Thomas & Sandra

About Us

We have known each other since 2006. After high school Tom decided to go to college in Colorado which spurred Sandra to go along for the ride and pursue her degree as well. We were engaged in 2009, taking the first step to becoming the family we yearned to build. Two years later we both graduated with our Bachelor's degree, and got married 6 days after graduation, full of optimism for the future.

Work moved again in 2012 when Tom was offered a great job at a bank working in their executive offices. Sandra took time to settle us into our new surroundings. She is a full-time elementary teacher this school year. After being together for 11 years, we still love to spend as much time as possible with each other. We have been a family for a long time, and we are excited to be able to grow our family through adoption.

Our lives are rooted in our personal morals and standards, ideals we have thoughtfully developed individually and as a couple. We hope to teach our child to be a responsible and respectful individual. Our home does not focus on one religion and we hope to raise our child with an open mind so they can make their own decision about these important matters.

About Sandra

(written by Tom)

Sandra is the most amazing woman I have ever met. We met when we were only teenagers but I knew from the beginning she was the woman I was going to marry and start a family with. The first night we met she mentioned her life's goal was to be a mother. Few people say that with such conviction when they are 18 years old to a person they have just met, but it stuck with me. We soon began dating, and here we are today, eleven years later, and I am still amazed by her daily. She is very creative and kind, loving and nurturing, fun and surprising. I cannot imagine my life without her and I look forward to growing our family together.

About Tom

(written by Sandra)

Thomas is everything I have ever wanted in a partner. He is kind, gentle, loving, smart, funny, and dedicated. I know he will be an incredible father because he is an incredible husband, and I believe a strong relationship is the best foundation we can offer our children as we teach them to love and trust others. He works hard to provide for our family and is constantly trying to advance his career to take care of us now and in the future. He is a calm and level-headed person who always thinks before he acts. He has been my best friend for 11 years. I know he loves me because he shows me every day in how he treats me, respects me, and listens to me, and I know he will love and nurture our child as he has loved and nurtured our relationship.

His & Hers *Favorites*

His Favorites	
Candy:	Sour Patch Kids
Movie:	Remember the Titans
TV show:	The West Wing
Cartoon:	King of the Hill
Holiday:	Thanksgiving
Color:	Navy Blue
Occupation:	Executive Office Research Analysts
Education:	BA 2011 History; MBA in progress, completion date June 2018
Food:	BBQ
Childhood Memory:	Annual road trips to visit extended family in Kansas
Hobbies:	SPORTS and tinkering with electronics

Her Favorites	
Candy:	Anything with caramel & chocolate
Movie:	Cinderella
TV show:	Friends
Cartoon:	Rugrats
Holiday:	Christmas
Color:	Teal Blue
Occupation:	Fourth Grade Teacher
Education:	BA 2011 Elementary Education
Food:	Pasta, pasta & more Pasta!
Childhood Memory:	Spending two days at Disneyland with my family in 1994
Hobbies:	Crafts of all sorts; sewing, scrapbooking, homemade decorations. etc

We *Love* to...

…travel with each other and our friends and family.

Our travels have taken across the United States and beyond. We love to go to the beach and have taken several vacations to North Carolina with our dogs; they love the beach almost as much as we do. We take several trips a year to visit friends and family across the country.

…cook with each other.

We love spending our weekends cooking together! We watch a lot of cooking shows for inspiration and love to try new recipes. Tom is a grill master and loves to use his smoker to make BBQ just like he ate growing up.

…be entertained.

We love going to musicals, and we have so much fun at concerts. Tom is a diehard sports fan so we have been to several sporting events. We love to play games too! We spend a lot of nights playing board games and card games with just the two of us, and other times with friends and family.

…be with each other.

It really doesn't matter what we are doing, we love to spend time together. When we aren't out with friends or family we love to snuggle up with the dogs on the couch and watch our favorite TV shows and movies. As long as we are together, we are happy.

Our Home

We bought our 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom ranch style home in 2012. Our house is part of a residential tract in a suburban neighborhood. We are close to schools, shopping, hospitals, and a new YMCA is being built just a few miles away. Our community offers recreational activities for sports and arts as well. There is a large metro park across the street from our house and we love to take our dogs for walks there. We live about ten minutes away from a metropolitan city that offers various cultural festivals, theatres and concert halls, sporting events, and tons of outdoor events and activities we plan to take advantage of as a family.

Our puppies Cash is a 6-year-old mixed breed and Ollie is a 3-year-old black lab/border collie mix. They have brought so much joy to our lives. We have had each of them since they were eight weeks old. They love to wrestle with each other and run around our back yard. They are gentle and loving companions and have taken to friends' and family's children, so we know they will love having a new baby of their own.

Our Family

Although we do not live geographically close to our family, we are very "close" to them. We visit as often as we can, but for day-to-day interactions, we rely heavily on social media, phone calls, and Skype. Our two nieces and two nephews are so excited to have a new cousin to play with and grow up with, and Sandra's parents are excited to add a much-anticipated fifth grandchild into their family.

It is much easier for us to visit Tom's family since we can make the drive in one day. This will be Tom's parents' first grandchild and they cannot wait to welcome him or her into their hearts and lives. Our family has been extremely supportive in our adoption journey and they are all so excited to add a new member to our family.

We have wonderful examples of loving marriages and families as part of our lives; our parents and grandparents have marriages ranging from 34-57 years. We try to surround ourselves with positive people and successful role models for what we hope our family will grow to look like. Suffice to say, our future child will have a large circle of number-one-fans, and should never have a time when she or he does not have a great deal of encouragement and love!

Sandra's family at favorite Mexican restaurant

Sandra with her mom and older sister

With friends at a wedding in California

Playing at the beach with our nieces & nephews

Tom's whole family at Christmas in Kansas

Heading to a Rockies game with friends from Colorado

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile. We know you have many choices and options. Just looking at our profile means a lot to us. As we were trying to write this letter, we just kept thinking how difficult it is to try and convey all of our hopes and love for your unborn child in a short letter. But, we know it doesn't even compare to the incredibly selfless decision you have made to trust another family with your child. Please know, there is nothing we have dreamed of for so long, as becoming parents, and we have done everything in our power to prepare for this much-anticipated adventure. Hopefully, these pages can give you a glimpse into our lives and show you how much we love each other; and our family and friends, and how much we will love your child. Our child has been growing in our hearts and we can't wait for the day when we finally get to hold our precious bundle of joy. We will continue to keep you and your best interests in our hearts and thoughts.

Love,
Tom & Sandra

Our Adoption Journey

We've always wanted to grow our family with biological and adopted children. After several miscarriages and 3 years of medical assistance to continue our efforts to get pregnant, we decided to move forward with our adoption journey. We have loved our children for a long time now, we just haven't met them yet. We know we can offer a loving and supportive family for any child of any race or sex.