

We are looking forward to...
the **joy** and **challenge** of
being a parent. The joy of having a child...
knowing and sharing a **new life**.

The joy of making a home...
the **center** but not the limit
for the lives of those you love.





Hi, we're Abby and Andy and we thank you for taking the time to consider our family. We know the love you have for your child has brought you to this decision and we admire your courage and strength in going through this process. We have lots of love to give and can't wait to share it with a child.



Abby and Andy were set up on a blind date in 2006 by a mutual friend and hit if off right away. Their laid-back personalities, commitment to doing a job well and close bonds with their families were attributes that created a happy and peaceful relationship. They were engaged a year later and married in an outdoor ceremony in 2008 surrounded by family and friends.

Wedding day, May 17th 2008. Abby and Andy accidentally planned their wedding on the same day as the huge graduation day of the local University. Abby's cousins played guitar and sang during the ceremony and her aunt, Karen, was the minister. Andy's aunt made the wedding cake and his sister, Anne, was a huge help as the wedding planner.



Andy is more the strong and quiet type. He's kind, dependable and non-judgmental. Andy works with computers and chose this profession because he enjoys problem solving. Abby loves that Andy is generous, kind and dependable. She respects that he is the go-to-guy for his friends and family; he helps people move, fixes their computers, feeds their animals when they're away on vacation, helps them remodel their houses and the list goes on.



Abby is also dependable, but likes to make people laugh and is a bit more adventurous. Abby completed her double residency in both Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in 2009. She chose medicine because it combined a love of science with a chance to help others and feel useful. Andy loves that Abby is laid-back, fun and makes him laugh.





Andy's favorite hobby is woodworking. His shop is a place he goes to relax and he looks forward to sharing this hobby with his children someday. Abby's favorite hobby is reading because it transports you into another person's vantage point and helps you understand the world better. They both like to travel and can't wait to take vacations with kids someday and show them some of their favorite places, like Hawaii, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and Europe. They also like to ride bikes on state trails and take their dogs for walks.

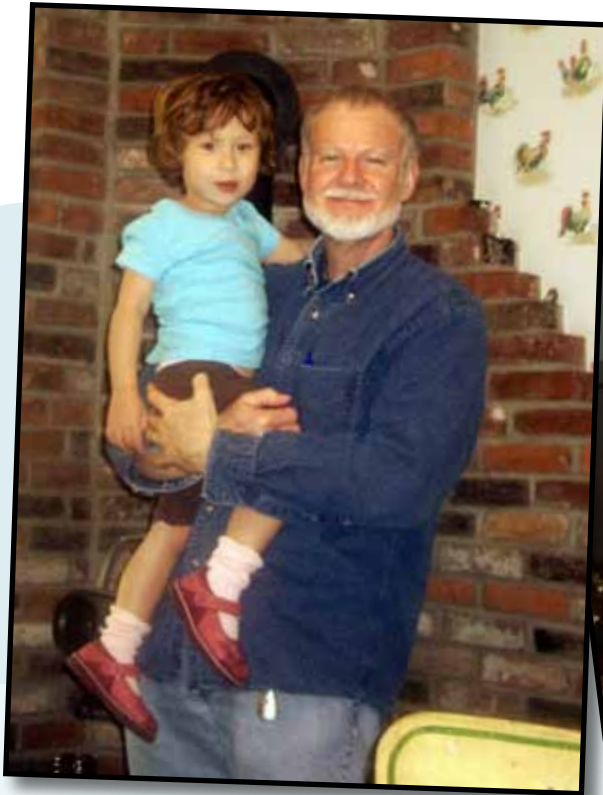


Vacation to the Hawaiian island of Kauai in 2009. Abby and Andy chose Kauai because of all the outdoor sporting activities; they snorkled, hiked, zip-lined and kayaked. They would love to make the island a family vacation spot in the future.



Andy has three siblings. Andy and Abby are probably closest to his younger sister, Anne. Anne, like Andy, was also adopted as an infant. He has a brother, Dave, who is ten years younger and a step-sister, Emily, who is 15 years younger. His mother passed away when Andy was 17 years old. His dad, Robert, married his step-mother, Barb several years later. Robert is a radiologist and currently the Dean of a state medical school. The whole family, except Dave who's in college, all live in the same town and spend a lot of time together.





Soledad with grandpa



Hannah and Nathan

Abby has 2 siblings. Her older sister, Katie, is a nurse and has a 4 year old daughter, named Soledad. Soledad is very excited to have a cousin and somehow has come to the conclusion that the baby will be “her baby” which everyone thinks is hilarious. Abby’s younger sister is Hannah and she’s married to Nathan. They currently live in Chicago, where Nathan is in school for his PhD in education. They plan to move back home when he’s done. Abby’s parents are Dan and Kim. Dan is a ER physician and Kim is a stay at home grandma. Kim comes from a large family, which makes get-togethers a lot of fun. Abby’s family lives about 90 minutes away and they visit each other as often as possible. Abby and Andy would love to have Abby’s family move closer to them and are currently working on convincing them to do so.

Both families are excited and very supportive of Abby’s and Andy’s desire to adopt.

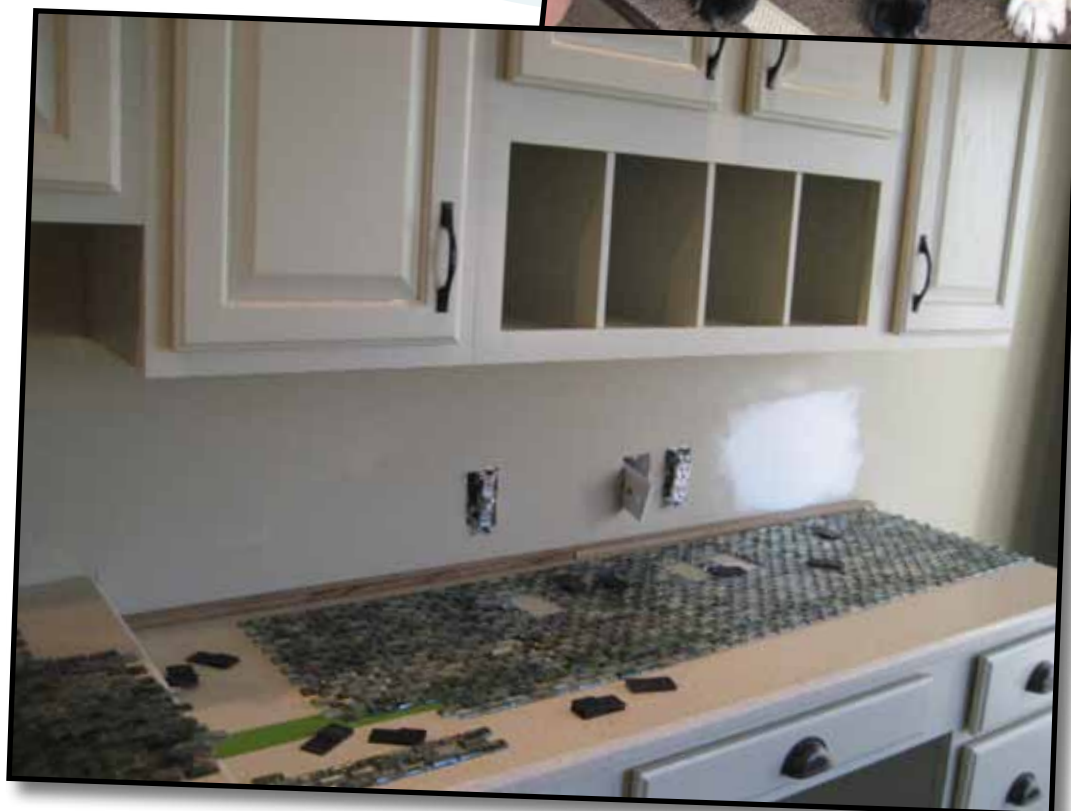


Abby and Andy live in a 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, two-story home with a walkout basement. There's a nursery that's being renovated so it will have wood floors and a mural on the wall. They have two dogs adopted from a local shelter. Buddha is a Labrador mix and is about 12 years old. Riley is a Shepard mix and is about 3 years old. Their house is in a great neighborhood with lots of kids. There's a neighborhood walking and bike riding path plus a local park ½ a mile away with a lake and a large playground.



Buddha and Riley are very gentle animals and love to spend time on Abby and Andy's back deck. They like going on car rides, neighborhood walks and to the local dog park.

Abby and Andy like to work on projects around the house together; whether it's painting, laying floors or putting up kitchen tile. They do, though, admit to making their fair share of home improvement mistakes!





We love our lives, but it is our heartfelt desire to raise children. We are very excited about becoming parents and will raise our child as we were raised; with love, patience and respect. We will instill good values so that a child knows how to treat others with respect, kindness and compassion. We hope to show a child how to have a good sense of humor, be light-hearted and truly enjoy life.

This decision is certainly a very difficult one for you and we hope the pictures and information we have included here will help you get to know us a little better. Thanks again for considering us!

Abby and Andy