

ANDY and JOHN





Driving down to pick up baby Izzy



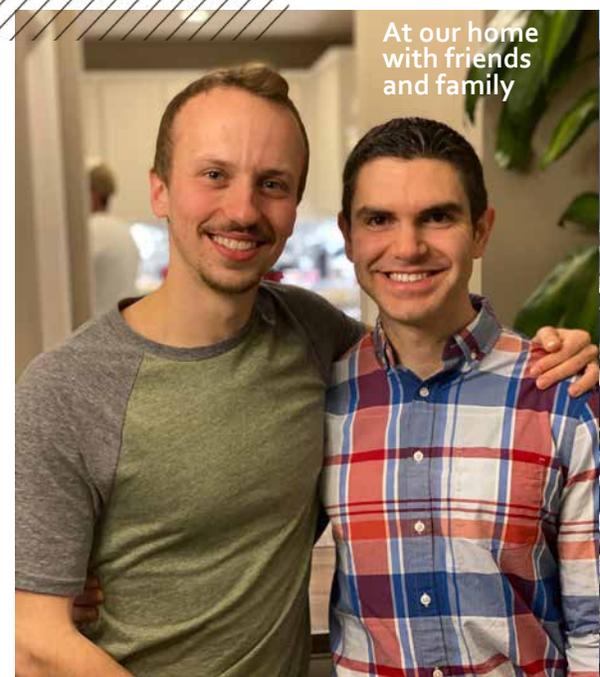
Hello and **THANK YOU!**

we are

**Andy,
John, &
Isabella**

from Minnesota

THANK YOU SO MUCH for considering us! We are so appreciative that we can share a bit of our lives with you. **We hope this photo book gives you insight into our adventurous and loving lifestyle and how excited we are to expand our family once again through the blessing of adoption.** We truly respect and honor your courage as you embark on your adoption plan, and we are open to one that works for YOU! We humbly thank you for your consideration and would truly love the opportunity to get to know you better.



At our home
with friends
and family



Our wedding day

HERE'S Our Story



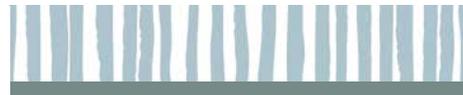
Horseback riding along the beach in Iceland

WE MET ONLINE in 2014 and immediately hit it off. Andy states that he knew John was special when he gained the approval of his trusted four-legged companion, Dexter (p.s. Dexter loves everyone).

After about a month and half, John asked Andy to be his first boyfriend. This was only the beginning of our adventure. We continued to spend time together and fell in love more each and every day. **We traveled the world together and became an important part in each other's life, always being there for one another.**

In April 2017, we ventured outside of Barcelona, Spain to hike up the mountains of Montserrat. Once we reached the peak, John proposed to Andy in Spanish. Andy definitely shed a few tears and replied back "sí!" We tied the knot shortly after in October 2017 in a beautiful fall ceremony surrounded by family and friends.

We absolutely love and adore our daughter, Isabella. Izzy was born near Dallas, Texas and we are forever THANKFUL for her birth mother who chose to place her with us. Despite the distance, we have an amazing relationship with Izzy's birth mother and family.



Big sister material!



One of the many majestic waterfalls in Iceland

We strive to make whatever we're doing an ADVENTURE...

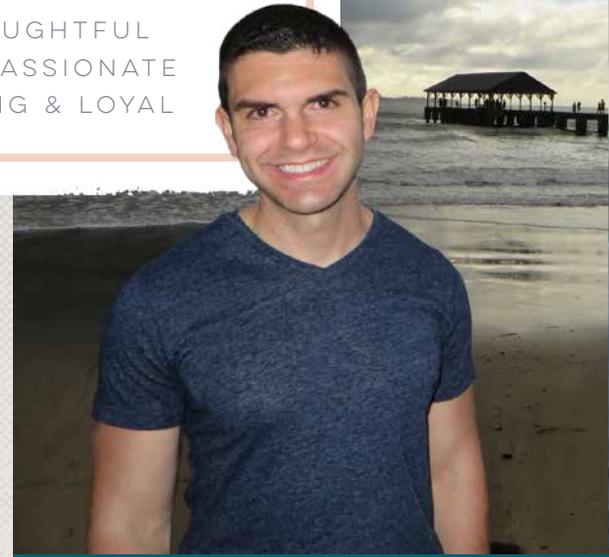
... whether we're snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, chasing Isabella, or playing board games with friends. **We can't wait to raise another child with the same unconditional love we have for each other and our daughter.**

I was born in Southern California, and when I was 4, my parents decided to move me and my older sister to Minnesota. They didn't know anyone here (!), but heard it was a great place to raise kids. I'm very happy for that decision, as this is the place I call "home."

introducing **ANDY**

THOUGHTFUL
COMPASSIONATE
LOVING & LOYAL

I have a wide array of hobbies as an adult. **I love to travel,** and one of my favorite memories is encountering a wallaby on a hike in southern Australia. **I like to stay active,** whether that's lifting weights or going on an outdoor hike. John may be the better cook, but I also like to cook healthy, delicious meals. **Finally, I am a big fan of public radio and enjoy staying up to date on the latest world events.**



Sunset on the beach in Hawaii

My Career

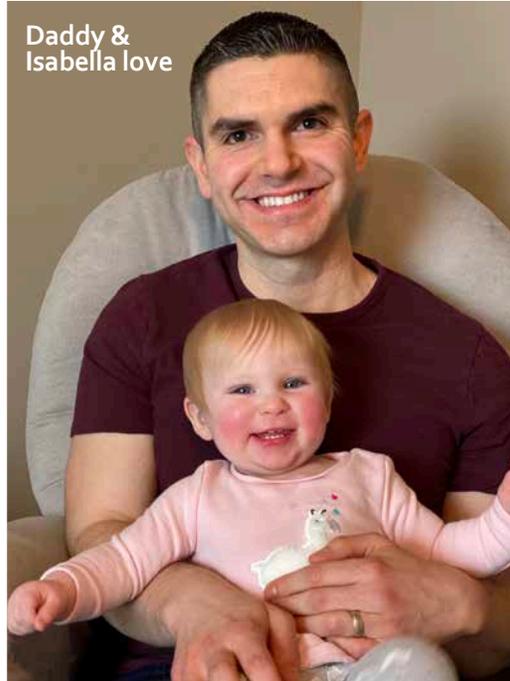
I work as an actuary for an insurance company which means I use statistics to assess risk. It may be a bit of a nerdy job, but it works well for a detail-oriented guy like myself.

I LOVE BEING "DADDY" TO ISABELLA. MY COMPASSION FOR OTHERS, "GO GET 'EM" ATTITUDE, AND LOVING HEART WILL SERVE OUR FUTURE CHILD WELL.

Getting close and personal with a Sea Turtle



Daddy & Isabella love



things we love **TODO**

- Watching **Reality Television** (Survivor, Big Brother)
- Outdoor **Camping** and **Hiking**
- Spending time with **Isabella, Family, and Friends**
- **Escape Rooms** (we've completed over 50...so far!)
- International and Domestic **Travel**
- **Physical Fitness** (including Rock Climbing, Tennis)
- **Board Games** (we are fanatics!)
- **Gardening, Canning, and Cooking**
- **Fishing**

introducing JOHN

PLAYFUL, ENERGETIC
GOOFY, LOVING
& SELFLESS



Homemade pasta sauce
from the garden

I was born in the beautiful state of Minnesota, the middle of five kids. In addition to my siblings, my parents also took in and raised three additional kids who became siblings to me as well. It was great having such a busy household, though we didn't always have a lot of privacy!

As an adult, I love spending time with my family. I'll continue to be the jungle gym for Isabella and my nieces and nephew, even as they get older! I'm into gardening and food preservation, especially canning. Some of my favorites to make (and for Andy to eat) are cinnamon peach jam, applesauce, and pickles! My dream is to be on Survivor one day - I've been watching the show since Season 1 when I was 10 and have never missed an episode!

Survivor family



The Claaaawwww!



John in his element

My Career

I started my career as a paramedic in 2014. I am now a field training officer and spend my time running 911 calls and training new paramedics. Each day can be different and crazy (including delivering a baby!), but I love serving the community and helping those in need.



Our family
(so far!)

I ADORE BEING "PAPA" TO ISABELLA. MY PATIENCE, SELFLESS ATTITUDE, AND LOVING NATURE WILL CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR FUTURE CHILD.



Love from birth mother & our families



introducing big sister ISABELLA



Isabella was born in June 2020 near Dallas, TX. We met her shortly after birth in the hospital, and fell immediately in love. She is full of personality, is always happy, and loves exploring and being adventurous, like her Daddy and Papa. Izzy loves playing with her pet brothers and is always excited for bath time and splashing in the neighborhood pool. She can't WAIT to be an older sister, and would love a sibling close in age.

WE HAVE MET IZZY'S EXTENDED BIRTH FAMILY AND THEY ADORE HER. We have so much love for Izzy's birth mother and family and regularly communicate on Facebook and send cute pictures and videos on Snapchat. Given the distance, we are looking forward to making the most of yearly in-person visits.

a place called HOME

WE LIVE IN A LOVELY HOME IN SUBURBAN ST. PAUL WITH PLENTY OF SPACE INSIDE.

We have a sizable backyard with a garden, apple and pear trees, and open areas for outdoor activities. Our community is full of children of all ages, and we love taking Isabella to the neighborhood pool and park. We are minutes away from the Minnesota Zoo, parks, and lakes. Finally, **our school district is one of the best in the state!**



PUPPY LOVE

→ Dexter

- Rescued from the humane society in 2013; 9 years old
- Jack Russell Terrier mix

- Playful, energetic, and loves giving kisses (especially to children!)
- Does tricks (including dancing on back legs) for food!

→ Brayden

- Rescued from a puppy mill in 2017; 4 years old
- Shiba Inu
- Sweet, bashful, and loving
- Loves to cuddle



Hanging out at home





the people
WE LOVE

We are both extremely close with our families and most live just minutes away. The family is ecstatic for a new addition, especially nieces Zoey and Kylie, who always ask about when they will have another cousin to play with.

Two families unite for John and Andy's special day

We are very fortunate to have a loving and supportive family that has always been there for us. They have been a valuable and important resource for us during the journey of parenting. We're lucky that Andy's parents are able to provide daycare for their "Baby Belle." Any children raised by us will have the full love and support of our entire families.



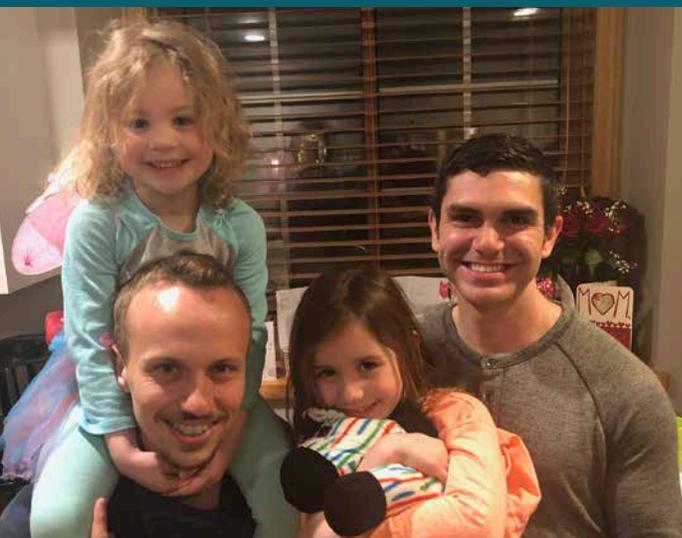
Andy's immediate family



John's immediate family

Our friends are also an important part in our lives. Many of them are beginning to have children and can't wait for more playmates! We love to host others for dinner, board games, and fun conversations. We are lucky to have such a strong support network in our friends.

Staying up late with the uncles



Baseball game with our family



OUR PROMISE TO YOU



If you choose to place your child with us, we promise to:

- Love them unconditionally
- Open their world to new experiences
- Encourage them to pursue their dreams
- Make them laugh and smile everyday
- Teach them to love and respect others no matter what background
- Provide a safe, loving home and always being there by their side
- **We will ensure that your child knows how important you are to both of us in helping fulfill our dreams to grow our family.** We are open to an adoption plan that works for you, including potential visits and sharing of photos and letters.

ONE LAST THANK YOU

WE HUMBLY THANK YOU for reading our story and letting us share a little bit about ourselves and we can't wait to get to know more about you! Again, thank you for your courage as you embark on an adoption plan for your child.

We hope you have insight into our hobbies, values, family, our love for each other, and how ecstatic we are to become proud parents through adoption. We would be honored if you chose us on our journey to expand our family.

— Andy, John, & Isabella —