENT
Dancing (so good!)

FAVORITE PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY
→
Going down the slide 100 times

MUSICAL FAVORITES
Raffi, Big Bird, Johnny Cash, and Taylor Swift

FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT
Steam trains at Tilden Park

GUILTY PLEASURE
Riding his scooter



Playing outside



We love to cook fresh meals



Neighborhood walks

A Glimpse into Our Lives

—THE— PEOPLE WE LOVE

By getting married,
we created a very
diverse union.



Our Community includes



- **A BIG EXTENDED FAMILY** — that love being part of our child's life. It includes three grandparents, and so many aunts, uncles and cousins that we've lost count
- **A TIGHT-KNIT GROUP OF FRIENDS** — in the Bay Area and across the country, many of whom are building families of their own
- **A LOVING CHURCH COMMUNITY** — that is warm, inclusive, and always looking out for us
- **A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY** — that's active, social and welcoming

JOSEPH IS A VERY HAPPY, SOCIAL AND ACTIVE TODDLER WHOSE GIGGLES ARE CONTAGIOUS. He's insatiably curious, and a thrill-seeker who loves jumping, sliding and testing out all of the "big kid" areas of the playground. He loves dancing, playing with his trains, and he'll always drop what he's doing to listen to us read him a good book. Joseph is great with other kids, and we know he's going to be an amazing older brother.



ABOUT
JOSEPH
— *future* —
BIG BROTHER!

OUR Home AND NEIGHBORHOOD

We feel extremely lucky to live in South Berkeley, a diverse, culturally rich community just south of the University of California's premier campus and the city's downtown shopping district.

WE OWN A COMFORTABLE, THREE-BEDROOM HOME WITH A BIG PLAY ROOM, A BRIGHT BACKYARD, AND AN AWESOME PARK AND PLAYGROUND RIGHT NEXT DOOR. Our kitchen is huge, and we spend a lot of time in there trying out new recipes and cooking together as a family. From our kitchen window, we can see the playground next door, which is often filled with happy neighborhood kids and families.

As a family, we hope to take advantage of everything our community has to offer

- **GREAT SCHOOLS** — excellent, high-performing public and private schools
- **FAMILY FRIENDLY** — great parks, playgrounds, and sports facilities
- **CULTURAL EXPLORATION** — museums, cultural centers, and libraries with great programs for kids
- **WONDERFUL FOOD** — fresh, healthy food from local farmers markets and great kid-friendly restaurants
- **CLOSE TO THE CITY** — quick access to BART so we can go on adventures across the Bay Area



Andy with his mom

Joseph's uncle and grandpa (Andy's brother and father)



Celebrating Jason's graduation with his family



JOSEPH'S ADOPTION

Joseph came to us when his birth mother chose us to love and raise him. We stay in close touch with his birth mom and her family, and we see her a few times a year, including Joseph's birthday and during the holiday season.

WE BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR OUR CHILD TO KNOW HIS BIRTH FAMILY, AND WE WANT HIM TO UNDERSTAND THE AMAZING GIFT HIS BIRTH MOTHER GAVE US WHEN SHE HELPED US BECOME A FAMILY.

We can't wait to meet our future child's birth mother, and we hope to build a similar relationship based on mutual respect and appreciation for the importance of our special bond.



THANK
— YOU —
for
LEARNING
ABOUT
US

We admire the strength, love, and courage that has led you to consider open adoption for your child. We are honored that you are considering us as the right family for your baby, and we will not let you or your baby down.

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH US OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR US, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CASEWORKER AT ADOPTHHELP BY CALLING 1-800-637-7999 TOLL FREE.
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>>> *Our* **PROMISE to OUR CHILDREN** <<<

 ur home is filled with warmth and happiness. We promise our home will always be a place where our children feel safe and loved.

Education is very important to us. We promise to help our children learn, grow, and pursue educational

opportunities from pre-K through college.

Our children deserve to be surrounded by as much love as possible. We promise to open ourselves and our family to our children's birth families.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THEIR PASSIONS. We promise to foster an environment of curiosity, exploration, and fun, where our children are free to discover what they're good at and what they like to do.