

ANDREW

AND

Brooke



OUR STORY IS

Dedicated to you

Your bravery and selflessness does not go unnoticed. We admire your strength and unwavering love for your child. We are honored to have the opportunity to present ourselves to you in this trying journey and wish to do all we can to be alongside you throughout this process in any way you may need.

A decorative background of stylized, light yellow leaves and branches. The word 'Hello' is written in a dark teal, cursive font, partially overlapping a yellow horizontal bar.

Hello

WE ARE ANDREW AND BROOKE

We met in the beginning of 2021. It was evident that ***we simply just clicked and fit so perfectly in each other's lives.*** Our relationship grew quickly and with the support of our friends and families, we were married in January of 2024. ***Our biggest aspiration in life is to grow a family and are called to the journey of adoption to fulfill our dreams.***



Brooke

A B O U T M E



I currently work as a graphic designer for a small local company. I love the connections I make professionally within our community. ***I also own a cottage bakery*** (baking out of my home kitchen) specializing in sourdough bread. My focus is to be able to provide clean ingredient baked goods to my local community.

I grew up baking with my mom and it is one of my fondest childhood memories. I am grateful to have been able to turn it into a business adventure and look forward to creating similar baking memories with children of my own. I am also very crafty which lead me to my degree and official career in graphic design. I enjoy the creative outlet it gives me in a career setting and love my capability to create things for friends and family. ***I am the crafty go-to, my nieces love to call me when they have a school project or decoration ideas for a themed birthday party.*** All of which I can't wait to carry into my own family as well.

fun facts

- Favorite food: pasta
- Favorite Disney movie: Inside Out
- Favorite sport to watch: baseball
- First job: gymnastics instructor for the YMCA
- Favorite holiday tradition: decorating for Christmas on November 1st
- Dream family vacation: Disney cruise with the extended family

"WHERE DO I BEGIN?"

She is truly my best friend.

Brooke is everything that I am not, and everything that I need. She helps me slow down and stay in the moment. She is persistent, loving, and gentle. What I admire most about Brooke is her resilience. ***I know that no matter what happens in our lives, we will be okay because she will be there at the center of it all.***

I am excited to see her become a mom because ***she cares with her whole heart and nothing less.*** She enjoys doing all sorts of activities with the kids around us, and I can't wait for her to be able to do those things with our child(ren).







Andrew

A B O U T M E

I have a degree in Utilities and have proudly worked for the same company in my field of study for 10 years. ***I started out in engineering*** where I designed and constructed electrical systems. ***Through the years I have been working my way into more management type roles*** and currently manage substation maintenance work. ***My company allows the flexibility to work from home and truly cares about employee work-life balance which Brooke and I both value.***

I grew up with my parents and 2 older brothers and enjoyed doing all things sports. Growing up we regularly attended Wisconsin Badger football games and Sundays were always Packer Sundays in our house. ***I come from a generational line of coaches and sports officials and I like to stay active in the sports community.*** I coached high school basketball for 7 years and currently remain active in the community by refereeing. In the fall I referee high school varsity football with my dad and brother and transition to basketball in the winter. I truly enjoy the connections made over the years and the continued family focus. ***I look forward to growing those connections and life lessons with children of my own.***

fun facts

- **Favorite food:** steak
- **Favorite Disney movie:** The Lion King
- **Dream family vacation:** Hawaiian and Alaskan cruise
- **Favorite sport to watch:** all of them! All ages included. Little league to the pros
- **First job:** Sport Facility Management at the local rec department
- **Favorite holiday tradition:** November 1st Christmas Decorating Day

“I'M HIS ABSOLUTE
biggest fan!”

As cliché as it sounds, one day I got a message from a stranger on a dating app that changed my life for the better.

Andrew quickly became my rock and is a constant firm foundation for the life we have built together. **Andrew is strong and courageous; he is also kind, gentle and faithful.**

I cannot wait to see him fulfill the role of a father, as it truly is who he is meant to be.



ANDREW
IN BROOKE'S WORDS



home

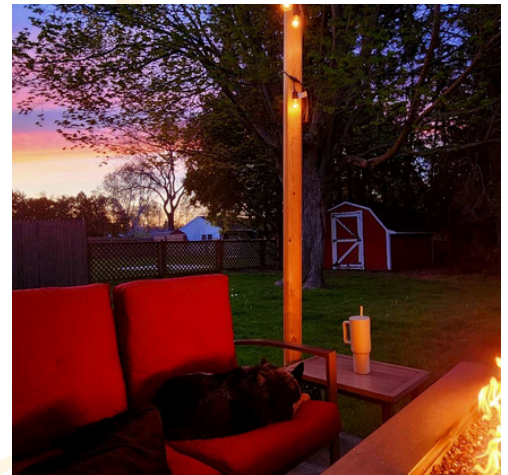
I S W H E R E T H E H E A R T I S



We live in a 3 bedroom home...

We live in a ranch 3-bedroom home with a beautiful backyard in the Midwest. Our home is centrally located, within **walking distance to schools and parks and a quick 5-minute drive to stunning beaches** along the Great Lakes. We also live within minutes of many friends and family.

Brooke enjoys decorating the house with each season and Andrew excitedly waits year round to put up Christmas decorations. We both look forward to including our future children in the decorating and all the fun outdoor toys to be enjoyed in the cozy backyard. **We truly dream of the day our house has the clutter of toys and endless school crafts that will overcome the décor.**



Our Fur Babies



MOLLIE & LILLY

Mollie is our 7-year-old blue heeler that Brooke has had since Mollie was 5 weeks old. Her favorite pass time is playing fetch, or really anything outdoors. ***She is going to make the best big sister and can't wait for a playmate.***

Lilly is our 16-year-old cat that Brooke has had since Lilly was 6 months old. Lilly was a humane society rescue, but if you ask Brooke, Lilly is the one who rescued her. ***She is such a cuddler in her golden years and already has her favorite spot picked out in the nursery for afternoon naps in the sun.***

ANDREW'S FAMILY



Andrew comes from a family of 3 boys and a truly loving mom and dad who are all beyond excited to welcome a child. Andrew's parents along with his two brothers and their families **all live nearby** and we truly love the closeness of family and community. In addition to a close knit traditional immediate family, **Andrew has a large family** of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins that all live nearby and can't wait to add more little ones to the family gatherings. When we announced our plan to adopt, everyone expressed the same excitement noting how perfect we would be for this journey. Andrew is fortunate as one of the youngest in both sides of his family to have had all 4 grandparents around for as long as he did, **all of which have truly modeled what it means to put your family first.**

BROOKE'S FAMILY

Brooke's family consists of her parents and younger brother. Being from Japanese heritage, her grandparents also lived with them for periods of time growing up, which **created a strong family value** for Brooke. She credits her values to her parents and grandparents who paved a path of success in their careers while putting family life first. Brooke's parents and grandparents live within a few hours of us and **we make trips to see them regularly.**

Brooke keeps a close bond and relationship with her brother despite him living in another state and working as a flight attendant constantly traveling. Everyone is excited to see the family expand and look forward to the addition of littles to our family gatherings.



This is us

AND THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES



Andrew's immediate family



Brooke and her brother



Brooke's group of friends



Andrew's group of friends



Our nieces



Andrew with his dad & brothers



Brooke's immediate family

Making Memories

OUR TRADITIONS, MEMORIES AND FAMILY GOALS

We enjoy all things Christmas and **enjoy having family gatherings to surround birthdays, holidays and special life events.** Brooke comes from a Japanese heritage and we like to follow the traditions her grandpa passed down such as sushi at Christmas and rice being a staple dish for our Thanksgiving feast. We look forward to creating our own family traditions and memories to come.

As a couple, we enjoy and value many things in life. **In our free time we enjoy weekends up north, time at the beach along the Great Lakes, game nights, golfing, camping and spending time with friends and family.** Along with that, we both have **strong values in our family, faith and commitment to one another.** We attend a local Christian church regularly and seek out worship in our day to day lives. We are strong in our faith and plan to share our thanks to God with our future children while allowing space and respect as they grow and shape in their own beliefs.



Christmas Sushi Tradition

Brooke mastering her grandpa's hand rolling technique

Last Christmas Present Tradition

Our niece, Andrew's God daughter gets to open the last present each Christmas, wrapped with all the leftover scraps of paper

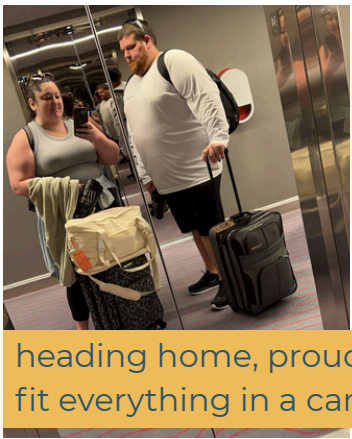


touring a winery



cuddles by the fire up north

Brooke's first college football game



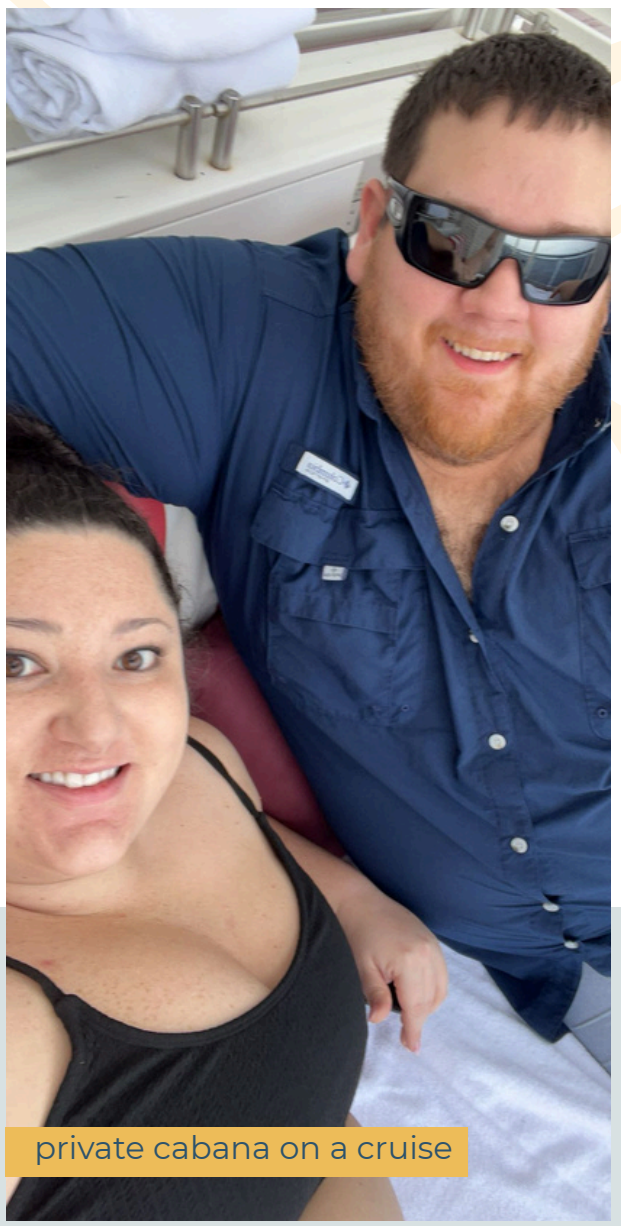
heading home, proud Brooke fit everything in a carry on!

a local nature attraction



hiking up north

Christian concert in Milwaukee, WI



private cabana on a cruise

Our Adventures



WE LOVE OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

We believe that you can make an adventure out of anything. While we always enjoy a large scale and planned out vacation, we like to also take advantage of living in the present moment. We have an extensive list of dream vacations we plan to complete as our family grows but we also enjoy small day trips or last-minute ice cream trips to take to the local beach. ***Some of our destination family vacation list includes Disney, Alaska, Hawaii and Europe.***

Our favorite place to adventure is a family cabin in the north woods. It truly is our home away from home. This little 3 bedroom cabin is full of life and adventure and only gets better. Our family is in the process of expanding our little oasis to allow our growing family to enjoy all that has been built for years to come. We look forward to starting a new tradition this year of a Christmas weekend at the cabin with sledding, baking cookies, games, movies and hot cocoa complete with matching pajamas. ***We are looking forward to the memories our children will make with their cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.***





Why Adoption

ADOPTION WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE IN OUR STORY

We feel our journey to adoption is truly a calling. We both have had lifelong dreams of having a family and it was evident that we wanted to start a family soon after our wedding. We like to joke that we thrive in chaos so it was no surprise that within a month of marriage, we would move to our first home closer to Andrew's family and begin the conversation around starting our family. Brooke has overcome some health conditions and maintains a normal life with medications, a lot of which would cause harm to mom and baby during the pregnancy process. ***Due to the high risk, we began serious conversations around adoption from early on.***

We knew adoption would be apart of our family at one point or another and as we began exploring all our options, we felt adoption to be our first choice in possibilities to grow our family. We spent months researching and discussing to be sure we are firm in this decision and ***we are excited to be taking this leap of faith.***

Our Promise

We feel the words “thank you” will never be able to show our gratitude to you and this incredibly difficult decision you are considering for your child. As adoptive parents, **we promise to make sure your child knows the undoubted strength and courage you have** shown them in considering this plan for them. We hope that whomever you choose to be the parents for your baby, seeing your baby happy and healthy confirms your choice and makes you feel at peace knowing they are being loved and cared for.

We sincerely appreciate your time in getting to know us and our story, and for making this undoubtedly difficult yet extraordinary consideration for your child. **We hope to be able to get to know you further and grow an incredible relationship built on love and support.**

all the best,

Brooke and Andrew