

# Andrew + Katie





# hello,

We are Katie and Andrew.

We cannot wait for the next chapter of our lives to begin by adding you and your child to our family. We know this is a very important decision for you. We are open to whatever level of involvement you feel comfortable with and understand that this may change with time.

We hope that this profile will provide you a snapshot of who we are. If there is one thing we want you to remember about us, it is that we will fill our home with lots of love and laughter and provide your child with plenty of affection in the form of kind words, hugs, and plenty of high-fives. We dream of your child achieving great things; we hope to expose him or her to as many opportunities as possible in their younger years, so they gain the knowledge to what path they want to choose to take in their life.

*Love,*  
Katie + Andrew





We have been together for 13 years and married for 5 years. Our love story began thirteen years ago as high school sweethearts! Andrew's mother (who was Katie's high-school art teacher) introduced us; we quickly became best friends.

We both worked at the same local restaurant in high school and then attended the same undergraduate college. In 2013, we tied the knot in the Rocky Mountains of Montana. We have not been able to conceive and choosing adoption seemed perfect for us. We are incredibly excited to be parents and have so much love to give.

*how we met*

# How we were raised

We were both raised in a small town in Ohio (we go back often to visit family!) where we learned the values of working hard for the things that you want and always striving to do your best work.

These values, instilled in us as teenagers, has allowed us to have some amazing experiences as adults, such as going to college, achieving degrees, traveling, living all over the United States, and now starting a family!



## 5 things we love to do together

- Laugh, laugh, and laugh! We love watching a good comedy movie!
- Volunteering our time to our local community by helping out at events!
- Grilling out at Summer BBQs with friends and family!
- Taking the dogs to the dog park so they can meet other furry friends!
- Traveling to different states and exploring!



# meet katie

**Occupation:** Teen Mentoring Program Coordinator

**Degrees:** Bachelor's and Master's in Fine Arts

**Siblings:** 3 Sisters and 1 Brother

**Fun Fact:** I am an identical twin!

Hello! I'm Katie and I grew up in a family of 7 on a vegetable farm. I grew up being outside a lot and did everything from making mud castles in my toddler years to playing softball in middle and high school. I went to college for art and was a college art instructor for a few years until settling in my current job running a teen art studio at an art museum. I truly love my job!



In my art studio in front of one of my paintings



Hiking in Sedona, Arizona

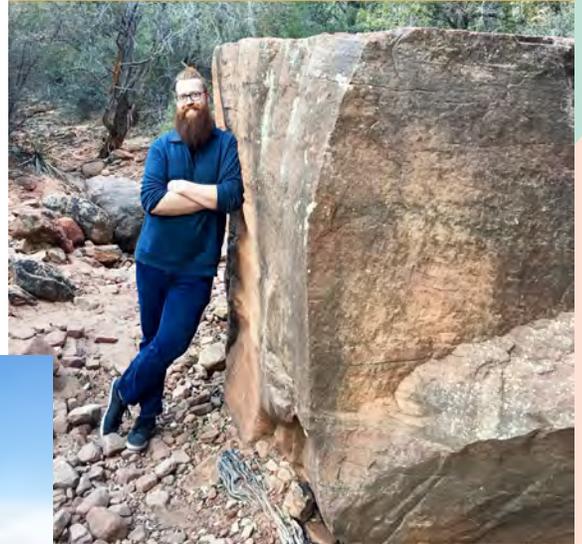
## katie loves

- Drawing and painting in her art studio
- Teaching others how to be creative and artistic
- Going to the local farmer's markets
- Chocolate Malt Shakes
- The movie *Forrest Gump*

# andrew loves

- Reading lengthy novels
- Being goofy and silly
- Watching comedy movies
- Cooke Dough Ice Cream
- Playing Mario Kart with Katie

Hiking in Sedona, Arizona



Viewing the Grand Canyon

Hi! I'm Andrew and, opposite to Katie, I grew up in the city of our hometown. My parents were educators, so my childhood days are full of fun memories traveling to different cities and states. I went to college for business and studied abroad in Austria where I learned how to speak German. Currently, I work at a financial business where I crunch numbers and stare at spread sheets!

**Occupation:** Lead Billing Specialist

**Degree:** Bachelor's in Business

**Siblings:** 1 Sister

**Fun Fact:** In 4th grade I was the shortest boy in my class but in the 12th grade I was the 3rd tallest!

# meet andrew



## *what andrew loves about katie...*

Katie is a go-getter and plans about the future in detail which prepares us for anything that comes our way. She is so giving and warm-hearted and always thinks about others before herself. I love how understanding and strong she is.



## *what katie loves about andrew...*

I met Andrew when I was 16 years old and he has been 100% committed since day one. He is always trying to get me to laugh and to enjoy life. Andrew is very relaxed and has a strong balance of appreciating the present and living each moment. He is also a fabulous cook!

# meet our pups + kitty

We share our home with two Pomeranian pups, Titus and Nero, and a Tabby cat named Odin!

We adopted our dogs as puppies and trained them to sit, stay, and 'paw pump.' Titus loves to play fetch and Nero likes to sit and watch. Our cat acts like a dog and will often play with our dogs by chasing them around the house and playing with their toys. They have sweet, playful personalities. We have such a fun time having these pups in our home; we can't wait for our children to grow up loving them, too!

odin



nero



titus





We live in a fabulous Midwestern city that we absolutely love!

Our city is home to a zoo, train museum, children's museum, art museum, and an aerospace museum!



Just down the road from our house, is the city's largest park which has a water park, playground, and lake. The best part is that it has a playground just for dogs so we go there often.

*our neighborhood*

# our friends + family

katie with her sisters



andrew's parents



katie with our niece



katie with one of our amazing friends



katie and andrew with friends and family



andrew with our niece



katie's parents



katie's sister and mother



# our philosophy on parenting

## *we believe in...*

- Being kind and helping others
- Not judging others
- Understanding others in their perspectives
- Living life in the pursuit of happiness

We want to raise your child in an open, honest, nurturing, and loving environment. We will teach him or her to be kind, helpful, respectful, and to be a role-model to others. Education is also very important to both of us. We will encourage and support your child through the highest level of education that he or she would like to pursue.



# Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

Although parenthood can be unpredictable, there are a few promises that we can confidently make:

- Your child will know that he or she is loved by you, know who you are, and know about your selfless and courage.
- Your child will be raised to love themselves in who he or she is and to love others unconditionally.
- Your child will grow in a positive home environment filled with love and laughter.
- Your child will receive the best education possible.

Our hearts are with you as you figure out choose the best option for you and your precious baby. And, if you choose, we would be honored to be part of this journey with you.

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