



HELLO! WE ARE ERICA & ANDY

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our story and hope these pages give you a small glimpse into the love, faith, and joy that fill our home.





OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We started dating in high school in 2007, had a long-distance relationship throughout college, and got married in 2013 right after Erica graduated. We both grew up on farms about an hour outside of Sioux Falls but have called Sioux Falls home since 2014 (though we still love visiting our parents on the farms!). We've lived in our house since 2015 and truly enjoy our neighborhood. We have wonderful neighbors and are within walking distance of a park and a couple of grocery stores.

We welcomed our sweet little dog, Cocoa, in 2016. He loves cuddling under cozy blankets and has always been incredibly gentle with our daughter, Eden, whom we adopted as a newborn in 2021. Eden is such a precious gift and brings so much joy to our family.

“Our greatest joy is building a home filled with love, laughter, and faith.”





ALL ABOUT ERICA

HUGE HEART

CARING

AMAZING MOM

WONDERFUL



“Her greatest joy is caring for the people she loves.”

Erica has a huge heart for God and for people. She often goes out of her way to make sure those she loves are cared for. She works part-time while also spending much of her time at home caring for our daughter, Eden. She is the most wonderful wife and mother. Although she's often busy with work or household chores, she always makes time for fun with our family. She especially enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, going on walks, making food (especially when Eden helps), savoring a good cup of coffee, traveling to both new and familiar places, and spending time outdoors whenever she can, especially outside the city.





ALL ABOUT **ANDY**

Andy provides a tremendous sense of stability to our family, along with plenty of joy and laughter. He is committed to working hard to provide for us, yet he still comes home ready to help prepare supper or jump into make-believe adventures with Eden. Quality time with both our immediate and extended family is incredibly important to him, and he consistently puts our family's needs ahead of his own. He is a wonderful husband and father—kind, loving, honest, goofy, and, most importantly, someone who loves Jesus. He also enjoys family adventures, playing guitar, soccer (whether playing or watching), video games, and anything with “cookies & cream” in the title.

“He brings steadiness,
laughter, and unconditional
love to our family every day.”

HARD WORKER

FAMILY ORIENTED

GOOFY

HONEST





SWEET EDEN

Eden is our sweet and spunky five-year-old who is the life of the party wherever she goes. She loves playing make-believe with horses, Barbies, and stuffed animals, as well as spending time outside—especially at the pool or the park. She is outgoing, makes new friends in a heartbeat, and is thrilled to be “the biggest cousin” as she plays with and helps care for her three younger cousins.

She has dreamed of becoming a big sister for a long time and eagerly looks forward to welcoming a baby into our family. We truly believe she will be a wonderful helper and loving big sister.

“Eden can’t wait to share her big heart as a big sister.”

SPUNKY

OUTGOING

HELPFUL

LOVING





THOUGHTS ON ADOPTION

ERICA

I have two brothers who are adopted, so adoption has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Growing up, I always imagined that I would adopt children someday. When we began our first adoption journey, we felt confident God was leading us, and it became one of the greatest blessings we could have imagined. We are incredibly grateful to our daughter's birth parents for choosing us to raise her, and we make sure she knows what a precious gift she is and how deeply she is loved. We now feel the same peace about growing our family through adoption again. As we wait, we are praying for the expectant parents who are making such a courageous and loving decision. We know adoption is never an easy choice, but we believe it is a beautiful act of love that blesses everyone involved.

ANDY

I grew up knowing very little about adoption. One of my uncles is adopted, but because he lived far away, it wasn't something I experienced firsthand. When Erica and I started dating, I got to know her family well, including her two adopted brothers. Through them, I saw the beauty of adoption woven into everyday family life. Long before we were married, Erica shared her dream of adopting someday, and over time that dream became mine too. After we faced infertility in our own journey to become parents, my desire to adopt only grew stronger. Welcoming our daughter, Eden, into our family completely changed my heart. Adoption has deepened my compassion and strengthened my desire to love, guide, and encourage every child God entrusts to us. I hope to help each of our children become the person God created them to be.

WHAT WE HOPE TO OFFER A CHILD



ANDY



ERICA

We want to guide our children in the way of the Lord and show them what it means to love Jesus. We know we would not be where we are today without Him in our lives. Our hope is for our children to always feel loved, valued, heard, cared for, and secure. Stability is especially important to me because I believe having a strong foundation helps children grow with confidence and flourish. That includes the stability of our home (we don't plan on moving anytime soon), our jobs (Erica has been with her employer for over 12 years, and I've been with mine for over 11 years), and a steady family life. I believe that when children have stability, they can focus on growing, learning, and becoming who God created them to be. We want to teach discipline and good manners, but just as importantly, we want to model love, respect, patience, and kindness.

Our desire is to provide a home where every child feels deeply loved, valued, chosen, and cherished. We want our home to be centered on God, where our children learn to respect others, know they deserve respect in return, and understand the importance of kindness and grace. We also believe in creating a stable and consistent home environment where children feel safe, know what to expect, and can thrive in daily routines. We want to model a strong, loving marriage and a home filled with encouragement, faith, and patience. We know we won't be perfect parents, but when we make mistakes, we'll apologize and make things right. We also want our children to know that their mistakes don't define them. They will always be loved unconditionally, and forgiveness will always be available.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS





THANK YOU!

We know that making an adoption plan and choosing a family for your child is no easy task, and we applaud you for making the hard, beautiful, selfless, and loving decision to choose adoption. Should you choose us as your child's adoptive parents, they would be loved unconditionally—not only by us and our daughter, but also by our extended families and a wonderful circle of friends and support. No matter what plan you make, we are cheering you on and praying for you.



With love, Andy, Erica and Eden