

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter; we truly appreciate you considering us as possible adoptive parents. Our names are Miranda and Andrew. We first met 14 years ago while playing paintball with mutual friends. We went on our first date a week later and have been in love ever since, celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary in November 2016.

We both have stable careers in the construction industry. Miranda is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management and works as an estimator in St Louis. Andrew attended Lewis and Clark Community College and is an environmental consultant for a local company. After work we look forward to coming home to our dog Keyara, a playful, loving companion that we adopted from a local rescue shelter two years ago. In our spare time we try to maintain an active lifestyle by running and cycling on evenings and weekends. We also enjoy working on home projects together and traveling to new destinations while on our yearly vacation.

We live in a growing, rural town, just outside St. Louis, that is part of one of the best public school districts in the area. Our three bedroom, ranch style home was built 2005 and includes a large, two acre yard



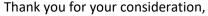
that would be great for a child to run and play on. Several family members and friends live close by and we regularly get together to celebrate holidays, birthdays, barbecues, or just to visit. We both believe that



children make holidays special and cannot wait to share that happiness with our own child. We look forward to starting family traditions, such as apple picking, Easter egg hunts, baking Christmas cookies, and picking out Christmas trees.

Unfortunately, we have not had any success conceiving a child on our own. Over the last couple years we have gone to multiple fertility doctors, trying numerous unsuccessful procedures, including IUIs and In Vitro fertilization, exhausting every option. Ultimately we have been diagnosed with unexplained infertility. Following the last failed round of In Vitro we decided that adoption would be our best option.

We are ready and willing to provide unconditional love to a child, biological or not, to share our lives, and complete our family.



Andrew & Míranda

