

Tanner & Sarah



To a beautiful mama,

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your precious child. Your courage and selflessness in this journey are truly inspiring. *We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share our story with you.* As you navigate this important decision, know that our hearts are filled with respect and admiration for you.



♥ From a loving family, Tanner, Sarah, & Andrew

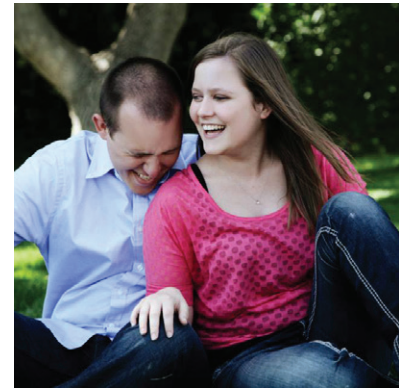
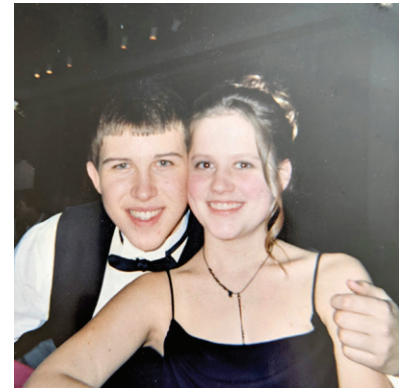
Our Life Together

We met in high school on the side of a theater stage when we were 15/16. After a month of nonstop talking, we started dating and were inseparable. We became best friends. Fast forward 7 years through high school and college, Tanner proposed next to a waterfall in the fall of 2012. We tied the knot in June 2014 on a gorgeous day in June filled with fun, family, and friends and of course dancing!

Family is a priority to us, and we wanted to start a family right away.

After a few stressful years of not being able to have children on our own, we decided to seek help from a specialty infertility clinic in Omaha, NE. They are the best in the world! We discovered that Sarah needed surgeries and hormone injections in order to have the hopes of having kids. After 2 surgeries, many shots, medications, and lots of waiting we had our miracle baby, Andrew, in 2019.

With the eagerness to have more kids and the knowledge that it might take time, we started infertility treatments and trying for baby #2 in March of 2020. Sarah has had more surgeries, hundreds of shots and blood draws in hopes of having more kids over the last 4 years. In March of 2022 we started the adoption paperwork and gained a new hope of adding to our family another way! We are so excited and will welcome any baby into our family and love them unconditionally. *Our entire family is going to be overjoyed when we get to share that news!*



Sarah

THROUGH THE EYES OF Tanner.

Sarah is the most loving and caring person I know. Her desire to seek out others when they are in need, or lending a shoulder to lean on is an attribute I strive to mimic. Whether she is in the classroom, hanging out with her prayer group, or spending quality time with family, she always puts others first.

In the summer, she actively contributes to the local pregnancy center, where she helps mothers acquire new skills, builds connections with them, and ensures they have the necessary supplies for their little ones. Additionally, both of us serve as marriage prep facilitators, a privilege that allows us to engage with newly engaged couples, fostering meaningful conversations and offering guidance when needed. As a middle school science teacher, Sarah's ability to connect with students and make science enjoyable is particularly noteworthy! *Her passion for helping others is truly contagious!*



Soft-hearted
Giving
Joyful
Loving
Goal Driven



Sarah cherishes moments spent with Andrew, especially when exploring outdoor trails and paths for walks and bike rides. *She finds joy in being active and seeking out enjoyable family activities.* Last summer, we had a blast visiting the Omaha Zoo, cheering on the Twins at a baseball game, teaching Andrew to swim in the deeper end of the pool (with a life jacket on), baking new treats, and relishing picnics and afternoons in the park whenever possible. During colder months or evenings, Sarah loves to snuggle up with blankets reading books, and enjoying movies with Andrew. Her passion for planning and organizing shines; evident in her

meticulous preparation for trips – from arranging snacks and meals, to ensuring a schedule packed with fun activities.

Sarah pushes me to become a better father, friend, and person. *Prayer, charity, adventure and traditions are the key factors in making our relationship strong and ever-growing.* Looking back, I've come to understand that her main focus has always been to love and respect everyone. The kindness she has demonstrated ever since I've known her is the main reason she is, and always will be, the best partner in life.

Tanner

THROUGH THE EYES OF Sarah.

Tanner is the kindest person I have ever met. In the 18 years we have been together, I have never heard him yell or lose his temper. He doesn't find a reason for getting upset over the little things. Tanner loves to talk to people and can strike up a conversation with anyone he meets. *He is a great listener and always seems to know the right thing to say.* One of my favorite qualities about Tanner is his fun and goofy personality. Tanner knows how to put a smile on my face and is constantly making me, and everyone around him, laugh.

Tanner has a love for children and is truly a big kid at heart. If it were up to him, we would have a house bursting with kids. But for now, we dream of having 2 kiddos. Tanner loves to play with toys (Hot Wheels), and you will find him playing on the floor with Andrew every night. Rough housing, racing cars, and shooting hoops are favorites in our household. Having grown up in his mom's daycare, he is very comfortable with kids. I love watching him play with our son, and our niece and nephews.



Throughout the week, Tanner finds joy in running, woodworking, and movies. He is an early riser and loves to go on a run before the sun comes up. He loves the challenge of finishing long-distance races with a future goal of running a marathon or two. With woodworking, Tanner likes to try out new things. He makes intricate bowls, unique presents, and any other project that sparks his interest.

In addition to being kind, funny, and playful, Tanner is a hard worker. He's a product safety engineer, overseeing large industrial machinery and evaluating safety concerns. At home, he is a person that loves a clean house. Tanner is self-motivated when it comes to cooking and cleaning. Tanner and I are a great team and each of us do 50% of the household chores.



Caring | Trustworthy | Dependable | Family oriented | Hard-working

Things that make us happy!

Sarah:

Family
Traveling
Sporting Events
Blankets
Exercising
Faith



Tanner:

Family Time
Faith
Running
Woodworking
Hot Wheels
Food



Andrew

Andrew turned four in October of 2023. We enjoy spending time with him and love him to pieces. *Andrew's daycare teachers describe him as "just the sweetest boy, calm, and always with a smile on his face."* He's a content kid who loves people, but finds equal happiness playing with his construction, dinosaur, or Paw Patrol toys on the floor. Outdoors is another favorite for him. He likes to shoot hoops, drop-kick footballs, and go for bike rides. At night he loves reading stories before bed.

Andrew has a strong desire to be a big brother, expressing this daily. We've been discussing adopting a baby for half of his life. As stated by him, "When a birth mom picks us and we get to add a baby to the family, then there will be four of us!" He's genuinely excited, and we eagerly anticipate the day we can share the news that a baby is on the way. That will be a fantastic day!



Family

With being high school sweethearts and growing up together, we are lucky both our parents live in the same town. *We both have grown up in loving homes where our parent's marriages are strong, loving, and supportive.* Your child will have fantastic grandparents who will love them unconditionally and make them a priority. They will most definitely get spoiled with toys and hugs!

Grandma's



Grandpa's

Both of our moms have a love and passion for kids! Sarah's mom is a recently retired kindergarten teacher of 35 years. Tanner's mom is still operating a daycare she started when Tanner was born, and also owns a quilt fabric business. She loves making things for her grandkids. *Both of our Moms are loving and caring, and want to spend every moment with their grandkids.*

Our dads are amazing men and role models. *Both are very successful with their careers, as well as goofy and playful at the same time.* Tanner's Dad is currently remodeling a building they will live in soon, while working as a Progressive automotive claims rep. Sarah's Dad travels all over South Dakota providing training for school boards and administrators.



Sarah's Mom



Tanner's Mom



Sarah's Dad



Tanner's Dad

We both have 1 sister who we are very close with. We talk to Tanner's sister and her husband often and see them as much as we can because they live in a larger city five hours away. They just had their first baby in August of 2023! He is so cute and happy! Sarah's sister, husband, and kids live in the same town as us. Only 5 minutes away! We are always together and the 3 kids are best of friends. Our niece is 6 and our nephew is 4. We are constantly together cooking meals, going on adventures to the pumpkin patch, McDonald's play land, swimming pool, parks, and anything else fun we can come up with. We have tons of fun and would love to add more children to the mix for these fun times!

Outside of our immediate family, Tanner has a large extended family as his dad is 1 of 6 kids. So holidays are large celebrations of sometimes 30+ people. Sarah has a smaller family, but they are extremely close.



Sarah's Sister & Family



Tanner's Sister & Family



Our Home/Community



We live in a mid-sized town in South Dakota. There are a lot of fun things to do in our community. There is a recently built aquatic center, a pumpkin patch that fills up our weekends in the fall, a bouncy house park at the mall, a movie theater, and many parks where we love to play and have picnics. By the river, there are several beaches, bike paths, and so much more! We have a nice and safe community.



We enjoy spending time with friends. We have a close-knit group who are fun to hang out with and share the same moral values we do. The kids all love to play together. If we are chosen, your child will have the joy of growing up surrounded by friends of the same age.



We live in a 4 bedroom, 3 bath ranch style house. We have a fenced yard and a city park just past our backyard. We have nice neighbors and the kids in the neighborhood come over and play often.





Annual Christmas Cookie Making Day

About a week before Christmas, we get together with Sarah's sister's family and spend an entire day making Christmas cookies. The kids have so much fun! And of course enjoy eating the treats! The next day we make goodie packages and deliver them to neighbors and friends around town.



Annual Grandma Camp

We plan a week in the summer where we go to Sarah's parent's house and spend the whole time doing fun activities. We go to the pool, boating on the river, baking, arts and crafts, and any other fun activity we can think of.

Some of Our Family Traditions



New Meal Sundays

We love to spend time cooking together. Andrew loves to help and has already gained some new cooking skills. With each Sunday we strive to try a new recipe. Many recipes have been keepers!



Holidays

Holidays are always spent with both of our families. We celebrate with family and lots of good food. Our families are always up for a good time and finding fun activities to do. Board games and cards are a must regardless of the time of day!



What we look forward to offering a child

We are committed to offering a nurturing, secure, and joyful home for our children. *We firmly believe that setting an example through our behavior and values is the most effective way to impart life lessons.* In instances requiring guidance or correction, our approach is rooted in love, providing gentle redirection with care and understanding. Below is a list of things we strive to offer Andrew and any other children that enter our home.

- **Christ-Centered Home** - Nurturing, respectful, & loving
- **Good Education** - we'll support whatever career interests them
- **Healthy Routines** - regular bedtimes, family meals, balanced play and leisure time
- **Emotional support and encouragement**
- **Healthy living** - with regular health checkups and physical activities
- **Opportunities** to be involved in new experiences such as creative endeavors, sports, and hobbies they choose
- Open and honest **communication**



Our views on Adoption

Each adoption journey is unique, and when it comes to the level of communication you desire with your child, we are flexible and open to your preferences. Whether you opt for an open adoption, where we enthusiastically support ongoing contact, or if you prefer periodic updates through photos in a semi-open or closed adoption, we wholeheartedly respect and accept your choice.

We would love to adopt a child of any race or culture. We are eager to embrace and incorporate our future child's cultural background into our lives. This may involve learning to prepare specific cuisines, participating in cultural events, mastering particular hair care techniques, or connecting them with individuals knowledgeable about their culture. *We believe that engaging in these experiences together would be an enjoyable and enriching journey for all of us. Oh how much we would learn!*

Thank you

We hope our profile has given you a sense of who we are and the kind of loving home we are eager to provide. If we are the perfect match to raise your child, we promise to love them throughout their whole life. Adoption will always be a part of our journey as a family, and we will make sure your child knows how much you love them. We are grateful you took the time to consider us.

♥ Tanner, Sarah, & Andrew