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ABOUT MY FAMILY

"THREE THINGS LAST FOREVER. FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE. - PSALMS13:13"

We are Andrew and Megan of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Megan was born and raised here in Bartlesville, OK but Andrew is originally from Missouri. We have 3 dogs and 3 cats who are spoiled and loved. Andrew is an IT Architect and Megan is a First Grade Teacher. We have a beautiful 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom home located Bartlesville surrounded by friends and families with many ages of kids. We live in a beautiful community full of amazing schools, lots of activities, gorgeous parks, good health care, and great roots to plant in the area.

ANDREW



Andrew was born in Missouri and spent most of his childhood growing up in a small town in Missouri. During his childhood, his parents moved to Arkansas for a short time before they divorced. After this occurred, Andrew lived in Missouri with his mother and frequently visited his father and stepmother. This has given him the ability to see both small town life and big city life. After high school, he went to college and earned a

bachelor's degree in computer information systems. He has a big heart that is apparent in the way he has helped his parents. For when his mother, who at the time was a school librarian, did not have her contract renewed, he moved her to where he lived and helped her get back on her feet. The same with his father and stepmother when his stepmother was diagnosed with brain cancer and his father was diagnosed with dementia. He took time every weekend to travel where they lived and take care of anything they needed until they passed. Since then, he has been helping his remaining family where he can. He is always willing to help friends and family, where he can. He also volunteers at his wife's school to help with their technology and fieldtrips. He enjoys working with his hands and is often handling home repairs or building something. He also enjoys reading, traveling, and antique tractor shows.

MEGAN



Megan was born and raised in Bartlesville, OK by her mother and father. She has a younger brother who is a living and working resident of Sand Springs, OK with his fiancée and son. Megan graduated HS in Bartlesville and then went to SWOSU where she earned her degree in Music Education. After graduating she returned to Bartlesville and started working for a local Credit Union full time. Five years later, she decided to pursue her degree in Business with a Certification in Financial Planning through the University of Phoenix. During that time, she took a job at a private Christian school as a first-grade teacher and has just finished up her 3rd year of teaching first grade. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, spending time with her family, sports, traveling, and crafting.

WHAT ADOPTION MEANS TO US

Adoption is important to us in many ways, mainly because Megan's dad and his sister (Megan's aunt) were adopted as young children in the 1960s. Their adoptive parents (Megan's late grandparents) could not have kids due to a severe weather event that had injured her. She was an amazing woman who she learned a lot from before her passing, she had such a sweet and gentle nature which you could see in her kids and grandkids. Before Andrew and Megan married, they discussed their plans, and it included adopting before knowing if they could or could not have kids. The love for children and making sure there was a child or children out there that they could give a positive upbringing and a stable home with love. Before starting this process, they tried to have children naturally and through a fertility program but were unsuccessful. They did not want to try IVF because they knew there were children in this country that needed a loving home and adoption meant more to them then trying all the medical ways possible. After seeking advice and answers to questions about adoption in all its forms, they started seeking out for a child who needs a loving home, family, and community. We have also been blessed to be really involved with a school district who has a lot of adoption stories and families in our school who give out so much time and love for those families.

PARENTING AND CARE

Andrew and Megan both believe that children should be loved unconditionally. However, that does not mean without structure and discipline. We were both raised to respect our elders, be respectful of others, and to not be selfish. We hope to instill those same values on children. We strive to offer the best we can no matter if we are babysitting for family and friends, or if it ends up being one, we can call our own. We are very fortunate to be a financially stable and successful young couple, we have the means to school a child through college or whatever pathway they choose. We will be able to provide all their needs for them to have a successful and happy life.

HOW WE MET

Andrew and Megan met in January of 2013 at the local movie theater in town through a mutual friend who Megan worked with at the local Credit Union. They began talking through social media where they ended up going on a date after a mutual interest in books. They began dating casually until Valentine's Day where they became official. For two years of dating, they went through a lot together taking care of family and later moving in together. In March of 2015 Andrew proposed to Megan outside in the courtyard under the lights in Utica Square. After a year of being engaged they were married in March of 2016 by Megan's high school youth pastor and Andrew's fellow coworker at the OKWU chapel in town where they celebrated with their families and friends. Shortly after they were wed, they went to the Bahamas and celebrated their honeymoon. In the almost 5 years of marriage, they have traveled to Vegas, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Grenada to vacation, visit family, go to celebrations, and site see. They bought their first home together shortly after they were married knowing they wanted to build their family and open their home to children.

TO THE BIRTH PARENTS

Dear Birth Parent(s)

We understand this is a hard decision and we would like to do whatever we can to reassure you that if you select us. We will treat your child with all the love available in our hearts, do our best to protect them, teach them the best we can, and encourage them to be everything they can be. We will be open with them as they grow older about their history and will honor whatever wishes you have around their knowledge of you when or if they ask. We sincerely will be the best parents we can be and ensure your child is raised in a happy home. We would be happy to keep you updated periodically on the growth and milestones of this child. We are excited to hear from you and are open to any questions you are wanting to know about our lives.

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June 17, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Chris and I are writing this letter to express our unequivocal support of Andrew and Megan as prospective adoptive parents. Andrew and Chris have worked together for the last seven years. I had the pleasure of meeting them about five years ago when Chris and I started dating. We became fast friends and have subsequently spent a great deal of time together socially.

I have witnessed first-hand the loving attention they have shown many of their friends and families' children, including my own child. Chris and I went through years of infertility and when we became pregnant with our child, we had a really rough pregnancy. Andrew and Megan were so supportive with thoughts, prayers, texts, calls, and food drop offs. When Chloe was born and got home from the NICU, Andrew and Megan were able to finally meet her. We would trust them whole-heartedly with our miracle baby any day. Megan also has an opportunity to bless so many kids through her teaching. She loves on all of them like they were her own as well.

Andrew and Megan are amazing and selfless people. They are the first to extend a helping hand, offer words of joy and comfort, and call on a friend in need. They have an amazing and supportive extended family, and many friends who are supporting them on this journey to adopt.

Andrew and Megan have created a loving marriage and secure home for a potential child. Andrew and Megan treat each other with respect and are amazing individuals who have created an even more amazing partnership in life. It would be my upmost desire for them to be able to expand and grow their family through adoption. They are the most deserving people. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris, Katie, and Chloe

June 18, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I have known Andrew and Megan for almost 10 years. They are two of the most loving, caring, and giving people I know. During this time, I have seen that their capacity love is beyond measure and truly amazing. Their relationship is one that anyone should aspire to have.

Best regards,

Kevin

