

# ANDY & RACHELLE ZASUWA

## CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Hello,

We are Andy and Rachelle and we cant wait to meet you! We want to share a little about ourselves and hope you get an idea of the type of people we are and the parents we hope to be. Thank you so much for considering us!



# OUR STORY

We first met during our high school years and became close friends growing up. After graduating high school we both moved out of state to for school but always stayed in touch. It wasn't until our late twenties that our friendship developed into something more, love! We have been together for 15 years, and married for 8 years and live in Chicago, Illinois.



We're a loving, thoughtful and outgoing couple. Whether we're traveling, working together on a project or simply making a meal together at home, we genuinely love being in each other's company. We've always dreamed of starting our own family, unfortunately after many disappointments and numerous fertility procedures we were unsuccessful. We're ready to grow our family through open adoption and to raise a child in a home full of love, belonging and celebration.



## *Things we love:*

- hiking & camping
- traveling
- being creative
- Lake Michigan
- cooking & baking
- snuggling with our kitty
- being with friends & family
- our nephew & nieces <3



Rachelle is an artist and works as an art instructor for the Chicago park district, and supports community art programs around the city. She has a Bachelor of Art in Printmaking and Master of Fine Arts.



# RACHELLE



**Interests:**  
baking  
being in nature  
gardening  
making art  
soccer  
swimming  
music



I was raised in Michigan, in a loving and hard working family that taught me the importance of perseverance and showing up for others. Creativity has always been part of who I am. From drawing, gardening, and crafting I've found joy and connection through self expression and nature. While I was in school I worked part-time as a nanny and supported numerous families, caring for their children as if they were my own and am excited for Andy and I to start our own family. I cant wait to raise a child surrounded by art, music, play and wonder, helping them feel safe, cherished and loved.

# ANDY



I was raised outside Detroit, Michigan as an only child by two loving, creative, and hard-working parents. I was raised with a strong work ethic but was also encouraged to explore my creative side whether it was music, art or cooking. I played in numerous bands growing up, and am still an active musician. As a teenager I knew I wanted a job where I helped people and my career as an attorney has always been focused on serving the public.

I am very active and adventurous and I am excited for the opportunity to give a child the same kind of life experiences and resources I had in my own upbringing.

## **Interests:**

music (listening, playing, writing)  
bike riding/hiking  
traveling  
cooking  
gardening  
hockey

## OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in Edgewater, a diverse, family-friendly neighborhood in Chicago, filled with parks, playgrounds and lots of kids. We also live a five minute walk from Lake Michigan! Our home is bright, cozy, and set up with little ones in mind, including a patio where we garden and grow our own veggies in the Summer. Our cat Ricky is gentle, snuggly and excited for a new family member to play with.



## FAMILY- COMMUNITY

We deeply value our family, friends and community above all else, and they are super excited and supportive of us in this next chapter of our lives. We are only a few hours from our family in Michigan and visit frequently.

We love celebrating holidays and important milestones while traveling to see all of our family and close friends across the country, including Texas!



# THANK YOU!



Thank you so much for considering our family. If our paths continue together, we would be honored to welcome your child into our family. We will embrace them with love, openness and a lifelong commitment to helping them thrive. We are dedicated to creating a home where they can grow up safe, be celebrated and deeply loved for exactly who they are. Their racial, cultural and family identity will be affirmed, and we will surround them with mirrors of themselves — through mentors, books, media and community. We believe in speaking openly and lovingly about adoption, they will know how deeply they are loved by us and by you. If you do choose our home for your child, we are committed to working out a plan to stay in touch through updates, calls and visits.



Rachelle & Andy