

Hello we are...

Jess & Matt



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We've always dreamed of being parents. Growing up in very close and supportive families, we knew we wanted the same thing for our own family. However, from an early age, Jess knew it would be a challenge to get pregnant due to infertility issues. We talked about the beauty and miracle of adoption early in our relationship.

Although we lived only 10 miles from one another, we met online through Match.com. It's amazing how two people can live so close, be so perfect for each other, and had never crossed paths.

Starting a family is not something we are rushing into or doing without great consideration and planning. Knowing that we are the glue that holds our relationship and family together, we've spent five years ensuring we have a solid foundation. We've learned how to be a committed couple while still maintaining our individuality. We've learned how to solve disagreements without being disagreeable. We've continued to build our careers and bought a beautiful home to provide a stable life for us and our child.

We're ready to share unconditional love and acceptance because for us, it's love that makes a family, not blood. We will continue to work together to ensure our child has everything they need to feel secure. But this love, acceptance and support won't come from just us, our child will have involved grandparents (one set lives three doors away), aunts, uncles, and cousins who will be there daily to love and support them.

However, we know that for us to become parents a mother must make the selfless and loving decision to select someone else to raise her child. We're sure this can't be easy. We deeply respect and admire any woman who makes this choice. If you select us, we commit to you that your child will be raised knowing how much you love him/her and that you chose us to parent your child with great consideration and love. To you we promise that your child will have the life, love and acceptance that you hope for.

Warmest Wishes,

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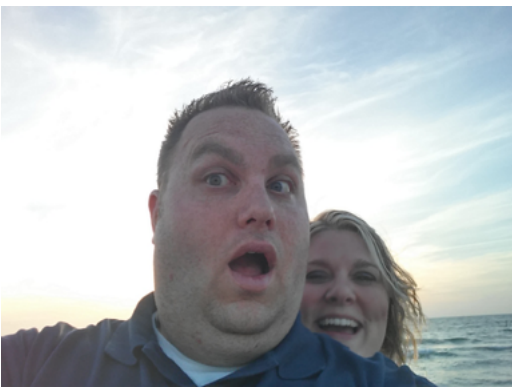
Our values and beliefs as parents...



Family - We both grew up in large stable families. Being married for over 40 years, our parents taught us that family comes first and is always there, no matter what. We grew up knowing our family is there to celebrate with us in good times, provide a shoulder for support in challenging times, and to lend an extra hand when more hands are needed. When we first moved into our home the whole main level needed to be painted. Our entire family came to help and it was painted in just one day. Likewise, when Jess' sister and brother-in-law wanted to spend the day together celebrating their anniversary, we gladly spent the day with our 3 and 5 year old nieces. We started our day with pancakes, then jumped at a trampoline park, went on hayrack rides at an apple orchard, had dinner, popped popcorn, and watched a movie. It was a great day for everyone and we are always happy to help. We look forward to our child feeling the bond of family and knowing that no matter what, we all are always here.



Education- We believe that having a higher level education helps open doors that may not otherwise be open. We both pursued higher educations and will encourage our child to choose a path that makes them both happy and provides opportunities. However, we know that a child's thirst for knowledge and education starts at home and we are excited to have that role. We look forward to reading, playing games, and discovering new things to help our child learn each and every day.



Being open minded- We believe that having an open mind is the foundation for learning about the world and those around us. The world is filled with people with different opinions, views, backgrounds, and cultures. We can disagree without being disagreeable. If we remain open to hearing and learning from those around us there are so many more opportunities to learn. On the other hand, if we close our minds and hearts to others, it limits our perspective. We will teach our child to keep an open mind by being open ourselves - to be open to others views and experiences, regardless if they differ from our own.



Travel- Travel gives us an opportunity to relax, discover new places, experience new cultures and meet new people. While we have visited many new places, one of our favorite destinations is a lake area in WI. It's a picturesque area with quaint shops, tasty restaurants, and fresh air. There is a lot to do on and around the lake - boating, fishing, nature walks, and hiking. We can't wait to share this peaceful and tranquil area with our child. We know that every child looks forward to visiting Walt Disney World, and given that we have family in the Orlando area we know that we will visit often just as Jess did in her childhood. We look forward to seeing our child's face light up the first time they see Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Having Fun - We believe in working hard, but we also know that we have to have fun and enjoy life! We can find fun in anything. On weekends we enjoy going to the local farmers' market or taking a spontaneous day-trip somewhere nearby, eating out and going to movies. We can't wait to share all our fun, as well as add new activities our child enjoys like playing ball, chasing the dogs around the yard (and the dog playfully chasing our child around the yard), rolling down hills, zooming down slides, going swimming, and making sand castles in a sandbox, just to name a few.

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Our home...

We live on a quiet cul-de-sac on the same street where Jess grew up. We didn't plan to buy on the street; however, when a home came on the market just a few doors from Jess' parents, knowing we wanted children, we jumped at the chance. It's the kind of neighborhood where everyone knows each other and watches out for one another. We dream of the day when our child will run down the street to their nana and papa's house!

The neighborhood is special. There is no traffic! The children freely ride bikes in the street and run from one child's house to another playing in backyards and on playsets. There are woods close by that are great for exploring and a good game of hide and seek. There are also two pools, a splash pad, a children's museum, a science center, a couple of trampoline parks, a great park and an ice arena nearby. We can't wait to experience all these attractions with our child.

Our home is really inviting. It's a casual place where everyone feels welcome and no one has to worry about breaking anything. Our home is to be "lived in." The kitchen opens to the living room which is perfect for entertaining. The walls are the color of milk chocolate with overstuffed comfy brown leather furniture. It's a perfect place to hang out with friends and family, watch our favorite TV show or a movie, or simply relax or read a good book.

We love having friends and family visit. Jess loves to cook and bake, while Matt grills. We enjoy a meal on our deck, playing cards, and sitting by the fire. S'mores are always on the menu, the marshmallows cooked on a twig found nearby. Once our day has ended and our guests have left we enjoy quiet time together as we relax in our living room and talk about our day.

We look forward to the changes in our life once we are parents. Our focus will shift to our child and making their life the best it can be. Our preparation for a child has already begun. The nursery is decorated in primary colors, there is a huge window that lets in a lot of natural light, and the ceilings soar as they are the tallest in the house. Even with two dressers and a crib, there is plenty of room to add a rocker and bookshelves to hold all the books and stuffed animals being collected. Jess's mom is making a treasured quilt our child will have all their life. The playroom downstairs is waiting to be filled with toys of all sizes and sounds.

We look forward to all the firsts. First smile. First crawl. First step. First birthday. First holiday. We look forward to reading to our child every night and rocking them to sleep. We look forward to playing in the sandbox with them and watching them explore the playset in the backyard. We look forward to tracking their growth by making ticks on the wall as we remind them of all the fun memories we had in the year since we last measured their height. We look forward to supporting them as they discover activities they enjoy - sports, gymnastics, dance, band, science, art - or any other interest they might have. But most of all we look forward to the day-to-day joy of sharing in the life of our child.

- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Traveling, cooking and baking, gardening, kayaking, riding bikes, shopping, walking the dogs, playing cards, reading & spending time with family.

Adoptive Father:

Traveling, working in the yard, electronics, cooking and grilling, walking the dogs, playing cards, watching movies & spending time with family.

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Pricing Analyst

Adoptive Father: Sr. Workforce Engineer

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



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Our family...

We met on-line. We e-mailed a lot at first; getting to know each other a bit before we met in person. It was clear that we had a lot in common and shared a lot of the same interests. Our first date was at a local restaurant where we had drinks. Our conversation flowed so naturally that we both knew from that moment we had found something special. After that, it didn't take long for us to have our 2nd, 3rd, 4th date, and many more. It was the most natural and comfortable relationship for both of us. We knew it was meant to be.

Matt is a great husband and will be a wonderful father. He is the kind of guy who has worked hard all his life, likes to learn about new things, and enjoys a challenge. He grew up on a farm so he had responsibilities from an early age. Today he works hard to provide for our family. His thirst for knowledge to figure things out has given him the job as the family technology expert. If he doesn't know the answer, he will certainly find it.

Jess is generous and has a caring nature - with a sense of humor that keeps everyone on their toes. She is the one who is always there when someone is sick or when an extra lift is needed. But don't expect her to be serious all the time, she is funny and knows how to keep a mood light. She always knows how to make fun activities part of any project.

Our strengths as a couple are our commitment to our marriage, mutual respect, and communication. We freely give of ourselves and pick-up the slack for the other when needed, without restraint or complaint. We are quick to share what's on our minds regardless if it's work, personal or about our marriage. We are both pretty easy going so we don't tend to sweat the small stuff.

Blending our families was easy. We both grew up in homes where our parents were married for over 40 years. Our families have always had solid morals and values, as well as a sense of humor. We always ate dinner together sharing stories about our day. Even today this is time together that we cherish. When we eat dinner at Jess' sister's house we make sure there are no electronics on and all the kids are engaged in the conversation. Family dinners are something we look forward to continuing with our child joining the fun.

It's hard to describe just how close and supportive our family really is. We spend a lot of time together. Jess' sister is her best friend and they truly enjoy each other's company. Although holidays are some of our favorite memories, we spend time together each week. Every Easter we do a big Easter egg hunt for our nieces and their cousins. Everyone gets a chocolate bunny, but it is hidden somewhere in the house so you have to find it. Jess loves to decorate the house for the holidays and putting up the tree for Christmas has always been a family event. We usually have apple cider cooking on the stove; we make a pancake breakfast, light a fire in the fire place and then spend the day decorating the house. Christmas time is our favorite holiday as we can spend lots of family time together. We always open one present on Christmas Eve and then the rest on Christmas morning in our pj's. These little traditions are the things we were fond of growing up and we can't wait to share them with our child.



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