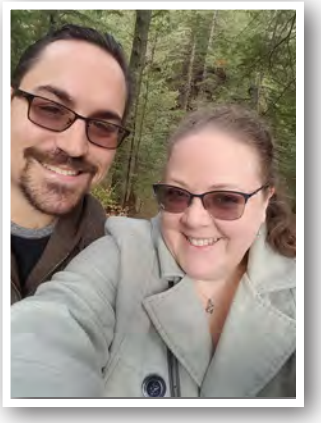
Andrew & Allison

About Us



We met through a mutual friend and instantly became best friends ourselves. It doesn't matter if we're out to dinner, at a museum, taking a walk in a park, or just relaxing at home in pajamas watching a movie, we are laughing and having a good time. Not everything has come easy for us in life, but our connection to each other has and with that we have built a great life together. We complement each other's personalities, we make a great team, and we push each other (in a loving way) to be our best selves. Family is so important to us, and we both love spending time not just together, but with our son doing things such as playing on the playground, playing basketball in our driveway, constructing Lego sets, or learning a new recipe together. We look forward to expanding our family as we all have so much love still to give.

Allison's Facts & Favorites

Occupation:	Enrollment/Credentialing Specialist
Movies:	Benny & Joon, What's Eating Gilbert Grape, Se7en
Favorite food:	Lasagna, steak, and cheesecake
Holiday:	Christmas
Color:	Blue
Season:	Fall
Likes/hobbies:	Coloring, crafting, baking, reading, board games

Andrew's Facts & Favorites

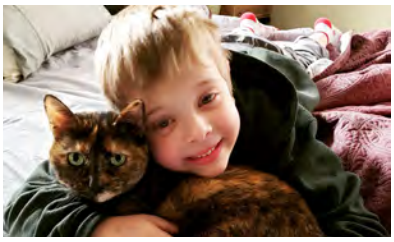
Occupation:	Sr. Linux Engineer
Movie:	Scott Pilgrim vs. the World
Food:	Pizza (New York Style)
Holiday:	Christmas
Color:	Blue
Season:	Fall
Likes/hobbies:	Gardening, Cooking, Grilling; fishkeeping; home improvement and reading about astrophysics and quantum mechanics

About Andrew *written by Allison*

Andrew is first and foremost my best friend. He's the person I can count on for anything: support, love, laughter or a hug on a tough day. He works hard and takes pride in everything he does, especially around our home. Family is his number one priority and he makes that very evident in the way he cares for my son from my previous marriage. At this point, he's so involved, and such a pivotal part of his life that it doesn't even feel right to say "my son" as he's just as much Andrew's, just not through genes. My life became so much fuller with Andrew around, and I can no longer imagine life without him.

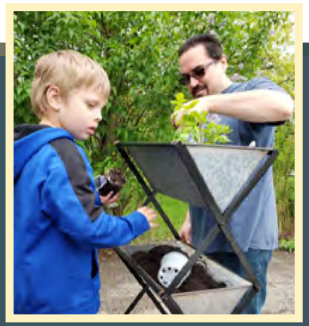
About Allison *written by Andrew*

Allison is the most loving, caring woman I have ever met. She is 100% the person I was meant to be with on this earth. I know this with all my heart. Her endless capacity to love, her fierce loyalty to friends and family, and her warming smile make for the perfect partner in life and marriage. Every day she works hard to make our house a home, and every day I come to love her more because of it. It means so much to me to have a best friend like her, to have someone I can rely on and love, and who loves me unconditionally in return. I am truly the luckiest man in the world.



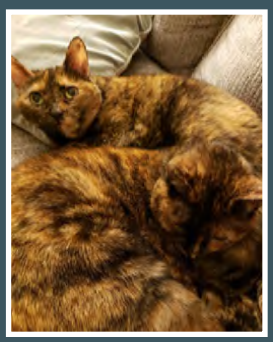
About David

David is funny, kind, loving, and outgoing. He loves playing sports and being outside, making crafts and cooking. He cannot wait to become a big brother, in fact it's all he's asked for his last few Birthdays, and we know with his gentle and sweet nature he will definitely make a great one.



Our Home

We live in an updated, comfortable 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home on a dead end street. One of the bedrooms is a fun playroom, and we watch movies and play games in our partially finished basement. Our neighborhood, especially our street, is full of young families and we are friends with many of the neighbors. We have a nice backyard with a deck where we garden and grill out in the summer and roast marshmallows over the fire pit in the fall. Sometimes on a clear night, we will sit on our deck and watch the stars together, enjoying the quiet. We're in a fantastic school system, and close to the recreation center, parks, playgrounds, shopping, and family fun. We are also near 3 emergency rooms and both the police and fire stations should they be needed.



Our Pets

We have two super sweet cats, Pond & Clara. They were Andrew's before we met, and were very shy and not very social. However, once we moved in together and they were around our son, their entire personalities changed. They are no longer afraid of guests and they adore David; they love to sit with him, play with him, and follow him all over the house.

Celebrating NYE!

Allison with great-cousins - who are taller than her!

Two of David's best neighborhood friends

David's friends having a blast at his Birthday party

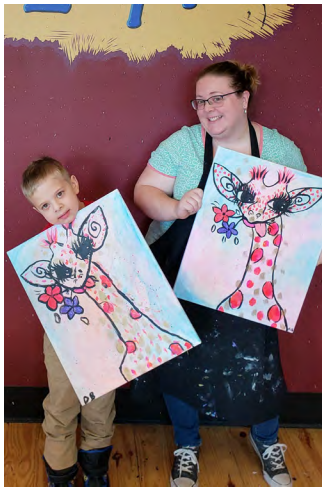
Allison and her friend Ashley

BOTH OF OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES
CELEBRATING EASTER TOGETHER AT OUR HOME

Our Family

Our extended families are made up of various cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds. We have half-, step- and even adopted family members in the mix. We don't see the differences, however, and everyone is just family and loved exactly the same. We both come from very large extended families, and they have blended together well. Allison's family is mostly all local, and we get to see them quite often as there always seems to be a holiday, birthday or event to celebrate. Andrew's family is out of state, but his parents visit us several times a year and we also travel to see them and the rest of his family at least once or twice as well. Our family gatherings are always fun, loud, full of people and full of good food, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Allison's Dad and David at his ice skating lessons



Mommy-Son fun day at painting studio

Cousins having fun at Great Wolf Lodge

Dear Birth Parent,

We know how hard it is sometimes to have to put your child's needs before yourself, but we have never had to face a decision as hard as this one that you are going through. We cannot even begin to understand how difficult this must be for you, but your courage and love for your child is amazing, and should you give us the honor to parent them, we will make sure they know this. We want all of our children to know these things: They are loved, they are secure, we believe in them, and we support them. We will strive every day to make sure they know this, and that they grow up happy, healthy, and well-rounded. We are open to adopting a child of any race, and will do everything we can to make sure that they have exposure to their culture throughout their life. Allison herself is biracial (Caucasian and Arabic), and we have several multi-cultural family and friends in our lives. Self-identity is important to us, and we will do our best to pass that along through our children.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us, we hope to get to know you as well.

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Why Adoption?

It was very difficult for Allison to get pregnant the first time, and we knew it likely would be again. After two years of difficult testing, medication and interventions it became clear that carrying a biological child would not be something that would come easily, or even safely. Our goal was simply to expand our family, to share our love and home with more children, and the biological link was not the important factor, so instead of continuing with medical intervention, we turned to adoption. We have adoption in our family in various forms: adoptees, birth mothers, foster children, and adoptive parents. Adoption is close to our hearts, and we see it as how our family was meant to be completed.