

# Chris and Andrea

**Hello!** We are so honored that you would take the time to get to know us by reading our letter. We are praying for you as you walk through the process of deciding what is best for your child. Our promise to you, should you choose to place your child with us, is to raise them as our own in a loving, supportive home.





# About Us

We met as freshmen at Northern Arizona University in Fall of 2004. We got married one week after graduating from NAU in May of 2008 and moved to Tucson. Chris is a strength and conditioning coach at a local high school and youth pastor at our church. Andrea has been a teacher, a volleyball and softball coach, and a guidance counselor.

We adopted Joena in 2020 and have loved growing as a family.

Some of our favorite times together include meal times, building forts, dancing to music, reading books, and taking family walks with our dogs, Mali and Mystique.

We enjoy traveling as a family, especially to places with outdoor activities like hiking and kayaking. We regularly go to Flagstaff for long weekends to enjoy the mountains and the snow. Andrea loves to cook and bake and is always trying new recipes. Chris loves music and plays the piano, drums and is learning the guitar.





## About Chris (by Andrea)

Chris is the kindest, most compassionate person I have ever met. He genuinely cares for people and puts them at ease. He has led youth and children at our church for many years and has been a high school teacher for the past 3 years – He is a wonderful role model to so many young people. Chris loves to make others smile and will do whatever he can to help anyone in need. I have watched him be the most incredible daddy to our little girl. He loves her so well and they have so much fun together.

## About Andrea (by Chris)

Andrea is a caring and giving woman. Whether she is coaching, teaching, training our dogs, or creating silly songs to sing with Joena, she does so with everything she has. Many from her softball team have regarded her as a mother figure, and Andrea has cared for them as her own. There has never been a cooking or baking recipe she has not mastered. She is thoughtful, considerate, always giving the best gifts and the best advice. Watching her grow as a mother has been the most amazing thing I have seen especially when it comes to the nightly routine of tubby time, reading books, and singing Joena to sleep.

## About Joena

Our lives were blessed by the birth and placement of Joena into our home in July of 2020. She is inquisitive, sweet and spunky. We can already see her being very caring and kind at her young age. We can see her being the best big sister! She loves to read, explore the outdoors, play with water, sing and dance. We have been blessed to keep an open relationship with her birth mom and four older sisters. We enjoy getting together with them and learning more about their family and culture.



Andrea's Family



Chris' Family

## Our Hope...

We have always had adoption in our hearts and had talked about it since our early years together – we are so grateful to have been able to adopt Joena and look forward to continuing to grow our family through adoption. As parents, we desire to raise our children in a loving household, full of support and fun. Our desire would be that our children would grow up with a strong foundation and a connection to where they came from.

While we will never truly understand what you are going through as you decide what is best for your child, we want you to know that you are loved, cared for, and prayed for. The gift of life is the most beautiful thing you can give your baby and we are so grateful for your bravery for them.