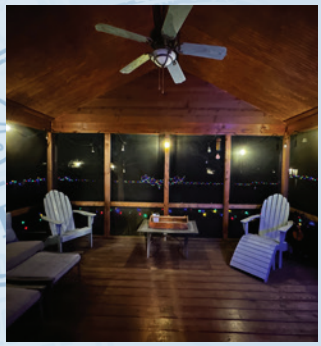
Patrick & De Andree

Hello, we are Patrick and De Andree!

We have been married for 5 ½ years and together for over 8 years. Most weeks, you will catch us watching the sport of the season, football, softball, hockey, or baseball. Patrick is the big sports fan in the house and has us watching games in person or on tv most days of the week. De Andree is the outdoors person and has Patrick and the dogs taking walking trips around the parks and lake often. Patrick is the movie guy and has seen almost everything! De Andree on the other hand enjoys a good HGTV renovation show. Most nights, we cook dinner but we love our pizza nights out as well. We have enjoyed exploring the town in search of a pizza we both enjoy as Patrick loves thick crust and De Andree is a thin crust girl! We enjoy hosting holiday gatherings at our house and Patrick always has a homemade pie ready to go.

FUN FACTS

We love to travel and experience new cultures. Traveling has led to many new adventures in our lives with a collection of random paintings or trinkets from each of our travels. We typically try to go to new places, however when it comes to our friends we always make time to travel to visit them. We currently have two dogs, Peanut and Maggie both are beagle mixes that love to cuddle under the blankets and play with their toys. Maggie can be found wandering the home with her tennis ball while Peanut loves her stuffed animals. With numerous parks and outdoor areas nearby the dogs are always going on adventures too!



OUR HOME

We have lived in our home for just over 5 years. It is a combination of city amenities with a country feel. The development we live in is a one way in and out that does not have any store fronts, instead it boasts a metro park to explore. Being close to the city, there are opportunities to attend professional sporting events as well as college events. The funny story behind our home is that we had been searching for a larger home to have a yard and place to grow our family. When it came time to see this home, Patrick was in a car accident that morning, which resulted in a hospitalization. De Andree was not sure what to do, stay at the hospital or go to the home viewing. We had driven by the home and seen pictures in preparation for the visit so Patrick told her she should go check it out. De Andree came back raving about the home which resulted in a bid which was later accepted. So the first time Patrick actually walked into the home was after they had purchased the home, which leaves the running joke of, “well I didn’t even see the house before we bought it so I do not know what to tell you!”

About De Andree

(Patrick writes)

De Andree is a kind, loving, honest and caring person. She is one of the most giving people I have met in my life. She is always willing to help whenever she can, be it at work or at home. She is highly driven and not easily deterred. Through our journey to grow our family we have encountered many obstacles which may discourage many people to continue the journey, however, De Andree was always looking forward to the next step of the process and how to overcome the struggles that we were experiencing. Her drive is only overshadowed by her love of family and friends. Most have been friends since childhood and their parents are referred to as a second mom or dad. Her sisters, Dad and niece are very important to her. She is always finding a way to spend time with each of them. Holidays are always full of love, kindness and lots of well prepared food. De Andree is what I think of when I think of family oriented. She loves fiercely with a gentle heart.

About Patrick

(De Andree writes)

Patrick is a smart, kind, honest and trustworthy person. He loves history and loves that fact that his family has served in every war. Patrick joined the military straight out of high school joining the United States Marine Corps. He went on to finish that tour of duty and attend college obtaining a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. He loves his dogs, sports, family and his friends as well. He is always spoiling the dogs with new treats. He can watch almost any sport, however enjoys going to the games in person. At baseball games, he is the guy who gets a foul ball and finds the nearest child to give it to as he remembers being the child at the games and wanting the baseballs. Patrick is also a big movie guy and watches special movies depending on the season. For example, he will watch Major League at the beginning of baseball season, movies like Midway for Pearl Harbor Day and then holiday movies depending on the holiday season.

OUR FAMILY

Patrick grew up the middle child of 3 brothers. They are all four years apart in age. Both his parents are still alive and well. His father is a pipefitter, and his mother is a program specialist at a university. His older brother is a science teacher as well as a chaplain in the US Army. His younger brother is a director of personnel for a company. While the journeys of life have spread each child across the United States, they have remained very close and visit whenever possible. After his military service, Patrick has held jobs in the criminal justice system but has found that his most enjoyable jobs have been working with the veteran community, as well as his service to our country. Later, Patrick went back to join the United States Air Force. Patrick is now retired focusing on trying to grow their family. Patrick will be a stay-at-home father who will be the primary caretaker while De Andree works during the day.

De Andree is the youngest of three daughters. Her father is a retired factory worker, and her mother is deceased. Her eldest sister works in the boating industry whereas her middle sister works for the Catholic Church. De Andree has primarily worked at nonprofits in early childhood development programs, as well as, with the homeless population.

Us with our nephew and niece

With friends at a wedding

Holidays with De Andree's side of the family

De Andree and friends at a wedding

De Andree's parents, Phil and Ginny

Patrick with his brothers, Jake and Grant

De Andree with her Dad and sister, Desiree

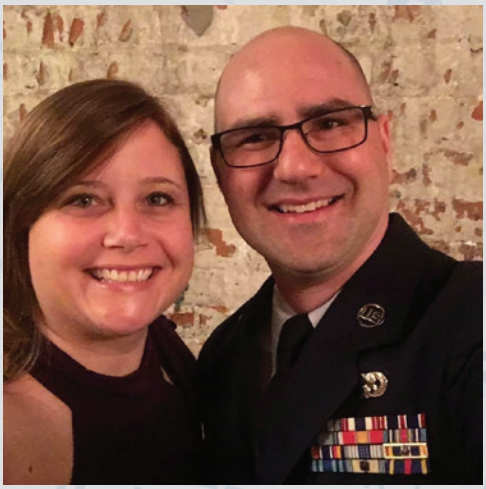
Patrick and De Andree at a friends' party

Patrick and his friends volunteering at his friends job for the holidays

Hanging out with friends

Patrick with his Uncle Nick and brother Grant

Dear Birth Parent,



Thank you for taking your time to get to know us and for considering us for your child. We value family and would like to grow ours with a child. We have active lives that include extended family, friends, work, travel and sports. We value loyalty, trust and honesty and we understand that it will take trust in us to take care of your child and raise them to be a strong, loving, caring person. We will let them explore their interests and show them many places and experiences and allow them to become the person they are meant to be. They will be surrounded by love from our friends and family and of course us!

Thank you for your kindness and consideration,

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WHY ADOPTION?

We both came into our relationship knowing that we would adopt one day. For Patrick, adoption was always an option because he believes in opening up his heart and home. For De Andree, adoption was always something that she wanted to do even as a young woman. We tried to have a biological child for the past 5 years, trying a variety of things, however, we have been unsuccessful. We knew from the beginning of our relationship that being a family could mean a variety of things. Family is just the two of us. Family is our extended family of parents, siblings, nieces and nephews. Family is bringing a child into our home through the gift of adoption. We are open to any gender or race as we are happy to extend our family through adoption.