

ROBERT
& ANDREA

THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR YOUR CHILD IS NOT DEPENDENT ON BIOLOGY; LOVING YOUR CHILD WOULD BE THE GREATEST PRIVILEGE OF OUR LIVES, AND WE WOULD NEVER TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY LIGHTLY.



hello! we're Robert & Andrea

SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

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We can only imagine this is a deeply personal and emotional journey, and we want to begin by honoring the love and care you have for your child. **We cannot fully understand the weight of the decisions you are facing, but we recognize the strength, love, and courage it takes to consider adoption.** Your care for your child is evident, and we admire you for that. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us through this book. We can only imagine how much thought and care you are putting into this decision. We truly appreciate being considered.

If we are chosen, your baby will be surrounded by unconditional love, safety, and stability. **We promise to care for your child with patience, kindness, and deep respect for the story that began with you.** Your baby will always be spoken of with gratitude, and their story will be shared with honesty and care so they grow up knowing how deeply they were loved from the beginning. **We dream of giving your baby a life filled with laughter, encouragement, opportunity, faith, and love.** We will nurture their curiosity, celebrate their individuality, and support them on their journey of self-discovery.



WE DO NOT SEE ADOPTION AS A SECOND CHOICE, BUT RATHER, AS A PURPOSEFUL WAY TO WELCOME A CHILD INTO OUR HEARTS & LIVES.

Our journey to adoption has been shaped by both hope and heartache. For nearly two years, we have walked through a season of infertility that has been challenging, but also clarifying. Through it, we've learned how much love we have to give, and how strong our desire is to grow our family. **We have always dreamed of having a big family: one where our children grow up with siblings, strong bonds, and a lifetime of shared memories.** Adoption has become a beautiful and meaningful path to grow a family we've always hoped for. Our desire to adopt comes from love, intention, and a deep commitment to parenting.



..... our hearts for adoption

Our hearts and prayers are with you as you navigate this decision. We pray for peace, clarity, and comfort for you. **We pray that you feel supported, seen, and never alone as you make decisions that come from a place of love.** No matter what you choose, we believe your decision will be rooted in deep care for your child, and we honor that completely. Your willingness to make a decision centered on love and hope for your baby reflects strength, selflessness, and a heart that puts your child first, and we respect and admire you for that.

We want to honor the hopes and dreams you have for your baby. We share your desire for them to have a life filled with love, opportunity, and belonging. We will work every day to give them the kind of childhood where they feel safe to dream, encouraged to explore their passions, and supported while they discover who they are meant to be. **Above all, we want you to feel affirmed and supported in this journey because you matter, your story matters, and your love matters.** We will always be mindful of the beautiful beginning that started with you. We will speak of you with respect and gratitude, honoring the love that led to this decision.

our love story

HOW IT ALL STARTED

We met at the end of December 2014 at our job orientation for the Public Defender's Office, and it didn't take long for us to know we had found something special. We spent the next three years creating memories through date nights, travel, and adventure. We got engaged on September 1, 2018, in Maui on top of the volcano Haleakalā, and one year later in 2019, we were married at a winery one hour north of our home.

Our love for each other is honest, deep, and unconditional. We speak to one another with respect, love, and understanding. We overcome difficult times with love, communication, and humor. **We are best friends and partners in life.** We enjoy date nights, going to concerts, sporting events, spending time with friends and family, playing cards, watching our favorite shows, and quiet nights at home together. We share in the responsibilities of household chores and parental duties, and express sincere gratitude for each other's help daily. While we are intentional about the time we make to spend with one another as husband and wife to nurture and strengthen our bond and relationship, **our shared purpose and goal is to be the best partners and parents we can be.**

We support each other, challenge each other in the best ways, and combine our strengths to create a stable, loving, and joyful home.

Our marriage is rooted in faith, which guides how we love, forgive, and show up for one another. It shapes our values and reminds us daily of the importance of compassion, gratitude, and honoring one another's stories. We hope this foundation will help us raise children who are kind, grounded, and confident in who they are.





STILL GOING STRONG
AFTER TEN YEARS





meet Robert

FUNNY, SMART, & DETERMINED

I played football in high school and college, then went to law school and became an attorney; first as a public defender before transitioning to plaintiff personal injury work. I've been practicing for 11 years now, and the common thread has always been representing people against much bigger opponents. The work is really rewarding and fulfilling to me, and I love being able to mentor younger lawyers. The firm is really flexible about time off and lets us work from home occasionally, which makes a huge difference for balancing everything.

I really enjoy staying active by working out at the gym, riding my e-bike around the neighborhood, and playing golf and softball. **I love sports** and enjoy going to professional baseball and softball games and participating in an annual fantasy football league with friends and co-workers for fun. **Some other favorite things are coaching mock trial students, going to the beach and local restaurants, and Mexican food.**

BECOMING A FATHER HAS BEEN MORE REWARDING THAN I EVER IMAGINED. I LOVE BEING A DAD. I'M COMMITTED TO BEING THE PRESENT FATHER I NEVER HAD GROWING UP. I WANT TO SUPPORT MY CHILDREN AS THEY CHASE THEIR PASSIONS AND DREAMS.

WHAT ANDREA LOVES MOST

Robert's silliness, light-heartedness, and natural intelligence are what first drew me to him. He was easy to talk to and fun to be around. Robert is still all of these things today. He is also **kind, thoughtful, patient, forgiving, resilient, loving, funny, tenacious, passionate, reliable, trustworthy, and honest**. He is good at making our family feel secure and stable in every sense. **He brings humor to our home on a daily basis**. Robert is a very talented attorney, but always puts our family first. Robert is committed to creating a life filled with love, faith, and opportunities for us as a couple and our children. He is a gifted athlete and very knowledgeable about sports. He played football in college, but now much prefers golf and is very good at it.

Rob grew up without a father. Despite not witnessing a father raise his son or a loving marriage, Robert has done both with ease. **He is a very loving and attentive father and husband**. He shows us love through his encouragement and support in all that we do. He plays with our son daily, always present in his engagement and interactions with Cruz. He never misses an opportunity to show us his love through a hug or kiss. **He parents with kindness, love, forgiveness, commitment, and patience. His parenting is committed, thoughtful, consistent, and loving**. He makes our family feel like the most important thing in his life. When there are issues, Robert addresses them head-on and provides opportunities for everyone involved to be heard.





meet Andrea

KIND, FUNNY, & LOVING

I have worked as a criminal defense attorney for 10 years, representing both juveniles and adults. I enjoy advocating for my client's rights and freedom throughout the legal process and being the voice for the voiceless. I feel fulfilled in my career and honored to share my clients' stories through the lens of compassion. I plan to take 4-6 months of maternity leave when a baby joins our family, and then a nanny will watch the baby for the next year until we use the in-home childcare where Cruz is and we love. My job gives me a lot of flexibility, which allows me to still be very present with Cruz.

I love to stay active! I've played soccer since I was a little girl, and I play twice a week now in adult leagues. I also enjoy going to the gym during the week to maintain both my physical and mental health. I love attending basketball, football, baseball, and soccer games and going to concerts. During the week, I also love walking our dogs in the neighborhood, attending a bible study, watching Cruz play sports, coaching a high school mock trial team, and having game nights. I enjoy grabbing a bite to eat or coffee with friends, going to the beach, riding bikes, and date nights with my husband.

MY GREATEST PRAYER FOR MY KIDS IS THAT THEY WOULD LOVE GOD, CHOOSE TO BE KIND OVER BEING RIGHT, AND FIND HAPPINESS AND GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT THEY DO.



WHAT ROBERT LOVES MOST



I love my wife more than anything. **She's smart, kind, beautiful, and has this incredible gift for making people feel truly seen and cared for.** Her faith is central to who she is. She's been intentional about deepening her relationship with God, and you can see it in how she lives. **She's also hilarious** and has what we call a "steel trap" memory. She never forgets our inside jokes or the little moments that matter to us.



She's always thinking about our family. She'll slip cards into my work bag or tuck notes into my lunch. She plans date nights, makes time for us no matter how busy things get, and goes out of her way to stay connected with extended family, even traveling out of state to keep those relationships strong. **She's deliberate about building our partnership and creating quality time together.** Whether it's our finances, future plans, or growing our family, she has this way of turning her thoughtful ideas into reality.



As a mother, she's extraordinary. **The love she has for our son is overwhelming, and she's eager to grow our family and share that love with more children.** She's constantly planning activities and outings to keep him engaged and happy, always emphasizing love, kindness, and gentleness. **Even during her busiest work seasons, she's fully present with him, focused on his happiness and development.** She parents with the same unconditional love she receives from God, full of grace but with structure and discipline. We couldn't imagine life without her.



our son, Cruz

LOVING, ENERGETIC & CURIOUS

Cruz was born in January 2023. Cruz is high energy, talkative, smart, athletic, kind, thoughtful, and funny. He loves monster trucks, sports (basketball, baseball, football, soccer, golf), Hot Wheels, animals, climbing, running, digging, coloring, reading, singing, dancing, and helping.

He loves playing in our back yard while letting his imagination run wild. Cruz attends in-home daycare, plays in a soccer league, and is involved in gymnastics. We think he will be a loving sibling who teaches, nurtures, and protects his sibling, providing companionship and unconditional love.



IT IS IMPORTANT TO US TO GIVE YOUR CHILD EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY LOVE. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT HOBBIES, INTERESTS, AND PASSIONS. WE WILL BE PRESENT AND CHEERING THEM ON AT EVERY GAME, PERFORMANCE, AND COMPETITION. WE WILL SUPPORT THEM THROUGH THEIR SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES.

Elvis & Rondo



Elvis is a 16-year-old terrier mix. He is loyal, smart, and sweet. At night, Elvis likes to check on Cruz, constantly walking into his room and coming back out to lie near Andrea. Whenever Cruz cries, Elvis is right by his side, trying to provide a sense of calm and security. Elvis likes to play tug of war with Cruz. Elvis loves to be pet and given attention.

Rondo is a 14-year-old terrier/chihuahua mix. He is sweet, cuddly, and protective. Rondo is Cruz's favorite. Rondo is so patient with Cruz, letting Cruz lay in his bed, squeeze him, and walk him. He easily gives licks of love to your face within minutes of meeting you. There is no lap Rondo doesn't love. Both dogs are very patient and sweet with children.

We also have a young betta fish. Cruz named him Unicorn. He is red and blue.



our time together

We enjoy eating dinner together as a family every night and talking about our days and plans for the next day. If we finish dinner, we get to have our pick of dessert, and Cruz and Andrea have the biggest sweet teeth! Our nights typically end with bath time, reading at least two books, and rocking Cruz in his rocking chair before he gets in bed. Once Cruz is asleep, we clean up the house, prepare for work the next day, and if we have time, watch an episode of a show we are into. Our favorite shows are The Office, Parks and Rec, Friends, Schitts Creek, St. Denis Medical, and The Pitt.



Friday nights, after we pick Cruz up from daycare, we usually go out to dinner as a family to one of the many nearby restaurants we have to choose from. **Our weekends are typically centered around family time.** Saturday mornings, we like to make blueberry and banana pancakes before heading out to Cruz's gymnastics. After his gymnastics, we drive over to a nearby park for his soccer practice. There is usually time in between his activities, allowing time on the playground, going down all the slides, and swinging as high as possible on the swings. After his activities, we sometimes will play at the park, go spend time with friends or family, go to the Zoo, go to the beach, or attend a kid-friendly event in our city that weekend.

On Sundays, we go to church in the morning and spend the rest of the day playing with toys, playing outside, doing household chores that Cruz likes to help with (like mowing the lawn, gardening, or meal prepping), and taking the dogs for a walk.



our extended family

OUR FAMILIES ARE SO EXCITED FOR US TO ADOPT!



Andrea's Family: Andrea's parents go by Grammie and Papa. Andrea has one younger brother, Marc, and he is married to Nathania. They have two boys, Marc, age 3, and Joey, age 1.5.



Robert's Family: Robert's mom goes by Grammie, his step-dad and dad go by Grandpa. They live within thirty minutes of us. Robert has an older half-brother, Chad, who has three sons: Ara is in his mid-twenties, Riley is 18, and Tristan is 12. They all live out of state.



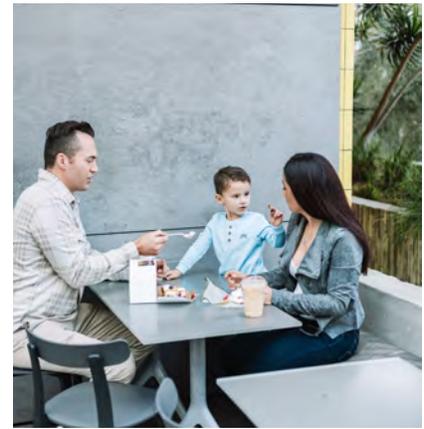
WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR EXTENDED FAMILY AND SEE THEM SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ALL OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE VERY EXCITED FOR US AS WE EMBARK ON THIS JOURNEY. THEY ARE SO INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE AND HAVE SHOWN NOTHING BUT LOVE AND HAPPINESS FOR US.



our home

AND COMMUNITY





Our home was built in 1950 and has had significant renovations to make it the perfect fit for our family. We have an open floor plan with a large kitchen, breakfast nook, living room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a deck on the upper level. Cruz has a playroom with a small "food truck" play area, ball pit, and old boxes made into a fort. The lower level has two additional bedrooms, a full bathroom, and a living room. During the week, our mornings and evenings are spent in the kitchen preparing and eating food, or relaxing in the living room, catching up after the day is complete. We also love to host and cook for friends, their young children, and family for holidays or events.

Our home sits on almost a quarter acre of land, and we have a large backyard. The top tier has a large natural grass space with a playground. We have a firepit and a quarter-court basketball hoop. Our backyard is great for running around in. We play football, baseball, soccer, and golf in the grass area, and we have lots of outdoor games and toys. In the summer, we like to set up a splash pad or inflatable pool. Cruz enjoys water balloon fights the most!

We love our home on the West Coast. Robert was actually born here, and we love the weather because you can enjoy outdoor activities year-round. **We can drive to the mountains and the desert** within a few hours. **We are a short drive to the beach** and enjoy going often in the summertime. **Our city is incredibly diverse** and attracts people from all over the world. There are endless amounts of parks, playgrounds, and trails to explore. There is a farmers' market every Friday near our home that we attend, along with an Oktoberfest and Christmas celebrations. Our area affords **great educational options** for our children in the future.

our family values

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

We attend church weekly, Bible study groups, pray and read the bible daily, listen to worship music daily, and attend church events when we can.

CAMPING

We have a pop-up tent trailer and love exploring different camp sites throughout our region. We enjoy taking the dogs on hikes, playing catch, digging in the dirt, and roasting marshmallows around the campfire.

TRAVELING/ADVENTURE:

We love to travel near and far. We spend a lot of time visiting family and friends. Each year, we go to Maui to visit family and enjoy time at the beach, good food, family time, and hula shows. We like to explore new places, try new food, and meet new people!

TIME TOGETHER:

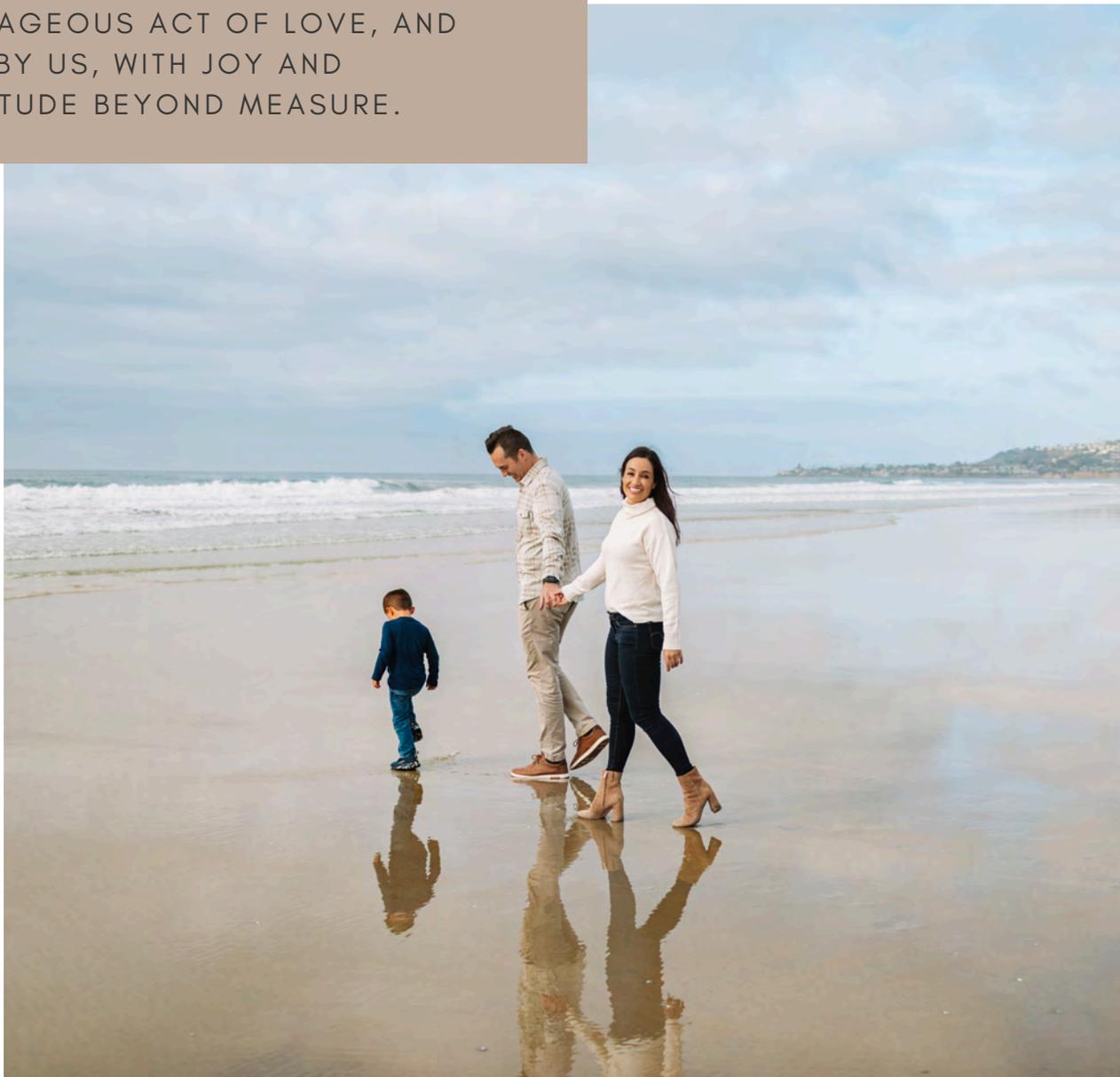
On the weekends, we love to go to child-friendly events like concerts in the park or light shows, indoor play places, playgrounds, amusement parks, beaches, and bike rides. We enjoy cooking meals together, playing games, reading, and playing in the backyard.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:

We love playing sports together and watching sports live or on TV. We like being active, trying new activities, and challenging ourselves. We love watching our son Cruz play soccer and gymnastics.



YOUR BABY WILL GROW UP
KNOWING THEY WERE CHOSEN
TWICE. FIRST BY YOU, IN THE MOST
COURAGEOUS ACT OF LOVE, AND
THEN BY US, WITH JOY AND
GRATITUDE BEYOND MEASURE.



thank you

THANKS FOR GETTING TO KNOW US!

As you make this incredibly difficult decision, we want you to know that our hearts are with you.

We cannot imagine the weight of what you are carrying right now, and we are praying for you. We are praying you would feel peace in moments of uncertainty, clarity for when decisions feel heavy, and comfort knowing you are not alone. **We pray that you feel supported, seen, and deeply cared for, no matter what path you choose.**

We know if you choose us, it is because of the deep, selfless love you have for your baby. We want you to know that we see that love, we honor it, and we will carry it forward every single day. If you were to choose us, we would approach openness in our ongoing relationship with care and respect, always listening to what feels right for you. **Our hope would be for you to feel heard, valued, and supported.**

We are praying for comfort and confidence for you as you make the choice that feels right in your heart. Your love for this baby is beautiful, and we are honored to walk alongside you during this sacred time. Thank you for allowing us to share our hearts with you. We hold you in the highest regard and wish you peace as you make this very personal decision.

Many blessings and much love,

Robert, Andrea, and Cruz





our promises to you



WE COMMIT TO HELPING YOUR CHILD DEVELOP A POSITIVE ADOPTION IDENTITY AND TO BE PROUD OF THEIR ADOPTION STORY.

WE COMMIT TO SPEAKING ABOUT YOU WITH LOVE AND RESPECT IN OUR HOME, ENSURING YOUR CHILD GROWS UP KNOWING THEY WERE PLACED OUT OF LOVE.

WE COMMIT TO LOVING YOUR CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY FOR A LIFETIME AND CREATING A HOME WHERE YOUR CHILD KNOWS THEY ARE LOVED, NO MATTER WHAT, THEY BELONG COMPLETELY, THEY ARE SAFE, AND IT'S OK TO FEEL HOWEVER THEY FEEL.

WE COMMIT TO HONORING AND INCORPORATING YOUR CHILD'S CULTURE, HERITAGE, RACE, AND IDENTITY INTO OUR LIVES.

WE COMMIT TO SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS, TALENTS, AND PASSIONS WITH OUR TIME, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND RESOURCES. WHETHER THAT'S SPORTS, ARTS, ACADEMICS, OR OTHER PURSUITS.

WE COMMIT TO ADVOCATING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS AT ALL TIMES.

