



Hello We Are...



Matthew & Chelsea

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We dream of building a family that can enjoy and experience life together. Through love, support, and faith we hope that each member of our family will feel true joy and fulfillment. We strongly feel that God is calling us to grow our family through adoption. Chelsea has long known that infertility was a possibility for her, so adoption has always been a part of her plan. It was a discussion that we had early in our relationship. After enjoying the first four years of our marriage we are excited to make our dream of adoption a reality.

Both of us grew up in loving, stable, and supportive families. We want to provide that to our child as well. Any child that we welcome into our family will be surrounded by family and friends who love and support them unconditionally. Their childhood will be filled with laughter, learning, and experiencing the world. Having never grown up with pets ourselves, we are excited to watch our child grow up alongside our dog, Nova.

We are looking forward to having a child in our home to add more fun, laughter, and excitement to our family! Passing along our values, traditions, and knowledge to a child we love and adore will be immensely rewarding. We know that our family is not meant to only be the two of us. While we are helping a child grow, he or she will be helping us grow as well. Together, we will all help each other to become the best versions of ourselves.

We sincerely promise that, if you choose us, your child will grow with a family that will celebrate their successes, tend to their hurts, and share in their happiness. We will provide a loving and stable home, a well-rounded education, and a foundation of faith upon which to build a wonderful life. He or she will always be encouraged to try new things, experience life, and persevere through struggles. They will never doubt that they are loved and will be surrounded by an outstanding community of extended family and friends.

We pray for you and will forever respect and honor the choices you make for your child. We wish you all the success, peace, and happiness that can be found in life.

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - We believe that God has had profound impacts on our lives. He brought us together and will bless us with children to grow our family. Faith gives us the strength to get through hard times and the reason to celebrate the good times. We attend church on weekends and Chelsea teaches in a Christian school. Prayer is a part of our daily lives. As a family we hope to be role models by serving others, showing kindness, being forgiving, and demonstrating love to those around us. We will pray with our child, read bible stories with them, and have lots of people in our church family to support the child through life.



JOY - Life is meant to be enjoyed and we strive to find joy in life's little moments. Small moments of happiness build into a lifetime of profound joy. Even when dealing with struggles or hardships, joy can be found in so many places. We will help your child to appreciate the small things in life. When they notice moments of kindness, beauty, or humor, then joy and peace can become a part of who they are. We will look for the good in situations, find the strengths in others, and try to bring positivity to our community.

KNOWLEDGE - Knowledge comes from many places including formal education. As Chelsea is a teacher, education is very important to us, and we are excited to help our child continually learn new things. Education gives each child a strong foundation for a happy and successful life. Knowledge also comes from other important places besides school. We will introduce our child to new places, foods, music, and cultures to expand their skills and awareness. We both continue to grow and learn every day, and we will raise your child to be a lifelong learner. We want your child to be curious, ask questions, and seek out new skills and experiences. We will encourage your child to be open minded and try new things.



COMPASSION - We believe in treating every person we encounter with dignity and compassion. As Christians we are called to be kind to one another. Showing compassion towards others is more important than popularity or material success, and we hope to inspire your child to value that trait as a core value. Empathy is a skill that can help a person to display compassion. We will demonstrate how to show empathy to others as we volunteer, help others, discuss feelings and emotions, or offer kind words to someone having a bad day.

HONESTY - We have been blessed to have close relationships with our friends and family. We will teach your child to be honest and show integrity even when it is hard. We will teach our children they can trust and rely on us even when they make mistakes. We promise to be honest with your child and promote a family culture of open loving communication. We want your child to feel comfortable talking to us about difficult things, even when the truth is hard to say. No matter what your child tells us it will not affect our unconditional love for them.



FAMILY - Family is an integral part of our support system, and we enjoy spending time together. Family will be there ready to support your child through life. Your child will have family there to cheer them on at activities, share new experiences, and show unconditional love. When life gets busy or stressful faith and family are the two things that are always there to support us. We want your child to understand that family always has each other's backs.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, attending musicals and plays, traveling, playing with our dog, watching college football, puzzles.

Adoptive Father: Playing saxophone and piano, composing music, car enthusiast, tech enthusiast, home improvements, traveling and exploring, outdoor activities.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Middle School Math and Science Teacher

Adoptive Father: Senior Analyst

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

Our neighborhood is a very friendly and safe place! We have built many relationships with people in the neighborhood in the few short years we have lived there. We live within walking distance from the park, which will be a great place to take our children to play. There are kids of all ages in our neighborhood, so there will always be someone for our child to play with.

Our home is a couple of blocks away from a park with a basketball court and a lot of play equipment. Additionally, we are a short drive away from our public library, our church, and a public swimming pool. We have easy access to a zoo, a science center, shopping malls, and many restaurants. There is plenty to do in our city to keep life exciting and provide our child with many different experiences. As an added bonus, we are in walking distance of Chelsea's parents, so our child will live close to extended family and see them frequently!

Our living space has a nice mix of modern and classic. With calm paint colors and comfortable furniture, our home is a place where people can relax. We have a finished basement with a wood-burning fireplace where we gather in the winter. The large deck in our backyard off the kitchen is great for grilling and outdoor gatherings when the weather is nice. People always feel they can find good conversation and a home-cooked meal at our home. Matthew is a great cook! Some of the best dinners that Matthew cooks are chicken fajitas and hamburgers. He is great about adding different ingredients and seasoning to enhance the flavor!

Our favorite time of day at home is early evening because this is when we get home from work and spend time with each other. We are able to discuss the highs and lows of our day and share a meal together. This is our time to relax and decompress! A child will be a natural fit in our lives! Most of our time at home will be spent together, as a family. Play time will include reading, music, games, and lots of laughter. When we are outside, there are so many opportunities to be active. We will run around with our dog, play catch and fetch, and run through a sprinkler in the summer. In the winter we will build snowmen and sled in the park.

Our most treasured memories of our home are centered around the Christmas season. We always do a lot of decorating, both inside and outside, to prepare our family for the holiday. We love to have Christmas music playing throughout the house. On many December evenings, we will light a fire, curl up on the couch and watch a movie in the basement. Experiencing Christmas in our home is a warm and joyous time of year!

Our home is a great place in which to start a family. We love our neighborhood and being so close to Chelsea's family. We have lived in our home for almost three years and have made a lot of great memories together. We look forward to creating crafts and making recipes on the kitchen counter, hearing our child learn to play an instrument, playing catch in the back yard, reading by the fireplace, and opening presents Christmas morning with our child. We want to hear our child playing and laughing, enjoying fun holiday traditions with us, and making friends with other children in our neighborhood.



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Our Family

We were introduced to each other by a mutual friend at a country karaoke night. Although early on in our relationship it was clear to both of us that we were meant to be together, we dated more than two years prior to getting married. For Chelsea, Matthew helped to bring a sense of adventure and spontaneity to get out of her comfort zone. For Matthew, Chelsea brought a sense of calm and level-headedness. We fell in love with each other because of our shared faith and values, as well as our personalities that balance each other. We came into each other's lives at just the right time- after both of us had completed our education and come into our own as individuals.

When we spend time together as a couple, we enjoy watching movies, playing board games, and having fun with our dog, Nova. These are great ways for us to relax when we get home from work. We also make sure to eat dinner together each night. Another thing that is important to us is finding time to go on a vacation each year. Most recently, we took a road trip to the Arches, Mesa Verde, the Grand Canyon, and Route 66. We love experiencing new places together!

Many of our traditions are centered around the holidays. During the Christmas season, we set aside an afternoon to play Christmas music and decorate our home together.

We usually have many different Christmas celebrations throughout December, including celebrations with Chelsea's family, Matthew's parents, and Chelsea's extended family. The 4th of July is another important holiday for our family. We always spend the day with Chelsea's family and the neighborhood friends with whom she grew up. We swim in our friends' pool, grill out for dinner, and attend fireworks in the evening. This tradition has continued for 20 years and something we really enjoy.

We hope to form new family traditions around other holidays such as New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, and Easter. We will color eggs with our child, enjoy special treats on Valentines Day, and watch the ball drop together on New Year's Eve. We will take fun summer vacations with our child each year to new places. By sharing new and unique experiences we will be able to grow even closer together as a family.

Extended family is very important to both of us. We typically see Chelsea's family every week and we are excited to have our child live so close to their grandparents. We enjoy playing ping-pong and darts in her parent's garage. With all of our family, we enjoy spending time outside with our dogs, playing games, watching college football, eating delicious food, great conversations and attending church together. We get together with our family for each holiday and can't wait to have a child to experience the love our family has to offer.

All of our family members are so excited to welcome a child into our family! We have been open with them about our adoption journey, they support us, and are ready to be actively involved in our child's life. Our child will be so blessed to have grandparents, an aunt, and an uncle that live in town and want to cheer our child on through each stage in life.



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