

ANDREW & KYLE





Hi

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

We understand that this is a very difficult decision, and we want you to know that we have deep respect for everything you're going through. We can't imagine how hard it must be to choose a family for your child, but we hope that by getting to know us, you'll feel confident that our loving, goofy home can provide a place filled with fun, adventure, and endless care. We can't wait to shower your child with all the love in the world and would be honored to build a beautiful family together. Thank you so much for choosing to read about us. We would love to get to know you more!

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OUR STORY

Our story began in December 2020 at the scenic Mt. Bonnell in Austin. With masks and a bottle of wine, we embarked on our first date, sharing our dreams and aspirations under the Texas sky. From that moment, we knew there was something special.

Family, traveling, and building a fulfilling life together are deeply important to both of us. Kyle brings a sense of stability and groundedness, while Andrew injects a touch of adventure and excitement. During the week, we enjoy cozy nights in, preparing delicious HelloFresh meals, catching up on our favorite shows (RuPaul's holds a special place in our hearts!), or exploring new restaurants.

The year 2022 brought a whirlwind of joy. We became engaged and then purchased a beautiful home, creating a space filled with love and anticipation. In March 2023, surrounded by our closest family and friends, we celebrated our wedding in our backyard. It was a day filled with laughter, love, and the promise of a wonderful future together.

Six months later, we embarked on a bucket list journey, trekking the Inca Trail and exploring the breathtaking landscapes of Patagonia. It was an experience that strengthened our bond and fueled our adventurous spirit.

We're now ready to embark on the most extraordinary adventure of all - parenthood. We are a loving, supportive, and balanced couple eager to share our lives and our hearts with a child. We envision a home filled with laughter, exploration, and unwavering love.



Meet Andrew

by Kyle

CAREER

Software Engineering Manager
focusing on safety and security

FAVORITES

Trying new food (esp. Asian)
Sci-fi (books, tv, all of it)
Perfecting his crafts

HOBBIES

Climbing
Gaming
Baking



Andrew is truly my perfect match! He brings some necessary spontaneity and goofiness to my life. He's genuine, open-minded, patient, and incredibly smart. I respect him more and more each day and appreciate how our personalities are different but still so complimentary.

Andrew is a big kid at heart. He has a strong sense of wonder and amazement for things I might otherwise overlook. He brings that joy out in me and I am a better person for it. This is especially noticeable when we're around our friends' and families' kids. In fact, the first time I brought Andrew to meet my friends, their kids gravitated towards Andrew and he ended up playing with them for hours! It was incredibly endearing, and at that moment I knew Andrew was "the one" for me.

One of my favorite traditions is one Andrew started. We express thanks and appreciation for each other and our life each night before dinner. This epitomizes the type of partner Andrew is... The kind who frequently and intentionally goes out of his way to show his love. I'm so excited to see Andrew share these qualities and traits with our future family.

Meet Kyle

by Andrew



CAREER

Professional Services Director
at a software company

FAVORITES

Food
Beer & Wine
Reality TV

HOBBIES

Coding
Cooking
Travel and Hiking

Kyle is the most amazing man I've ever met! He's both very grounded and very passionate at the same time. Kyle makes sure the house is a cozy, safe place for all of us to relax. Whether it's cooking, decorating, or tidying up, Kyle constantly shows his love for building a fantastic home. He always knows how to make an event extra special with little details or wild ideas. His encouragement and support have transformed my life, especially when I'm feeling anxious or down.

Kyle has a goofy side as well, though he doesn't like to admit it. Whenever he's around his closest friends, it comes out and brings out the fun in everybody around him. The first New Years we spent together, he randomly busted out a 4 minute rap solo with dance moves and everything.

One of the most inspiring qualities of Kyle is his ability to learn and adapt to feedback. Every time we've had a conflict or disagreement, Kyle always internalizes what to do better next time and applies it. With this, Kyle is always growing as a strong partner and the best co-parent I could ask for.



MEET OUR PUPS

We have two dogs that can't wait to have a new family member to snuggle with!

Red (top picture) is a snuggle-obsessed dog that never met a ball or bone he didn't like. When he's not playing, he's almost certainly sleeping (usually under the covers!) or looking for pets (he'll happily provide gentle licks in return).

Rosco (bottom picture) is a play-obsessed dog who loves to perform tricks. He's a bit shy at first, but once he warms up to you he won't leave your side. He's great with kids and loves playing fetch with our nephew, Theo.



I thought I was the angel...



PLAY TIME

Walks and fetch are a big part of our daily routine. It keeps us all active and healthy, and gives us an opportunity to enjoy the fresh air.

Here's a picture of Red mid jump chasing after a ball!





OUR HOME

Our home is in South Austin, enveloped in big oak trees and tall bamboo forests that surround us in nature 24/7. Built in 1932, it has tons of charm, personality, and lots of original features. We're not sure who enjoys the space more - us or our dogs! We often play fetch with them in the backyard or take long walks exploring the neighborhood, including the schools, parks, and pools all within walking distance. We're also lucky to have friendly, fun neighbors on our street with lots of young kids to play with. It's easy to lose track of time just appreciating our space and community.

Our home looks and feels best when it's filled with friends and family, so see more pics with us inside on the [Our Traditions](#) page!



OUR FAMILIES

Even though we live in different parts of the country, our families share a love for exploring new things, spending quality time together, and enjoying lots of food! Everyone is so excited to welcome a new baby to the family and are very supportive of us adopting.

We're lucky to live very close to Andrew's sister's family. Babysitting our nephew Theo is always a blast, like going to mini-golf or the Thinkery children's museum. Andrew's Mom and brother live in Houston, where Andrew grew up. Being half Japanese, Andrew and his siblings bond over dipping their toes in Japanese culture (anime, food, decorations). Andrew's dad, step-mom, and half-siblings live in Boston and New York.

Kyle's family lives in Florida, which we try to spend about 4 weeks a year visiting. Each time we pack up the dogs and drive to Florida, living the beach lifestyle for a few weeks and spending quality time with his parents, sister, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Andrew's family and "Abuela"



Kyle's family



OUR FRIENDS

We have a strong and close knit friend group. You'll often find us catching up at a brewery, winery, or a new Austin restaurant, having a picnic at a local park, or going for a hike. We almost always have some kind of friend gathering for New Years, typically at each others' houses. Of course, some sort of food making is involved (recent hits include pani puri, biryani, and Oreo cheesecake).

Much of our time with friends is also spent with their families. To our friends' kids, we're "Uncle Kyle" and "Uncle Andrew." We rarely show up empty handed given Uncle Kyle's famous cookies are always in high demand. Our visits are always a nice balance of kid and adult time.

Andrew rock climbs in the mornings with friends a few times a week. They're all busy fathers so we've perfected squeezing in some time after daycare drop off and before work.



Playing with toy cars from the dining room to the living room

OUR TRADITIONS

Maintaining traditions is very important to us and our friends and families. We make sure to celebrate every birthday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas together! We create and strengthen bonds over cooking and sharing meals together. Whether we're hosting one friend or a houseful of family, the dining room is where we frequently catch up on each other's lives and take a moment to appreciate what we have.

For Andrew, growing up in a mixed race family (half white, half Japanese) in Houston fostered a love for exploring different cultures. Whether it's enjoying Ethiopian injera, making dumplings from scratch, celebrating at the Houston Japan Festival, or making tamales for Christmas, we believe that bringing other cultures' influence in every celebration makes them more fun!



These kolaches are hard to shape!



Thanksgiving at our house

INTERESTS, HOBBIES, AND ADVENTURES



CLIMBING

Andrew climbs all the time!

Mostly rock climbing, but sometimes the same skills come in handy when hanging up Christmas lights in the backyard trees.

TRAVEL & EXPLORATION

We both love to go on adventures!

We enjoy traveling the world mostly through hiking, exploring a city, and trying new foods. We like to leave the beaten path in favor of unique experiences.

Occasionally, Andrew can convince Kyle to do something more wild... like paragliding. Supervised by professionals of course.



COOKING & GRILLING

Kyle loves to cook and grill!

Trying out new recipes or making up his own, his creations are always a hit. He's currently mastering the smoker so he can be the king of backyard barbecues.

Our Promises

These are the things we commit to your child.

We understand the incredible strength it takes to choose adoption, and we want to express our deepest gratitude for considering us. We promise to cherish your child, providing a warm and stable home filled with love and opportunities. We'll nurture their curiosity, encouraging them to explore their heritage and background. We'll celebrate their individuality, fostering their unique talents and interests. Education will be a priority, opening doors to adventure, creativity, and wonder. Through laughter and overcoming challenges, we'll teach them strong values: honesty, generosity, kindness, resiliency, self-respect, and the courage to chase their dreams. We know they carry a piece of you, and we'll honor that story while creating a future filled with love and endless possibilities.

These are the things we commit to our family.

From cozy family gatherings to exciting adventures in the great outdoors, we pledge to create lasting memories and moments of pure happiness. We'll explore activities like the Thinkery children's museum, mini golf, and visiting parks and local swimming holes. Your child will be side by side with us as chef and baker as we host friends and family or just typical weeknight family dinner together. We'd be honored to make them the center of our lives and our supportive community, filled with love, forever cherished and celebrated.

These are the things we commit to you.

We will share your child's birth story with them because we understand the importance of understanding identity and heritage. We want them to know who they come from. We want you to be as much a part of this child's life as you'd like to be. We're open and happy to share as many pictures and stories as you like and hope for shared meetings and experiences. Above all, we will love your child with everything we have and to make them our top priority, from birth until forever.

with love,

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