

BUILDING A BETTER LIFE WITH A PLAN

Dana: Robert and I met on an online dating site. I fell in love with him instantly. We got married a year and a half after our first date. It was the sunset and barefoot on the beach getting married to the person that I knew I was going to spend the rest of my life with.

Robert: When I met Dana, I had a three and a half year old daughter from a previous marriage.

Dana: Well, we knew pretty quickly we want to have another child, and low and behold, Kyle was born the next November.

Robert: Having two kids in the house, we want to have financial stability for the future.

Dana: When Kyle was born, we got in touch with a financial advisor because we both knew we didn't have the expertise to invest properly and he told us about mutual funds, and the insurance, and the Manulife One account, and so our money was working for us every day. The financial advisor suggested that we open up an RESP for Taylor. When Kyle came along, we upped the game a bit and put more money away every month for both of them, knowing that they'd both be going to college or university. With Manulife I can track everything online, and with that kind of help, I figured out that we can pay our house off within seven years. We want to be able to travel when we're still healthy and young enough to do it, hence the reason why we want to retire early.

I do crafts, I was really into it before the kids came along, and I'm starting to get back into it now. Manulife came at the right time in our life and really helped give us direction.

Rob: I'm very happy we planned to save, because it gives us the freedom to do things later in life.

Dana: And security.

Rob: And security, yeah.

Dana: I feel like we're ready. We're in a good spot in our life right now.

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