

SUSANA AND ANDREW



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WE ARE

SUSANA

AND

ANDREW

We are ever so grateful for this opportunity and beyond excited to be on this journey with you!

Our hearts are so full at the thought of parenting your child, and we yearn to give him or her a loving home and a life filled with **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.**

We spend the majority of our free time mentoring and volunteering with children, but are unable to have a biological child. Adoption is a beautiful gift that helps us fulfill the role we believe we were born for – to be the protective loving parents of your child. We now know this is our calling.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your consideration of us. We already love your child so much!

OUR STORY

AT A TIME WHEN ALL
OUR FRIENDS WERE
ONLINE DATING,
WE MET THE OLD-
FASHIONED WAY:

ON A BLIND DATE!



We often laugh recalling that our first date lasted about twelve hours! We were so in sync and didn't want the night to end, and so we were hooked on each other from day one. Our wedding in 2017 was the happiest day of our lives.

We are fiercely committed to each other and after God, we put each other first, always. Our core values guide the way we strive to live every day: humility, kindness, gratitude, honesty, and treating others like we want to be treated.

Our marriage has taught us the importance of staying positive, hard work, giving back and not looking back.

Oh, and we love to have fun! We enjoy:

Traveling, learning about different cultures, volunteering, running (we both ran the Philadelphia marathon!), and cooking Sunday meals with family.



WHIPPING UP A TASTY MEAL





CHECKING OUT OUR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET



ABOUT

SUSANA

BY ANDREW

Meeting and being married to Susana was the best thing to ever happen in my life.

I knew pretty early on in our dating period that this woman I met was 'the one.' Her qualities as a human exceeded those of any person I had ever met. She is so kind, compassionate, generous, and smart!

FUN FACTS ABOUT
SUSANA

I once visited four countries in one year.

My first language is Portuguese, but I also speak Spanish and French.

I went skydiving and loved it!

My parents are my heroes. They inspire me to be the best version of myself. I'm also inspired by examples of people who don't take the easy way out of anything.

I have run lots of races, including the Philadelphia marathon.

I took trapeze lessons.

FOR WORK

I'm the Vice President of Client Engagement for a healthcare marketing firm. I worked incredibly hard to be where I am but the best part about my employer is that they value family and insist we put it first. My employer has been extremely supportive of our adoption journey.



HIKING IN NORTH CAROLINA



MORE BY ANDREW

It also struck me how wonderful she was caring for and interacting with her two young nephews and niece.

The love that grew in me for her was (and still is) so fun to experience.

We have so much fun together, in ANY circumstance, and that has honestly been consistent from the first time we met.

Our marriage is my greatest priority; it's an honor to show Susana the same love that she shows me, and being her husband is the highest joy (after God) I have ever felt. I'm very lucky.

SUSANA HAS QUITE THE GREEN THUMB!





ABOUT

ANDREW

BY SUSANA

**Andrew is my rock.
His support knows
no boundaries and he
dedicates his life to
loving and protecting me.**



ENJOYING A TASTY HOMEMADE MEAL

FUN FACTS ABOUT

ANDREW

My favorite activity is volunteering with the youth group in our church.

I love hiking, skiing, and golfing.

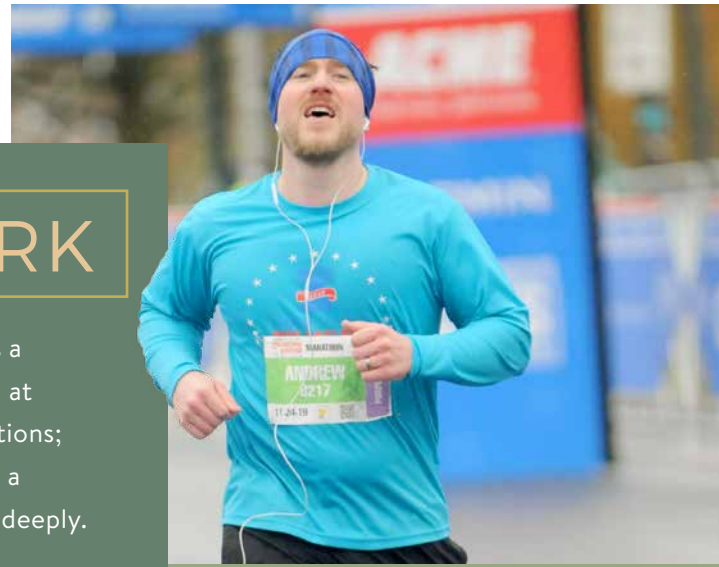
I love sports; I'm a huge Denver Broncos fan.

I'm a big Formula 1 fan; I drove a Ferrari through the Colorado canyons.

I enjoy music and I used to DJ part-time while putting myself through nursing school.



ENJOYING A ROUND OF GOLF



WE LOVE PARTICIPATING IN MARATHONS

FOR WORK

I am a Registered Nurse. It's a career I love because I excel at being calm in stressful situations; providing care for people is a responsibility I am drawn to deeply.

MORE BY SUSANA

I like to say that Andrew "doesn't want to talk about it, he wants to be about it." He is so committed to his goals and is on a constant journey of self-improvement. And he's hysterically funny; no one makes me laugh as much as Andrew does.

His volunteer work with children and young teens inspires me.

He has this real gift for meeting each kid where he or she is and pushing them to be their best. When I introduced my niece and nephews to him all those years ago, they instantly connected to his stories and they have a bond now that I never expected.



OUR
HOME
AND
COMMUNITY

We are blessed to live in a beautiful suburb in New Jersey with a deep sense of community and one of the top school systems in the country!



ENJOYING A PICNIC IN OUR BACKYARD



WEEKEND TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY



ANDREW BUILDING A FIRE

Our neighbors became instant family. Here, everyone waves and says hello on walks! We joke that we live in a town set in the 50's. Yet there is so much to do and explore. We love going to the farmers' markets in the spring and pumpkin picking followed by a fire and s'mores in our big backyard in the fall. In the summer, our favorite event is the weekend concert at a nearby farm where we go with picnic basket in tow. Come winter, our favorite tradition in town is the annual Christmas tree lighting.

And since we are not far from NY, we venture over the Hudson from time to time to soak in all the energy and diversity. But the den is our favorite spot to watch movies and host game nights!



TAKING AN EVENING STROLL IN TOWN

OUR
HOBBIES
AND INTERESTS

**We wish we had more
time for all our hobbies!**

**A few of our favorite
hobbies include:**

Traveling.

Playing golf.

Hosting big gatherings during the holidays
(especially Christmas and Memorial day).

Exploring historic towns.

Cooking challenging recipes.

Learning, and we love to have fun doing it.

Bucket list items: spend at least
one Christmas in Portugal and tour our
state parks in an RV!



KISSES IN PRAGUE

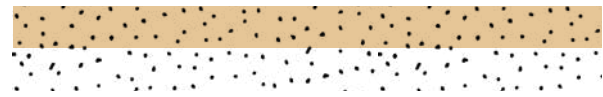


ANDREW'S BEST MEN AT OUR WEDDING

OUR
LOVED
ONES



PUMPKIN PICKING WITH FAMILY



Susana's Family

Mom and dad - my heroes! - live in Portugal. My first language is Portuguese. I spent a lot of time there growing up. My sister and brother are my best friends. We are close physically and figuratively! And my sister's grown kids, who we spend the majority of our time with, are the highlight of my life. We just adore them to pieces. And the same goes for all my cousins! I have three Godchildren and hope I'm a good role model to them all.

Andrew's Family

My mom lives in Florida and my dad lives in Virginia. They taught me the importance of being kind, compassionate, and how to slow down and smell the roses. And having been in the arts, they taught me an appreciation for art and music. My two best friends are more like brothers to me. One of them is also adopted and his father was practically my mentor my entire life. Susana and I are very close to them and all their beautiful kiddos!





THOUGH WE ARE
UNABLE TO HAVE
A BIOLOGICAL
CHILD,

**WE KNOW THAT
PARENTING IS
OUR VOCATION.**

We feel born for this role. Whatever we enjoy doing now just the two of us - from grocery shopping to apple picking to hiking - we know these things will only be enhanced by sharing them with your child. As parents, we want to show your child the value of hard work, how the path of least resistance isn't always the best path, and we want to hold his or her hand through every challenge.

**We promise to
teach your child:**

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Confidence. | To follow their dreams |
| Respect. | and become the best |
| | version of themselves. |





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ONE LAST
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**THANK
YOU!**

**Thank you from the bottom
of our hearts for taking the
time to get to know us.**

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We welcome the opportunity to get to know you, too. We admire your bravery, selflessness, and the love you clearly have for your baby by wanting the best for him or her.

We hope that you enable us to be a part of your journey, as we know our love for your baby knows no bounds. We want to adopt because we are busting at the seams to share all our love with a deserving child. As parents, we will commit ourselves to love your child unconditionally, understanding that this opportunity is the most beautiful gift we could have ever prayed for.

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