

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO BECOMING FIRST
TIME PARENTS,
PROVIDING LOVE,
FAMILY AND
ENCOURAGEMENT
TO A CHILD.



Andre and Joanne

we LOVE Living Right
on the water!

Exploring Niagara Falls



Hello!

First, we would like to thank you for taking the time to review our profile. We cannot possibly begin to understand the emotions you must be experiencing at this moment. We have the deepest respect for you as you consider making an adoption plan for your baby. We recognize and appreciate the courageous journey that has brought you to this very important decision. By viewing our profile, we hope you will have a sense of who we are and the love, family and encouragement that we could provide to your child. If you select us as the family for your baby, we will encourage him/her to fulfill their potential by providing a happy, healthy, safe and loving environment for him or her.

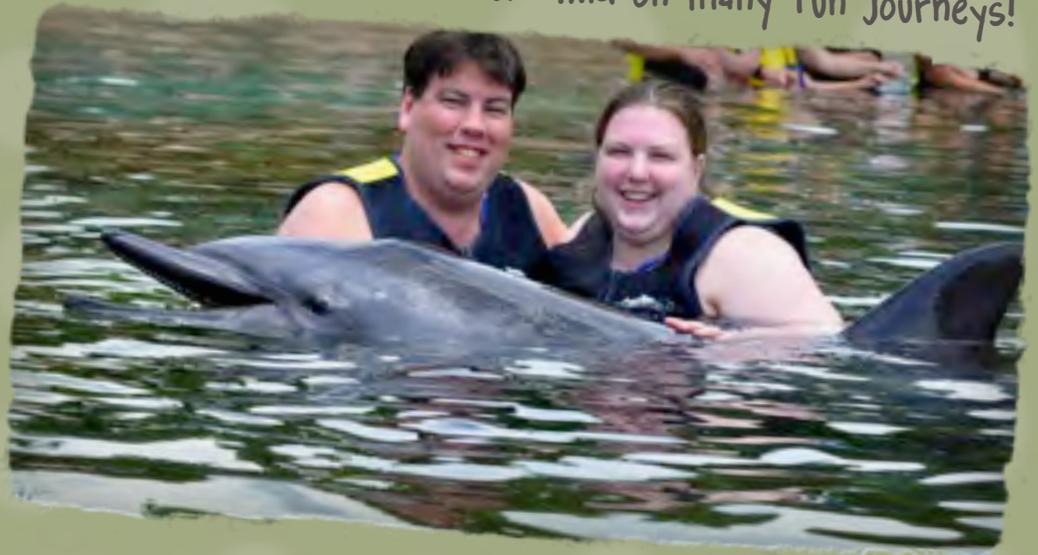


What Adoption Means To Us

We both agree that our desire to be parents far outweighs our desire for that child to be our biological child. The struggles that we faced with infertility have only strengthened our relationship, and we are closer than ever

as we begin our adoption journey. We can't wait to become parents, and we feel adoption will give us the opportunity to share our love, stability, and happiness with a child. Please know that we are open to contact before and after placement. We look forward to having that type of relationship with you, if you so desire. It is important to us that your baby always knows his or her story and how much you love them. We realize the amazing sacrifice you are making and how lucky we would be to be a part of your child's story.

We are so excited to take our child on many fun journeys!



**WE CAN LITERALLY SEE SEALS
PLAYING IN THE WATER FROM OUR
FRONT PORCH! SO MUCH FUN!**



visiting Maine

What I Love About Joanne (written by Andre)

Joanne is my best friend in life. She is incredibly sweet but also hard working and trustworthy. I have so much respect for her. From the very beginning of our relationship we have almost always been in sync in terms of our hopes and expectations of our relationship and our family. While there are times when we can complete each other's sentences, we also have our own view of things. Joanne is practical and resourceful which I feel will make her an ideal mom. Watching her with our niece Abby as well as other babies we've had in our collective families, I know that she'd bring an enormous amount of love, compassion and caring for a child we'd be blessed to have in our lives. I love Joanne with all of my heart and I know she would make an amazing Mom!

Us at Disney

WHAT JOANNE ENJOYS

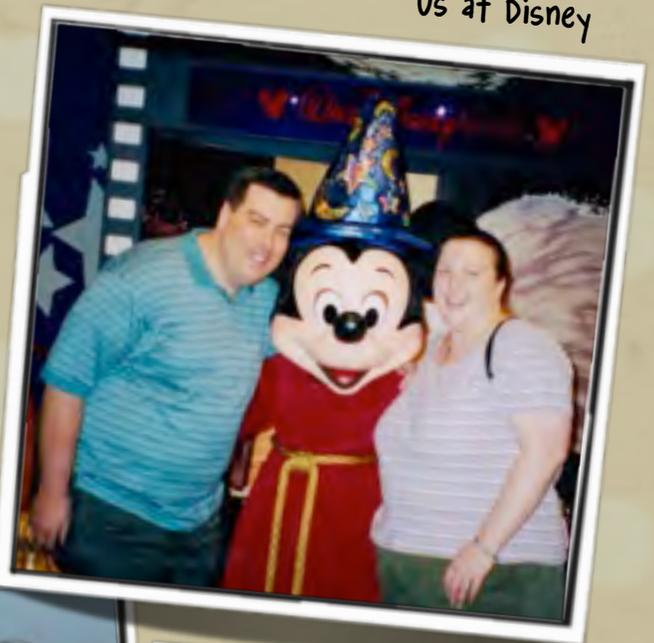
Reading (especially about New England folk lore)

Cooking (I enjoy experimenting with new recipes)

Exercise Boot Camp (I love it!)

Walking (with Andre and our dog on the beach)

I love animals! (Trained with our dog working as a therapy team at hospitals and nursing homes)



Swimming with dolphins!



With my niece



Our dog Gordon is so loving!

HELPING OTHERS AS A REGISTERED NURSE

I have worked for over 15 years as a Registered Nurse. My current job is at a small community hospital located just minutes from our home. Being a Mom will be my top priority. I look forward to taking ample time off from work to spend with the baby once he or she arrives. When I do return to work, Andre will be at home full time because his job allows him to work from home. My schedule is flexible now and I will adjust it even more so I can be home as much as possible.



Joanne's Upbringing

I was born and raised in a small town in northeast Connecticut. I am the oldest of 2 children and my parents have been married for 42 years. Growing up, my sister and I were lucky that my parents had summers off, which allowed us to travel. I have always loved to travel. I have been fortunate to go on trips not only with my parents but also with my Nana, with whom I have a very close relationship. As a teenager, Nana took me along on a trip to Australia and New Zealand, two places I would love to revisit with Andre and our child. In addition, two of my favorite places are Disney World and Aruba. Andre and I have been to both places a number of times. We cannot wait to experience Disney World with our son or daughter.



Being an aunt is wonderful!

5 TOP CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

1. Exploring the woods behind my house
2. Setting up a lemonade stand
3. Playing board games as a family
4. Putting on a puppet show for my parents and neighborhood
5. Traveling with my Nana

What I Love about Andre, (written by Joanne)

Andre is my best friend. Whenever I have important news he is the first person I want to share it with. He loves me unconditionally and there isn't a day that goes by in which he doesn't tell me how much he loves and cares for me. I know he would provide this same message to a child. Every night before bed we pray together that we will someday be blessed with this opportunity. Andre is very good-natured, calm, rational, funny, loving, kind and extremely patient. He is a natural with children. Whether he is interacting with our niece or children of our friends, kids just seem to be very relaxed and gravitate towards him. The thing I love most about watching Andre interact with kids is that he never talks down to them. Our long term friends have visited every summer since their children were young and Andre has built quite a close, loving and mentoring relationship with them. The boys are both grown and in college and consider Andre to be a "big brother" to them.



TOP 5 CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

1. Taking trips with my parents
2. Days spent on the beach & taking sailing lessons
3. Watching the Olympics with my friends
4. Following college hockey, going annually to the Frozen Four
5. Spending time with my Grandparents (who lived downstairs from us)

Andre's Upbringing

I was born and raised in Rhode Island by wonderful, loving parents who have been married for over 40 years. I come from a large family with over 20 cousins! Growing up, Mom and Dad would take me on long vacation trips along the Eastern seaboard. Some of my great memories are traveling on vacation with my parents. Driving instead of flying enabled us to spend even more time together, and it's because of the close relationship I have with my parents that we managed to not drive each other too crazy! (Okay, maybe for a few minutes...). Sharing this kind of connection and experience with our child is something I absolutely can't wait to do!

Andre as a stay at Home Dad & Freelance Writer

I have been writing media columns, reviewing films and videos for many years, which is great because it enables me to work from home. Because of my flexible schedule, I have a perfect opportunity to be the primary caregiver for a child. It's important for both of us that, during the early years of a child's life, our son or daughter receive the care, guidance and encouragement they deserve. I will be the kind of dad that involves my son or daughter with the local programs at our libraries, goes on walks along the beach, and have fun at the local parks! While Joanne is only a few minutes away, planning daily activities and trips is already one of the things I am most looking forward to!



I can't wait to be a Dad!



Craft time with my niece



Cheering on the Patriots!



WHAT ANDRE ENJOYS

- Spending time with friends and family
- Attending and watching sports (especially football & hockey)
- Going to musicals & watching movies
- Taking walks around the neighborhood with Joanne & our dog, Gordon
- Being on the beach, swimming & kayaking

Our Home and Neighborhood

We live in a beautiful quaint coastal town in Rhode Island. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful state! We love swimming in the ocean and can be found at the beach most days during the summer. Our home is a three-bedroom year round cottage in a private neighborhood overlooking the water leading to the Atlantic Ocean. We have access to two private beach areas where we are able to swim and launch our kayaks. In the winter, we are able to spot seals playing in the water from our front deck, as well as from multiple local piers that are within driving distance. One of the wonderful things about New England is the ability to experience four seasons, each one offering a different and unique feel and look that you wouldn't have in other parts of the country.



Our house is within walking distance to a beautiful farm where we buy fruits and vegetables in the summer and pumpkins in the fall. One of the town parks which includes a tennis court, basketball court, as well as baseball and soccer fields is just around the corner. We are a short drive to many New England family friendly places like an aquarium, zoo and museums. We love visiting Boston to explore all of the historical places as well as taking in a Red Sox game. Taking the train to New York City to catch a show on Broadway or do some shopping especially around the holidays is always fun. We love taking day trips and cannot wait to be able to share these adventures with our future child.

Our Relationship

We are a fun and easygoing couple. We met twelve years ago via an online dating site. After many phone conversations we finally decided to meet in person and have been inseparable since. We will be celebrating our 7th wedding anniversary this year and have built a happy, loving and committed life together. We have longed desired to share our life with a child and are so excited for our journey to adoption!



Disney!

7 years
of
wedded
bliss!



Cheering on
our team!



Enjoying Aruba



Education

In terms of schools, we are fortunate to have excellent public and private school options. We anticipate that our future child will attend a bit of both. The preK-8 grade public school system in this area is excellent. Once the child reaches high school age we have many private school options that he or she could attend. Beyond school, there are many area opportunities from infancy thru adulthood to encourage learning through music, arts, nature programs and athletics. Above all else, our child will be supported and encouraged to pursue his or her dreams and excel at whatever unique talents he or she displays!

Our Family

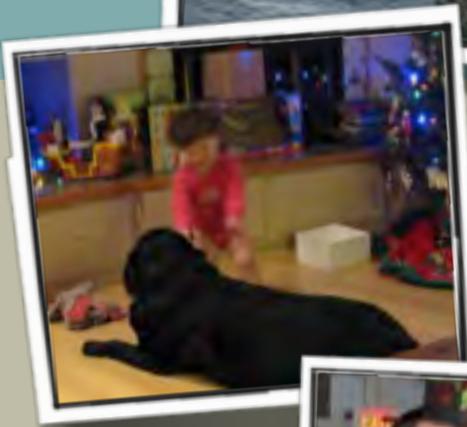
Family is important to both of us and we are a family that loves to have fun. If there is a major sporting event on TV, you can be guaranteed that our friends and extended family are gathered at our house placing friendly wagers on which sport team will score the winning touchdown on Super Bowl Sunday, which horse will finish first in the Derby, or how many gold medals the US will accumulate in the Olympics.



Joanne with her
sister & niece



Andre's Dad
paddle
boarding



Our niece
playing with
Gordon, our dog,
at Christmas

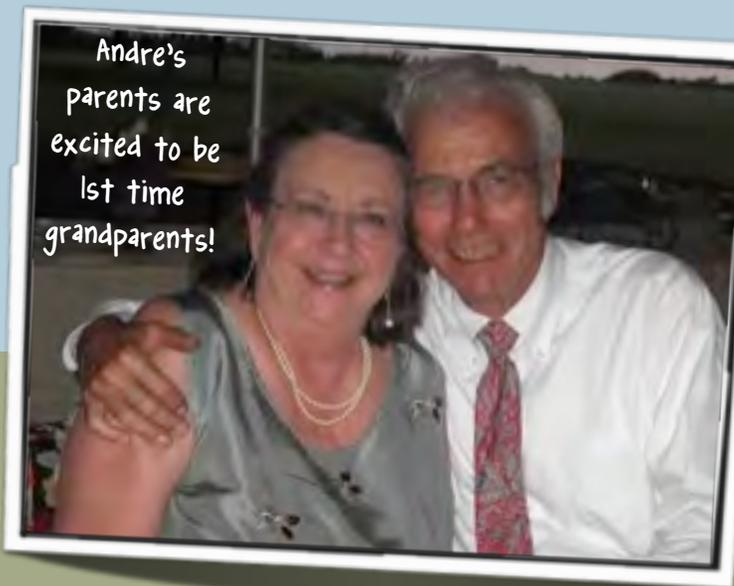


Andre
with his
parents



Joanne's sister & her husband

Both of our families are very excited about our plans to adopt. Adoption is a loving decision that is not only supported by our family, but one that has blessed our extended family already. Andre has two cousins who have adopted. One of his cousins completed a domestic adoption about 15 years ago. His other cousin and his wife adopted a toddler from China a few years ago. If you were to select us to be the adoptive parents for your baby, Joanne's Nana would be a great-grandmother for the 8th time! In addition, there are so many aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides of our family who are eager to welcome, love, and support the baby that becomes a part of our family.



Andre's
parents are
excited to be
1st time
grandparents!

We have a very close relationship with Andre's parents. They are always so supportive and encouraging towards both of us. During the winter months they live in a nearby condo and join us in the summer months at home to enjoy the gorgeous spot where we live. They enjoy traveling and last year took a 66 day cruise around South America. Andre's Dad loves to keep active and can often be found paddle boarding or windsurfing. Andre's Mom loves history and is very involved in genealogy and researching family history.

Joanne's Mom and Dad also love to travel and most recently took a river boat tour in Europe, traveling to many of the spots where Joanne's Dad attended school during his college years. Joanne's Dad loves to garden and spends many hours tending to the gardens surrounding their house. Joanne's Mom loves to travel and still works part time with a civics organization. They live about an hour away but they visit frequently and we often meet them halfway for dinner.



Joanne's parents
exploring switzerland



A family wedding



Carriage ride
through Disney

OUR DREAM IS TO BECOME PARENTS! THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US.

We recognize and appreciate the difficulty you may be facing at this time in your life. We are so honored that you are considering us. We believe in raising a child in a supportive, nurturing, and loving environment. We look forward to nurturing a child's development and fostering his/her individual talents, interests and needs. We will be honest with your child throughout their life and talk openly about how they came to be a part of our family and how lucky we are to love and care for them. We want to honor your wishes in terms of the amount of contact you would like to have with your child after the adoption. We believe that a child can never have too many people who love him or her. We will work together to create a plan we are all comfortable with. Thank you again for considering us to be the adoptive parents of your child.

Blessings,

Andre Joanne



 Gordon



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