



We focus on what matters to make every adoption a *beautiful experience*.



Hello...we are Matthew, Kathleen and Joey!

## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

When we found out we were unable to conceive, we remained confident as we know that everything happens for a reason. Being unable to conceive told us we would create our family through adoption, giving children the loving homes they need. We waited for the day we would be blessed with a child and we were fortunate to have that happen for the first time nearly 5 years ago when we adopted our son. We have been praying for the last two years for another child. Our son is ready to be a big brother and we are ready to fill our home with the joy another child will bring. It has been difficult with the number of failed adoptions that have taken place during that time, however we have faith that it's because the child that was meant for us just hasn't found us yet.

Both of us absolutely adore children. More than anything else, we would love to give a child a loving home. We have everything we need, except for more children to complete our family. Since both of us were raised with siblings, we know how much that will mean to our son, as well.

Sincerely,

*Matthew*  
*Kathleen*  
*Joey*





## *Our values and beliefs as parents...*

You'll find that 'family' is our cornerstone. Everything we do is built around it, from where we chose to live, to our jobs, to everything in between. We are a trans-racial family and are committed to bringing up children with a diverse outlook, appreciating the differences each of us has to offer and learning about his/her background and heritage.

We have already done this with our first child. And, while not experts (we learn as we go like any other parent), we have really made conscientious choices about school and daycare to ensure that he makes friends in a variety of cultures. Our neighborhood is pretty diverse as well. There are Indian, Asian, Caucasian and African-American families with many of them being trans-racial too. We network with other trans-racial families to share what we do to help our children understand and embrace their backgrounds and have gotten pointers from the adoption agency we worked with.

We try to expose our son to as many different things as possible, including sports, volunteering, plays at the local theater and festivals for various nationalities - even if they aren't the heritage for any of us!



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## Our home...

We have a four bedroom home that we hope to fill with children. It has a large, fenced-in backyard with a hill for kids to do somersaults down or use their sleds...depending on the time of year. We are close to a variety of parks and our neighborhood has many young, diverse families with lots of children.

We live close to our church and our son goes to school there, as well. We both volunteer: Matt is on a committee that raises funds for the church and local charities. Katie is the co-chair for the Preschool Parent Advisory Council, staying actively involved in many of the decisions for the preschool, as well as teaching Sunday school.

As a family, we like to go to the park, ride bikes, and go to the zoo. We enjoy sporting events and have season tickets to a local college basketball team. Our son loves to swim and play baseball and basketball. Our main thing is to let him try as many different activities as possible so he can find out what he enjoys doing. Family time is the most important thing to us and all of our activities are planned around spending time together.



## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Puzzles, Cooking, Running, Reading

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Reading, Running, Golf

#### **Family:**

Sports, Movies, Outdoor Activities,  
Family Games

### PROFESSIONS:

#### **Adoptive Mother:** Sr. Business Coordinator

- Retirement and Investment Services

#### **Adoptive Father:** Director, Business

Transformation, Asset Management

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Some College

**Adoptive Father:** Masters Degree

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## Our family...

We met at work in 2000. Katie always had the rule to never date anyone at work and it had worked well...until she met Matt. It was the first time she broke the rule and she ended up marrying him! We found that we both wanted the same things in life - a family, a home, to be involved in our community and so on. We also had many of the same interests and actually went to the same church, but didn't know it. We had even talked about adoption before we were married to make sure we were on the same page about children – and of course, we were.

We currently have one son and simply put, he is our JOY. We brought him home over 4 years ago, after being born 2 months premature. The moment we held him, we knew he had chosen us to be his parents. He was tiny, but has always been strong and is growing into an amazing boy.

We have a yellow lab that is very loving and energetic. He enjoys playing with children, going for walks and playing ball. He and our son are quite the pair and love to hang out together. We're certain they are often conspiring on how to sneak an extra treat or something similar many nights!

Katie enjoys her job as a Senior Business Coordinator as it gives her the flexibility to working from home a few days a week, while still allowing her to be involved in strategic initiatives in her department. Working from home was especially important when our son started preschool. She wanted to be able to take him to and from school to hear about his day while it was fresh in his mind. In addition, she's never had to miss an activity he's been involved with or worry about what to do if he's under the weather.

Matt works in the Business Transformation area at his company. His team helps to devise the short and long-term strategies for the organization. He enjoys being able to put a plan together and help put the plan into action while working alongside a highly motivated team who cares about doing a good job. His job has also allowed him the flexibility to take Joey to and from school, as well as being there for all his extracurricular activities.

Our family has many traditions. Every Thanksgiving is spent with Katie's family. The entire family (all 24 of us!) comes to celebrate at her parent's home who recently celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary. We play football, cards and games, and all of our families go to a nearby tree farm to cut down our family Christmas trees. We also have an annual cook-off, complete with a traveling trophy! Matt's parents live about 15 minutes from us and can't wait for more grandchildren.

Thank you for taking a glimpse at our life...so far! We look forward to the opportunity to give your child all of the love we share in our hearts as well as learn more about you.

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# Our Photo Album

