



Andrew

Heather

Job Description:

Aerospace Engineer for NASA

Full-Time Wife & Mommy!

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering & a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems

3 Years of College

Favorites:

Family Activity
Summer BBQ

Family Activity
Biking to the Lake

Hobby
Reading & Running

Hobby
Scrapbooking & Cooking

Sport to Watch
College Football

Sport to Watch
Baseball

Food
BBQ Ribs

Food
Italian or Mexican

T.V. Show
The Office

T.V. Show
Survivor

Children:

Matthew (3)

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We know this is a very difficult time for you, with all of the decisions you are about to make. We pray God's perfect and constant peace would be yours as you choose a family for your little one. Adopting our son Matthew in 2006 has blessed our lives beyond measure! We are humbled and excited to be considered once again as potential parents in this wonderful world of adoption.

How We Met and Got Married

We met in college at Michigan Technological University. Heather's dad was Andrew's ROTC professor and introduced us! We became fast friends and we were engaged the next year. We married in college, and Andrew was commissioned as an Officer in The United States Air Force after graduation. We have now been married 12 years! We loved life in the military. Andrew enjoyed working in the field of Space and Missiles at Cape Canaveral, FL. We really missed our family though, and decided to separate from the military so we could move closer to our loved ones. He now works full time for NASA here in Ohio and we are just a short drive from our family in Michigan!

How Adoption Has Affected Our Lives

It's been **AMAZING!** We were blessed with the placement of our son Matthew in October of 2006. He is a charmer for sure! He is always in a good mood and his laughter is contagious. He is all boy with his love for cars and tractors and climbing everything in sight! We thank God daily for bringing him into our lives and allowing us to be his parents.

We met our son's birth mother when she was 7 months pregnant and fell in love with her instantly. We raced the 3 hours it took to get to the hospital and made it in time for his birth. Although Matthew's birth mother initially wanted a closed adoption, her feelings slowly changed, and we are so thankful to have developed a friendship with their family. We hope to meet and talk with you before the birth and also send you pictures and letters throughout your child's life.

Our House and Neighborhood



We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house on a quiet, tree lined street. We have a finished basement with a playroom where we shoot hoops and snuggle up for movie time. We have a fenced in backyard where you'll find us grilling out burgers and chatting with our neighbors. We plant tomatoes, a variety of peppers and have a great little strawberry patch. Our home is cozy, warm, decorated with antiques and our kitchen is perfect for entertaining our friends and family.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Matthew at the Cleveland Zoo

Our city and neighborhood have so much to offer. We live in a safe, residential community on the shores of Lake Erie. Our town is quaint and has parades and festivals during the year, and puts on a fantastic 4th of July fireworks show! We have paved wooded paths right by our house that lead to 2 fun parks. We are walking distance from the library, swimming pool, nature center and the lake. In just 25 minutes we can be downtown cheering on the Cleveland Indians, or at one of our favorite places to go on Saturdays~The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo! We feel truly blessed to be surrounded by friendly neighbors, beautiful scenery, and fun filled recreational opportunities.

Our Extended Families

Heather: My parents were high school sweethearts and have been happily married for 35 years. My dad recently retired from the Air Force and they built their home on 40 acres of land in Michigan. I am very close with my parents and younger brother, Jeremiah. My extended family all live in the same town and they gather once a week at my parents house for dinner and games. We are a big, loud, happy family. We love to cook, watch movies, watch and play sports, spend time outdoors, and they all go to the same church where my uncle is the Pastor. My favorite part of visiting is rocking with everyone on the wrap around porch, telling stories, watching the deer, as the sun sets. Matthew adores his "Grammy and Papa" and they think he hung the moon! My parents are amazing grandparents and we visit often.

Andrew: I grew up in a loving home and my parents will celebrate 36 years of marriage soon. My father is retired from General Motors and my mother works as the church secretary. I have 2 wonderful younger sisters. My parents live in a neat, remodeled 100 year old farm house out in the country. My aunts, uncles and cousins all live in the same area and we get together often for family barbecues and bonfires. The whole family gathers every Christmas Eve for my Grandma's famous meatballs and to exchange gifts. Our families have been so supportive of adoption, and are truly excited for us as we begin this process again to add another precious child to our family.



Christmas Day at Heather's Parents' House



Spending Time with Our Niece and Nephew at Andrew's Parents' House

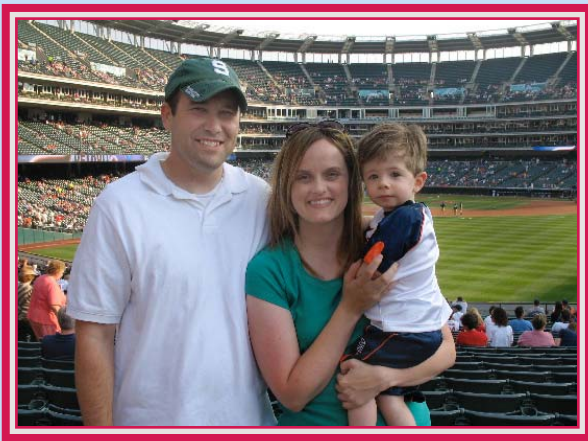
Qualities We Love, Admire and Respect in Each Other



All Aboard! The Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad

Andrew about Heather: Heather is my adorable, beautiful wife whom I love with all my heart. She is fun loving, laughs easily, and sometime is just plain silly. She's smart and organized and comes from a long line of creative cooks. Her dream was never to be a corporate career woman, but instead to be a wife and mommy. She shines as a mother! She fills her days with taking our son to the library for story time, going to the zoo, planetarium and other fun adventures. Matthew is her life and he adores her completely. I'm so blessed to have a wife that creates a peaceful, positive, fun environment in our home.

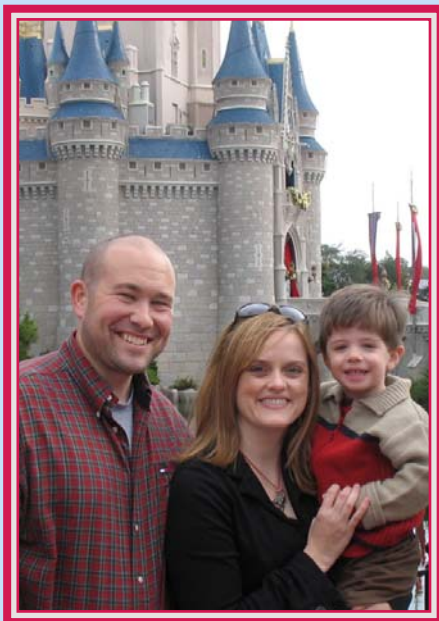
Heather about Andrew: Andrew always shows unconditional love and commitment to our marriage. He is a great listener, very laid back; he has a great sense of humor and is a born leader. He is extremely intelligent and accomplished yet the most humble and considerate person I know. Most of all I love the kind of father he is to our son. I get such a thrill out of Matthew's eyes lighting up when Andrew pulls into the driveway after work. He says, "Daddy!!!" and runs and throws his arms around him and then kisses his face! That melts my heart everyday. I love to see Matthew laughing with delight as they play together with cars and balls, build airplanes out of Legos, or just romping around on the floor chasing each other! I am truly blessed with a husband who loves us and shows it in the way he lives out his life.



Having Fun Watching Baseball
Go Indians!



Matthew Playing in the Backyard
with Our Fun Dog Remy



Vacation to DisneyWorld

Andrew & Heather



Marriage Retreat



River Boat Lunch Cruise



Heather's Lesson Horse "Dallas"

Dear Birthparent(s),

We can only imagine the overwhelming task you are facing right now of choosing the couple to love and raise your child. This part is really bittersweet because of the excitement we feel, but also knowing the pain you must be going through. We know this child is special to you and you are doing your best. We are in awe of your complete selflessness and your courage. We will always hold you in the highest regard. We hope this profile has given you an idea of who we are, and how we would provide a loving home for your child.

Here are five things you'll want to know about Andrew and Heather...

Our Faith is important to us.

We are both Christians and we share common values and beliefs. Our faith in God is a significant part of our lives. Our heart's desire is to live a life pleasing to the Lord. We faithfully attend a Non-denominational Church that is filled with genuine, kind people and LOTS of children! Andrew attends the Men's Bible Study. Heather teaches the toddler class, and cooks meals for new mothers at our church. Every night before bed, Andrew has a sweet time set aside with Matthew to read to him from the Children's Bible. It fills us with joy to see his excitement each night to hear a new story. We plan on sending our children to an excellent private Christian School where they can excel academically and also learn the importance of personal values.

We are committed to each other.

Our marriage has grown stronger and more loving over the years and we are best friends. We have fun "date" nights and attend our church's annual marriage seminar/retreat. We continue to work to keep our marriage a priority. We also do simple things like have a family dinner at the table every night together. It's so sweet to see our little boy fold his hands to say grace and then to say amen really loud! After dinner, we go for a walk or bike ride to the park if the weather is nice or we stay inside and play games. Right now our favorite games are Candy Land and Hungry Hippos.

Heather will be a stay at home mom.

We both were raised in families where our mothers stayed home, and we have fond memories of those times. Heather has the privilege to be a 24 hour mommy! She spends her days at kindermusik, the splash pad in town, at home reading books, and making animals out of Play-doh. We waited so long for a family and we don't want to miss a single moment of their little lives! This is a blessing that we are thankful for.

Matthew will shine in his role as "big brother".

Matthew is very social and loves other children. He makes friends everywhere we go because he is so happy and friendly. He easily joins in playing with other children at our neighborhood park. He is gentle and caring, always wanting to hug and kiss little babies. He takes his monkey and his Elmo to his bed each night snuggling with them real close. He will be the best big brother ever!

We are so very thankful for adoption.

We struggled for years with infertility so desperately wanting to start our family. Adoption was a natural step for us because we have so many friends who have adopted. We were scared and nervous at first, not really understanding what an open adoption was. Our agency has been professional and helpful and our experience has been filled with anticipation and joy. After waiting on God's timing, we are excited to welcome a second child into our home!

We will always be honest with your child in telling him/her of your unselfish gift of life, and incredible love. We will respect your desire for the amount of openness that you feel comfortable with. We want to thank you for considering adoption and taking the time to get to know us. We know that there is a plan for all of us if we put our faith and trust in God.

With all our hearts,

Andrew and Heather

