

Andrew & Paul



Andrew in Montreal



Engagement photo



Paul in Montreal

Intro

Since we met in 2010, life around us has been this amazing swirl of activity and excitement. A flurry of firsts. Sandwiched between our first date and our most recent first of buying our home, we have achieved so many things that we have wanted in our lives. But it isn't really ever just us. For all of the big things that matter, there's always a network of people involved. For us as a couple, it was a pair of sneaky besties matchmaking over a thanksgiving dinner. With adoption, we have received so much support from our agency and our social worker. We have each known that we wanted to be parents as long as we can remember, and going through this process has brought us even closer together and helped us feel ready for this big step. Incorporating adoption into your life is probably the biggest decision that a person can make. From our perspective, adoption is this big scary, wonderful, amazing thing. We can only imagine how it must be from your perspective. If our story connects with you, and you are open to it, we hope to become a part of your network and you a part of ours as we journey through this big scary, wonderful thing together.

About Us

We were introduced by friends at a suspiciously small thanksgiving dinner. The connection was instant and several dates quickly followed. In a matter of months, we slowly started to move in together, a toothbrush and t-shirt at a time. We took the full plunge and started officially living together after about a year. Marriage was always a part of the plan, and our wedding was everything we both imagined- a celebration of our love with plenty of laughter and dancing. Our video gives insight into our strength as a couple: <https://vimeo.com/146511010>. Just before our first wedding anniversary, we bought our first place together and currently live in a vibrant, eclectic neighbourhood in Vancouver close to schools, parks, beaches and close friends and their kids. As we move towards our third anniversary, we're excited to be in a great place to bring children into our lives and start to grow our family.

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FAMILY

Family, friends, community
make up who we are

2

LOVE & SUPPORT

Together we are stronger,
love being our foundation

3

LAUGHTER & GIGGLES

Life needs more laughter
and giggles



Suited Up

In Hawaii for Paul's sisters
wedding



Costumed

Ready for Halloween
We love any excuse for
costumes!



Sight Seeing

Our Honeymoon in Bali,
Indonesia

About Andrew

Andrew was born and raised in a small town in New Brunswick. Andrew has always connected with kids, and his first job out of high school was teaching theatre to children during the summer before he began his own theatre studies in University. After graduating with his BA, Andrew moved to Vancouver to study film and continued to teach children theatre and improvisation. In 2008, he was promoted to School Director at a local Performing Arts School and has continued to work in language and arts education for youth ever since. Andrew is currently the Director of Youth Programming for an International Private Language School. One of the best parts of his job is teaching his students tools to build self-confidence. He has a natural gift for helping his students learn to solve problems and encourage them to love learning as much as he does. Andrew is thoughtful, sensitive, a great story-teller and their nieces' and nephew's favourite person to play games with. Paul loves him for his sense of humour, his caring nature and his loving approach to those around him.

About Paul

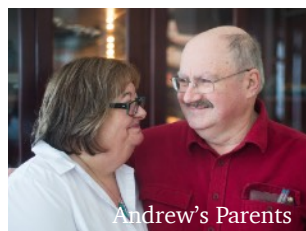
Paul's parents immigrated from Laos after getting married to ensure a better life for their children. They settled in Victoria where Paul was born and later moved to the lower mainland in his early teens. Before starting his career, Paul travelled around Europe/Asia and has loved to travel ever since. He can't wait to travel with his own kids, whether on short weekend trips focused on family time or bigger adventures to other countries. Paul is a Structural Drafter for an engineering company with an office here in Vancouver. Paul loves to see live bands/music concerts and live theatre, playing sports and being active. Paul is determined, out-spoken, loving and dedicated to his family and friends. Paul is also known by his nieces and nephew's for his amazing skills at barbie time and monster trucks. Andrew loves him for his strength, devotion to family, humour and directness.

Family

We were both fortunate enough to grow up in homes where love and support were the foundation, in both good and bad times. We each grew up learning to respect all people, without judgment. Our families worked hard to provide for their children and we have learned and gained so much from their hard work. Our parents are over the moon at the prospect of inviting more grandchildren into their lives. We also have eager aunts and uncles, along with nieces and nephews that can't wait to be cousins. In addition to our immediate family, we are blessed with a network of close friends who provide love, support and the most amazing bunch of nieces and nephews. Through these close friends we have a great network of support and some amazing examples of successful parenting. We cannot wait to have our own children to share in all the fun, laughs and love we have in our life.



Paul's Mother & Partner



Andrew's Parents



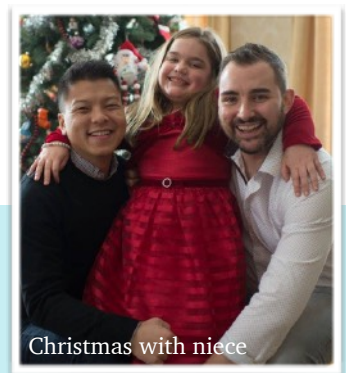
Cuddles with uncle



“we hope to become a part of your network and you a part of ours”



Andrew and nephew at shared birthday



Christmas with niece

Through the range of examples in our lives, we know that loving families come in all shapes and sizes. We envision an adoption plan that would include birth family members. As the saying goes, it takes a village and we would love you to be a part of our village if you so choose.