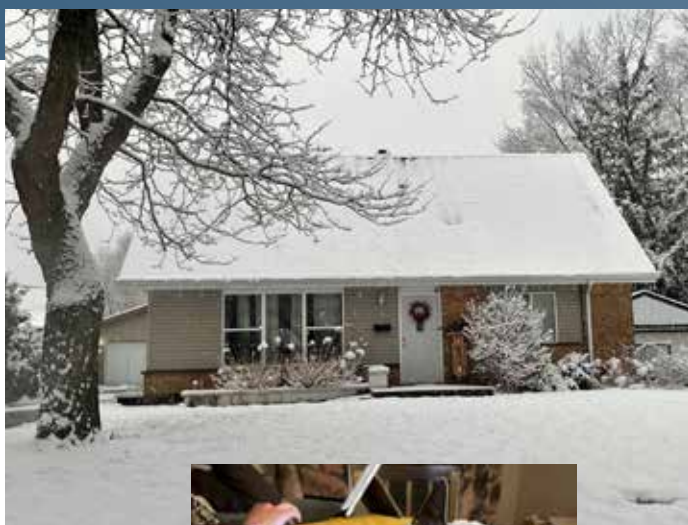




Andrew
and Maria

About us

Hello! We are a family of four and have been married for nearly 12 years now with two wonderful, energetic boys. Andrew is a clinical specialist in cardiac rhythm management and loves being active with the kids and playing sports. Maria is from Brazil and speaks both Portuguese and English. She's the director for international student services and off-campus programs for higher education. Family vacations and adventures are one of our favorite pastimes. Some favorite trips include winter camping in Wisconsin and the beaches in Michigan. Our boys love to go on picnics in the park and play on the playground; this is something we do regularly. We value our time together as a family and make it a point to have a family dinner at the dinner table each night. We look forward to adding a baby to our loving family!



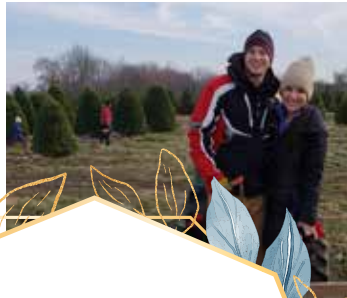
Our home & pet

Our home is in a quiet suburban area with close access to many forest preserves and walking trails. We have sidewalks in the neighborhood and many young families here. There are good schools here and families of many diverse backgrounds. We are blessed to live in the unique spot of being less than an hour from the beach, a major metropolitan city, and large state parks. We have a cat named Titan. Our boys love him, and he is great with them. He is eight years old now but still likes to play!

What led us to adoption

Adoption has blessed both of our families for generations. Maria's brother adopted her nephew, and Andrew has an adopted grandfather and two adopted brothers. We were led to adoption for our family due to Maria having two complicated pregnancies and deliveries. Our doctors advised us against a third due to health complications during the second pregnancy. We knew our family was still not complete. Not only us but our families cannot wait to welcome a baby to our loving family.





get to know

Andrew

OCCUPATION: Clinical Specialist
EDUCATION: Bachelor's
RACE: Caucasian
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Hockey
HOBBY: Playing sports
TRADITION: Gathering the whole family for Thanksgiving
MOVIE: Indiana Jones
HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving
TV SHOW: House
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Science
FAVORITE BOOK: Rainbow Six



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Maria

OCCUPATION: Director of International Students
EDUCATION: Master's
RACE: Latina
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Futbol (soccer)
HOBBY: Hiking, traveling
TRADITION: Cutting down our Christmas tree
MOVIE: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
HOLIDAY: Christmas
TV SHOW: Doc Martin
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English
FAVORITE BOOK: Love Does






our family *and* traditions



We both come from loving families. Maria grew up in Brazil and now has her parents living in the United States part time. She is the oldest of three, having two younger brothers, both of whom are currently in the United States. Her youngest brother lives only ten minutes away and frequently joins us for family picnics at the park with our boys.

Andrew is the oldest of four, with one younger biological sister and two younger adopted brothers. Everyone is close and gets together regularly for holidays and birthday celebrations. The whole family vacations together at least once a year. Andrew's parents are very involved in our children's lives. We are blessed they only live an hour away and frequently visit, or we will even go stay at their home for long weekends.

Maria has cousins in Brazil. Andrew has many cousins, most of whom live within an hour or two away. We often see them at holiday gatherings and especially during the summer months on weekends. Maria's middle brother is married and has one adopted child and three biological children. Andrew's sister is married with two boys about the same age as our children, and they all have a lot of fun together, especially in the sandbox.





dear
expectant
mother

To a loving mother,

We cannot even begin to imagine all the emotions you are going through right now. We are thankful for you even considering adoption as an option for your baby. Life can be challenging, stressful, and full of surprises.

To tell you a bit about us, we are a loving family with two boys (four years old and two years old) who are full of energy, but our family does not feel complete! Due to medical reasons, Maria is unable to have a third child, and with both of our families' history with adoption, we immediately sought out adoption. We are looking forward to caring for and loving a child and plan to raise them to be strong, independent, and caring toward others. We can already imagine taking them on trips with us and playing with our boys. Our oldest is already asking about when he will have a little sibling because he wants to help take care of them, change diapers, and help make their food. Don't you worry! We do not plan on letting him actually do these things, but he can bring them a pacifier!

Though there are not many guarantees in life, we can promise you this: Your child will be so loved by us as well as her grandparents, as they are so excited for us to be going through this process. If you choose us, your child will be showered with gifts and affection because she will be the first granddaughter in a family full of boys! During this busy time, we hope you can find peace and time to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. We are looking forward to the time we can grow our family!

With love,

Andrew and Maria