

Hello!

We are Corey and Caroline, a 34 year-old High School Special Education Teacher and Head Tennis Coach at La Crosse Central High School and a 5 year-old Kindergartener to-be at State Road Elementary this upcoming school year! We have two beautiful Australian Shepherds named Nitro and Kona and a majestic Siamese Lynx Point Cat named Sharky.

We currently live at Roosevelt School Apartments in what is essentially a one bedroom with a den (no windows in the second room even though it was advertised to us as a two bedroom) on the far North Side of La Crosse and our lease is up at the end of March! As you know, we attempted to purchase 1316 5th Ave S this summer but were not able to unfortunately as that property went to a very deserving Veteran and his young daughter. This will be the third time officially submitting an offer on a City of La Crosse Replacement Housing Program house so we have been patiently waiting to say the least and are in need of a new living situation this time. This would be the perfect property for us as it is conveniently located two blocks from Caroline's mother's house and just a couple minutes from both State Road Elementary and Central High School!

I have been asked by the parents of a student on my caseload and his La Crosse County Social Worker if I would be a voluntary respite care provider but considering my current living situation, have been unable to. I am hoping by being able to purchase this house that I can continue serving our community in ways other than teaching and coaching, by providing a safe home for those in need of respite care and eventually foster youth.

I grew up in the Wisconsin State Foster Care System after having been taken from my parents several times throughout my early childhood, eventually becoming a legal orphan as my parents rights were terminated and aging-out of care.

I went on to graduate Valedictorian of my high school class and was a WIAA State Tennis tournament qualifier. After high school, I attended the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse where I graduated with Honors. I have worked extensively with at-risk youth throughout my life in community, school, and extracurricular settings and will continue to do so!

Thank you for your consideration!

Corey, Caroline, Nitro, Sharky, and Kona