Amanda & Eric

About Us

Our story began in 2002, when a friend of Amanda's introduced her to the new guy at church... Eric. Over the summer our friendship grew and we began dating. Eric proposed in 2003 and we were married in 2004.

Before we got married, we knew that we wanted our family to include children, and we agreed that adoption would always be an option. We believe that the culture, race and gender of the child is less important than the love we wish to show them for the rest of our lives. We hope you will enjoy looking through our profile and learning more about our family!

Eric works as a mechanical engineer. He enjoys hands on problem solving and tinkering. In his free time, he writes fiction, reads and maintains our large garden.

Amanda works part time as the office manager/bookkeeper for a family resource center and as the secretary for their church. She loves working with numbers and she teaches a REFIT® dance fitness class three times a week. Although we both love our jobs and hobbies we can think of nothing we would love more than to be parents.

about eric

WRITTEN BY AMANDA

The first thing that made me fall in love with Eric was his humor. He has an intelligent wit and loves to make people laugh. Eric is the most generous person I know, he truly cares about others. He is rooted in his faith and puts God at the center of his life and our home. Eric works hard and pours himself into whatever he does. His love of nature encourages me to see the world around me differently. He has enjoyed mentoring kids and teenagers in our church and I know he will be a fantastic father. I know that whatever life brings, having Eric alongside me is the greatest blessing I have.

about amanda

WRITTEN BY ERIC

Amanda is loving and kind, and also a wonderful cook and baker. Her faith in Jesus comes out especially in how she loves and serves others. Her faith and love have been a huge source of support as we have met life's ups and downs together. Amanda loves to host gatherings of family and friends at our home. The REFIT® dance class that she teaches has also become a huge part of her life. The friends she has made and the energy she has gained have added to her confidence. She has helped with our church's children's ministries for many years, even as she desired to have children of her own to nurture and teach. She is great with the kids, and I am very blessed to be with her on this journey.

Our Family & Friends

Goofing around with friends at a wedding

Amanda is an only child and her mom lives nearby (her dad passed away in 2007). We have lunch with her on Sundays and she is excited about helping with grandkids. Eric's family lives 5 hours away though we visit his mom frequently (his dad passed away in 2017). Eric also has a younger brother Mark, who lives in North Dakota. We are close with aunts and uncles and have many friends who are like family.

We host Christmas at our house for family and friends. Family gatherings feature good food, conversation and games. Our family and friends are very supportive of our efforts to adopt, and are excited for us as we take this next step together.

Thanksgiving with Eric's family

Game Time!

Spending time with Eric's grandpa

Eric and Amanda volunteering at a charity bike ride

Hosting dear friends from out of state

Summer time with Amanda's mom

Breakfast on vacation with friends

Eric with his mom, dad and brother

Amanda and her REFIT® co-instructors

Halloween with friends

Our Home

Our home is a 3 bed, 2 bath ranch style house on one acre. It has a large front yard and a big garden in the backyard which sits against a wooded area. We live in a country area but are near two fabulous parks with great walking trails and large play areas. Downtown is only 5-10 minutes away, with lots of family friendly activities from reading parties at the library to seasonal farmers markets. We look forward to creating special memories with our children at these events.

Our Pets

We are currently "parents" to two cats (although we're pretty sure they think of us as staff). They are both rescue cats, 8 years old. Pickle is a male black and white domestic short hair, loves to snuggle. He is rather high energy: he has a love of mischief and toys. Onyx is a female black domestic short hair: she is the diva of the house, and the first to inform us it is time to be fed (usually a couple hours before!). She is very particular, but will cuddle on a warm lap. Both cats love to sit at the windows and keep watch over the wildlife that visits our yard and feeders.

	amanda	eric
EDUCATION	Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
COLOR	Purple	Green
FOOD	Cheesecake	Macaroni and Cheese
VACATION	Prince Edward Island, Canada	Sleeping Bear Dunes
BOOK	Pride and Prejudice	The Lord Of The Rings Series
CARTOON	Sleeping Beauty	The Original Chip and Dale
HOLIDAY	Christmas	Christmas
MOVIE	Sabrina	Marvel's The Avengers
SPORT	Baseball	Football
CHILDHOOD MEMORY	Family vacations / Decorating for Christmas with my family	Spending time with Dad
HOBBIES	Knitting, Reading and Baking	Gardening, Writing, Reading and Studying WW2 History

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile. We are so thankful that you wanted to know more about us and are considering us as a family for your child.

We look forward to introducing the child we adopt to all the wonderful people in our lives. As they grow we want them to experience diverse cultural backgrounds, especially those that are a part their own heritage. We believe a strong connection to where they came from will help them. Diversity of both race and culture are important to us, and we enjoy learning about these things. We are open to welcoming a child of any race or culture into our family.

We both grew up in homes anchored in strong Christian faith and that is something we want to provide for our children as well. Faith, love and humor abound in our home. We always want our children to know they are unconditionally loved and that their home is safe and supportive.

While it is hard to explain everything about ourselves in this short space, we hope that this profile will better give you a glimpse into our family and home. Please know that we have been praying for you, and will continue to keep you in our prayers. Thank you, and may God richly bless you!

Eric & Amanda

Why Adoption?

We have always desired to be parents and adoption has been on our hearts since we were first married, in addition to having biological children. Unfortunately because of infertility issues we are not able to have biological children. We believe that God has placed adoption on our hearts. We want to provide a loving home for any child or children God blesses us with.