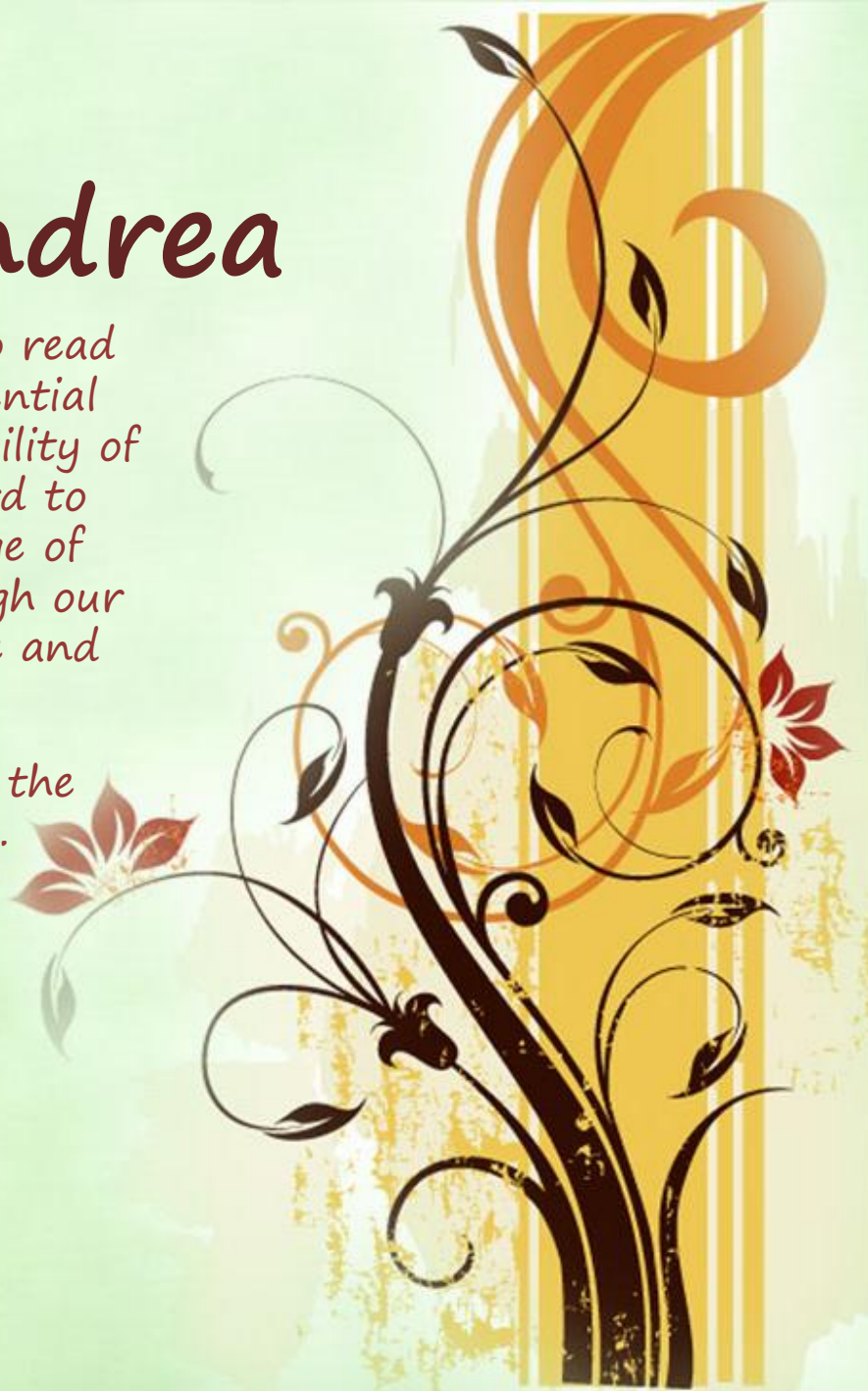


# Jake and Andrea

*Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile and for considering us as potential parents. We are so excited about the possibility of a child in our future and we look forward to expanding our family and to the privilege of parenthood. We hope that by going through our profile you will get a sense of who we are and what we have to offer a child.*

*We are grateful for your decision to give the incredible gift of life to a lucky family. Please know that we keep you in our prayers.*



We were both born and raised here in Wyoming and met while we were in college. We had some mutual friends who helped us connect and we were both involved in several of the same church activities. We dated for about three years, and in August of 2002 we were married.



We are very active in our church, and our faith is an important part of our lives. We feel at home in our parish and it is a place where we find support, guidance, and fellowship.

We enjoy attending concerts, plays, and sporting events at the university. We're big fans of the Colorado Rockies, Denver Broncos, and Wyoming Cowboys.

Our families on both sides are within a few hours' drive and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to be with them several times a year. Three of Andrea's siblings live in town and we enjoy seeing them often.

We also love spending time with friends, and we consider ourselves very lucky to have a tight-knit group of friends here in our hometown. We often take trips with them and enjoy game nights. They are amazing people and have blessed and enriched our lives in countless ways. We know they will be part of the extended family of our children!



## About Jake:

I like to run, play softball, hike, and any other activity that gets me outside. I have recently taken up mountain biking and love trying out new trails. I enjoy sports, especially baseball and football, and I like to read and go to the movies.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Communications and a Master's in Public Administration, and I currently work as a senior office associate. I also work in athletics filming footage for the scoreboard at the home football and basketball games.



## About Andrea:

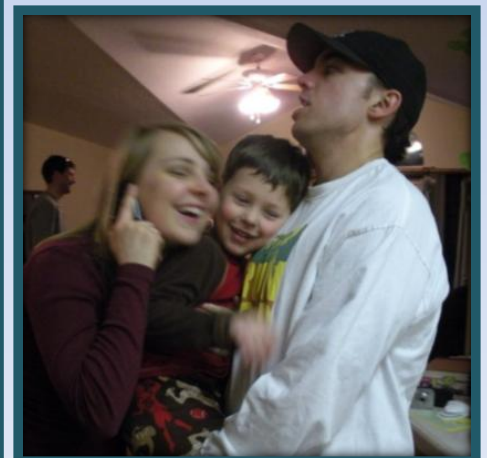
I enjoy music, running, and watching movies, and I spend lots of time reading. Jake and I are very active with our church and I am currently involved with music at our local parish.

I graduated with a degree in elementary education in 2001, and have been teaching ever since. I love my job! The kids keep me on my toes, but they also fuel my passion for teaching and learning. I finished my Master's degree in 2005 and I continue to seek out new opportunities to be a better teacher.



I don't really know how to put into words why I want a child. Part of the reason is that I think that Andrea would make an amazing mother. She is loving, nurturing, kind, and overall she is great with children, and I know she will be a great mother. As for me, I think part of the reason that I want kids comes from hearing about other people and their experiences with children. People have told me that it is the most amazing thing that they have done, and that they wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world. I hear about the funny little stories that come about with having children, the challenges and the rewards, and I feel that is something that I want to experience. We have several nieces and nephews, and friends with kids. When I am around these kids I enjoy making them laugh, and I love experiencing the world through their eyes.

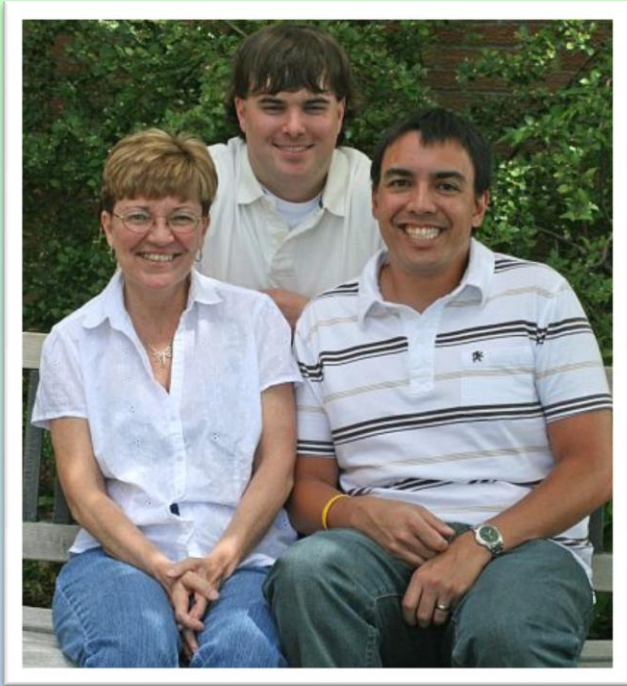
Another reason is that as a child, I grew up without a father. I did have an amazing grandfather and uncle who were able to provide a male influence in my life, but there are experiences that I feel that I missed out on in life, in part because I never had a father. Being a dad is a chance to offer a child opportunities that I was never able to experience. I will offer our children unconditional love and I look forward to the opportunity to show our children how much there is to learn in the world, how much growth a person can have, and that I will always be there for them. As a parent, I anticipate my responsibility for the child to be a partnership with Andrea. We both will be responsible for the care and well-being of a child. We are very lucky in that we have family and close friends that are very excited about us having a child, and will offer us any support that we would ever need.



Jake and I have always looked forward to having children, and I know we will be able to provide a child with a loving home. We feel called to be parents and I know that Jake is going to be an amazing dad. He has an incredible sense of humor, a generous heart, and deep sense of loyalty and commitment to his friends and family. I can't wait for tucking a little one into bed, reading books together, family camping trips and movie nights, sticky fingers, and goodnight kisses. I can't wait to teach our child how to ride a bike, how to pitch a tent, and how to sing Ragtime Cowboy Joe. I can't wait to make memories with birthday parties, first days of school, and Christmases with the cousins. As parents it will be our charge to make sure that our child always feels loved and supported, and that we do everything we can to give them the skills and confidence necessary to be a happy and successful person. I know that Jake and I will be equal partners in raising a child. In addition we know that we will have the support of our extended families, who are anxious to welcome in a new grandchild/niece/nephew.



# Our Families



Jake with his mom and his brother, Jesse



Us with Jake's mom, his grandmother, and his brother and sister-in-law



Jake's brother with his wife and their new addition to the family, our niece Taylee

The annual Christmas photo with Jake's cousins





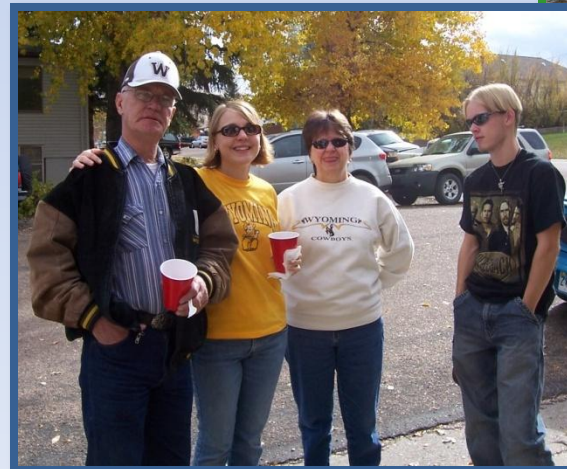
*Andrea's family*

*Andrea's sister Aimee with her husband Aaron and their three smiley kiddos*



*Andrea's sister Angie with her husband Ben and their three adorable boys*

*The cousins!*



*Andrea's parents, her sister Ariane, and her brother Doug*

Summer camping fun



Doing some painting on a service trip in Galveston



Hanging out in the Rockies dugout with some of our closest friends



Free rides!



My first trip to Maine

Visiting the Tucson Zoo with our nephew



Game night with Andrea's family over Christmas vacation





*Our first Broadway play*



*On top of the Empire State Building*

*A trip up to Yellowstone for our fifth anniversary*



*Visiting family in Arizona*



*At Fenway Park*



*Our trip to Boston to celebrate Jake's Master's degree*



*Spring break in Chicago*



*On our way to see the Statue of Liberty*

Again, thank you for reading over our profile and considering us as parents. Most importantly though, we thank you for the gift of carrying this little one. If you choose us as adoptive parents, we will be open to communicating with you through letters and pictures and helping you to know what a loving, happy home we have created for our family.



“Bricks and mortar make a house, but the laughter of children makes a home.”  
--Irish Proverb