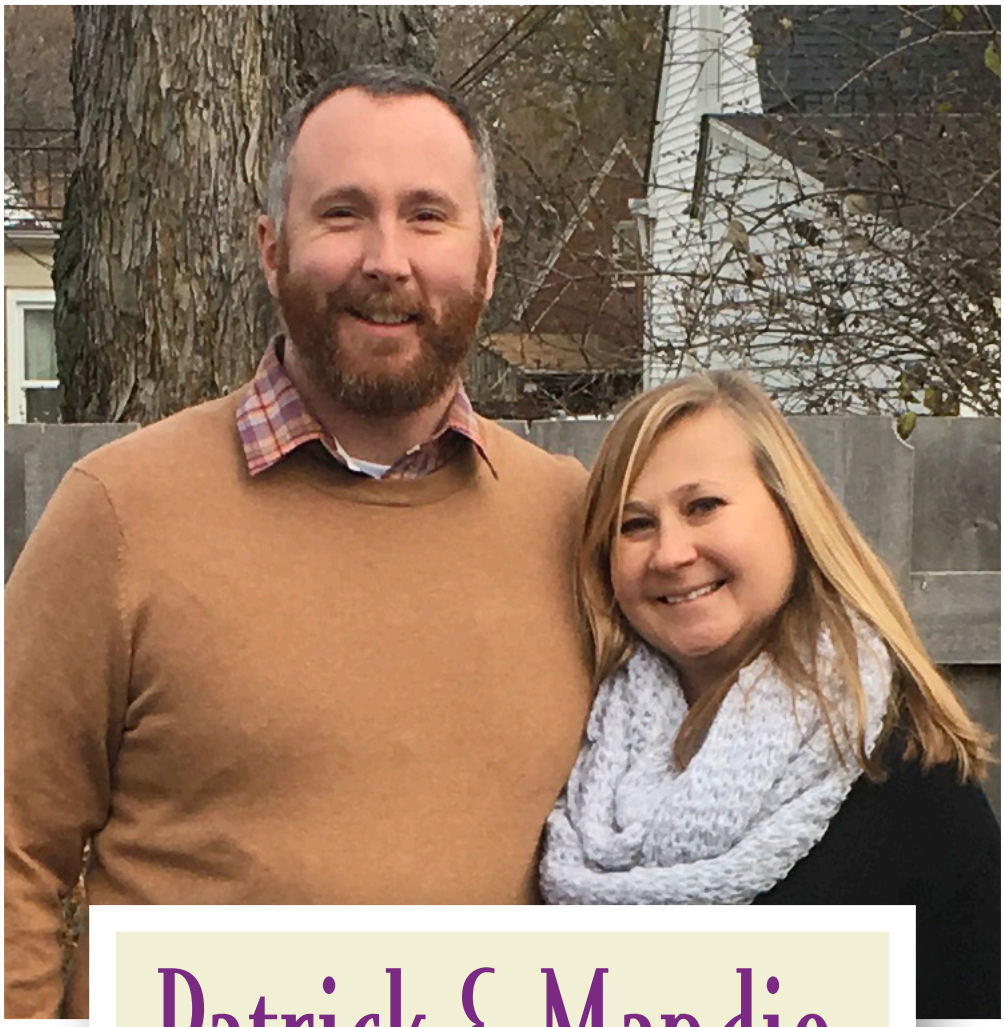


# Patrick & Mandie

# All About Us

## Up to Bat: Patrick

*Written by Mandie*

Patrick is the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back. He is kind, loving, funny, and extremely passionate. I am able to count on him for everything. I know that he will always support me, love me, and have my back. Patrick is a true lover of all things sports! Since we work opposite schedules, as soon as I get home from work, plop down on the couch and turn on the TV, ESPN or Sports Center pops up on the screen. He is very passionate about the game and supporting his home team. Patrick also enjoys cooking and boy is he great at it! I love when I receive notes on the fridge or text messages from him with ideas on what to make for dinner. Patrick works very hard at his job and also trains hard to run marathon races. I have been by his side for every race he has run since I met him. I am so very proud of these awesome accomplishments! What I love most about Patrick is his ability to make me smile and laugh when I feel the world is crashing down on me. He speaks calmly and softly to me, easing all of my worries. Being embraced in his arms ensures me that I am loved and cared for. Patrick completes me and has helped mold me into the person I am today. You will not find a more loving, caring and fun loving guy than him. It warms my heart thinking about the loving and affectionate father he will someday be to a child of his own.

## Next Up: Mandie

*Written by Patrick*

Mandie is wholeheartedly devoted to family, her friends, and myself. This is what I love about her the most. She has such a strong relationship with not just her own family but with my family as well. Her friends have become my friends and she offers me nothing but support in all I do. She is best thing that has ever happened to me. She is the perfect match for me. Where I lack in something, she picks up the slack. She is loving, giving, caring, empathic....words can't describe what she means to me. With this love and devotion that she constantly displays to her family, friends, her students, and myself, I feel she would be nothing but a fantastic mother.

## Our Favorite Things

***We love being outdoors, traveling, and doing different activities together. We are always up for new adventures!***

| Mandie | Patrick |
|---|---|
| Color: blue | Color: green |
| Animal: cat | Animal: elephant |
| Food: French fries | Food: pizza |
| TV Show: Game of Thrones, Friends | TV Show: Seinfeld |
| Season: fall | Season: winter |
| Holiday: Halloween | Holiday: Christmas |
| Sport: football | Sport: soccer |

# Our Home

We live in a single family bungalow that has 3 bedrooms, 1 and a half baths, a beautiful front, side, and backyard, and a breezeway which attaches our garage to our dining area. We love to sit in the cozy chairs in our breezeway and read or catch up with one another. Our home is on a corner lot in a neighborhood that is quiet and quaint with kids of all ages every which way. Also around us are young couples and older folks who enjoy keeping up with their yard and walking their dogs. Our neighbors Jim and Marilynn are an older couple who always offer to help us with yard work because our yard is so big! We appreciate them very much. Every morning we awake to the sound of lawnmowers running and children playing tag or riding bikes. We are within walking distance to the elementary, middle, and high school. Shopping centers and a grocery store are right up the street as well. It is extremely convenient! Our kitty Stella loves all the space in the house. She sits in the windows and watches the birds and kids run through the neighborhood. She loves to cuddle with us! She is very spoiled.

# Our Friends

*Mark, Tara, and Mila*

*Eric, Sarah, Lila, and Lexi*

*Ryan and Carrie*

*Anthony and Marissa*

We are very grateful for the love, support, and good times we experience with these awesome people. Words will never be able to express our gratitude toward each and every one of them. They are a very important part of our lives.

# Our Family

Our family is by far our biggest cheerleader! Their unconditional love, support, and advice has molded us into the people we are today. We are so very thankful for everything they have given us and continue to give us!

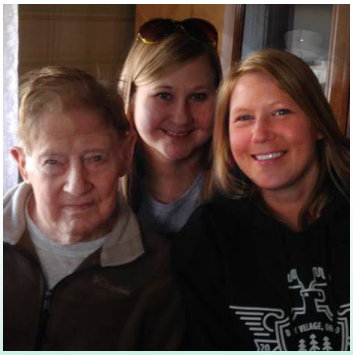
Mandie's parents live down the street and around the corner which allows for frequent visits and pop ins on both ends during the week. Patrick's mom and dad are just about 10 minutes away as well. Mandie's sister is a city away and so are Patrick's brother and sister. We love having family so close because we value the importance of family in our lives. Our adoptive child will not only be embraced by our immediate family, but also by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and our very close friends.

*Thanksgiving break in St. Pete with Mandie's family*

*Patrick's family at his brother Tom's wedding rehearsal dinner*

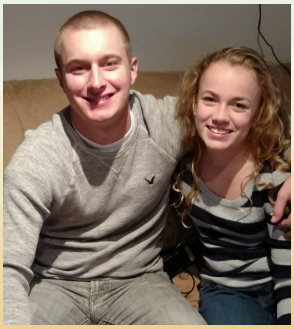
*Patrick's dad, stepmom Maureen and brother Nick.*

*Making Easter eggs with Mandie's Grandmother*



*Easter with Mandie's Grandpa*

*Patrick's family including aunts and uncles from Georgia at his brother Tom's wedding,*



*Patrick's siblings Nick and Jen*

*Our niece & nephew, Maggie & Colin*

*Patrick's Uncle Jim, cousin Matt and brother Tom*

*Mandie's dad and sister Sarah enjoying beach life with us*

# Dear Expectant Parent

*Hello!* We would first like to thank you for taking your valuable time to learn about and get to know us. We can't imagine the emotions and thoughts racing through your mind but we have the utmost respect for you. We are Patrick and Mandie and we want to share our story with you!

Since the beginning of our relationship, the idea of adoption has always been a topic of interest. We are true believers in the saying that, "all things happen for a reason" and that "God has a plan for each and every one of us". We knew that in our hearts adoption was path we were meant to follow. It's our promise to provide a safe place for your child to feel valued and loved unconditionally. We will provide your child with strong values and teach them what it means to be selfless through example. Your child will be given the necessary tools to take on life with confidence. Ultimately, we can assure you that they will be taken care of physically, academically, and emotionally. We too, will put your child first.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. We are over the moon excited about the possibility of becoming parents and can't wait to share an enormous amount of love with a child. The day we meet our adoptive child will be the happiest day of our lives! We are sending well wishes your way as you continue your journey.

With Admiration,

*Patrick & Mandie*

## Why we choose to adopt

Once we were married, we were beyond excited about starting a family of our own. After several rounds of unsuccessful fertility treatments, we decided to sit down and discuss our options for becoming parents. We had many conversations about how wonderful it would be to adopt and give a child, that needs it, a great home. It is a very special way for a child to become part of a family. Your child will know very early on their story of adoption and that they were loved beyond measure before joining our loving family. Your child will be the missing piece of our family puzzle.