



Hello We Are...



Rhonda & Matthew

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Adoption has always been a dream of ours and we are so grateful to have this opportunity again. We adopted our daughter three years ago and our lives have been changed forever in an amazing way. Not only were we blessed with our daughter, but we also have an amazing open relationship with both her birth mother and birth father. In fact, her birth mom and her husband are like family to us.

Matthew and I both come from large families and always wanted a family full of children. Our lives are 100 times better with one, and we know adding another child to our family will be a complete blessing not only for Matthew and I, but for our daughter as well. Our family is very close, we support each other, and lift each other up through difficult times. We love hard and we try to bring the best out of each other.

If you select us as the adoptive parents for your child, we will provide a loving family, opportunities to be involved in activities, a wealth of new experiences, and access to any education they need to be successful in their lives. Your child will be surrounded by so much love and support for his/her lifetime.

Adopting a child is like nothing else on earth and we are so incredibly excited to grow our family through adoption again. We would love to include you in your child's life and are completely comfortable with an open relationship. We feel it is important for the child to understand their adoption story, how much you love him/her, and that your adoption plan was made from love, strength, and selflessness.

Warmest Wishes,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**ACCEPTANCE** - We accept others into our lives and know that everyone is going through something in their own life. Everyone should feel accepted and loved, and our lives are better when we have the ability to accept others as they are and appreciate differences within each other. We've come across a wide variety of personalities, races, religious beliefs, and political views but we are sure not to cast judgment and have meaningful conversations to understand other's point of view. We will educate your child about being accepting of others and show them through example why this is important.

**COURAGE** - Courage builds character and confidence. Courage gives us the confidence to try new things and tackle the hard things in our life. We have shown courage in trying new things, such as snowboarding when neither of us had experience. We both knew it would be hard and it could take us awhile to learn but we had courage to try something new. Snowboarding is now one of our favorite activities. We will teach our children to be courageous by not being over-protective. We may not hold their hand through everything, but we will let them know that we are beside them and they can do it on their own). We will expose them to new activities early and often.

**RESPECT** - We believe everyone deserves respect. Showing respect to others has allowed us to build strong relationships with others. Rhonda works in health care. By showing respect to her patients, they feel safe expressing their concerns which allows her to provide them the best possible care. Our children will learn how to be respectful through sports and other activities by listening, being honest, and playing well with friends.

**COMPASSION** - We try to be compassionate in our everyday lives to help build strong and trusting relationships. We show compassion by cooking for families in need or helping them with errands. By doing little things for others, we can provide relief from their struggles. We will teach our children compassion by taking them to volunteer with us, and as they get older, we will take them to help in the food kitchen, and set aside one day a year to give to those less fortunate.

**HARD WORK** - Hard work builds a good quality life. Matthew and I both work hard in our jobs and at home and we feel the benefits from it. We do many projects around the house and this will serve as a good opportunity for our children to see the positive results of our hard work. Hard work will be instilled at a young age by establishing goals and by teaching the child to not give up when faced with adversity. They may help us put together a new swing set so they see the results of hard work.

**FAIRNESS** - People will shy away from being around those who don't have the ability to be fair. We will show our children how to be fair by teaching them how to follow rules around the house and we will play games like Chutes and Ladders, Monkey on a Tree, and other board games. We will teach them that we don't have to win, that it is more important to play by the rules.

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### HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Family time, spending time with friends, running, hiking, golfing, snowboarding, biking, boating, swimming, bonfires, watching our nephews' activities

**Adoptive Father:** Golfing, snowboarding, playing basketball, reading, running, going to the gym, spending time with friends and family

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Registered Nurse

**Adoptive Father:** Electrical Transmission Engineer

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

### PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

# Our Home

We live in a beautiful home on a cul-de-sac in a family centric neighborhood. There is an elementary and middle school, as well as multiple pools, a water park, a zoo, and multiple public parks in our community. The neighbors are friendly, and we often have block parties and get together. There is even a neighborhood internet page where people reach out to one another, such as with lawn care, shoveling, and moving furniture. The neighborhood children play in their yards together and frequently gather at the park nearby.

We have a beautiful open concept layout with a wonderful kitchen where we love to cook anything homemade. Some of our favorites are spaghetti, tater tot hotdish, chili, and meatloaf. We like cooking as a family, Charlotte likes to help me mix and chop and Matthew works the stove. My favorite part of our home is our new finished basement. It's a cozy place to hang out, and we love spending time there as a family. We have a beautiful fireplace that is great to curl up in front of with a book or a movie.

Our home is a gathering place for friends and family, and we have so many amazing memories associated with it. We often have parties for sporting events which included lots of food and laughs. In our backyard, we have a small patio with a grill and patio furniture where we often spend time in the summers. We also have a walk-out basement, so it is easy to spend time outside because we have direct access to our outdoor area from our downstairs' living space.

While spending time with friends and family is important to us and a part of our daily lives, we also cherish the time we have together as a family at home. We love to read, paint, do puzzles, go for walks, play pretend, and play in the park. We always eat dinner as a family, and then start Charlotte's bedtime routine of bath time, and snuggle on the couch as a family reading books. We can't wait to add the memory of bringing home another child and all of the joy that comes along with having another child.

We look forward to all of the exciting new experiences we will have. The baby's room has a crib, dresser, and a rocking chair. The theme is "the world." We hope to provide this child, the world. We know that so much love will be added to our family. We look forward to Charlotte bonding with her new sibling and see her love grow along with ours.



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# Our Family

We met in college, we had mutual friends and hung around together frequently. We went our separate ways and reconnected years later. Matthew is easy to love, he has a kind and loving heart. We have many of the same interests and we enjoy spending time together. We knew in a very short time that the love we had for one another was special. Our relationship was built on trust, and respect from the beginning and grows stronger every day. We have been together since 2009 and dated four years before we got married.

Rhonda is driven, smart, kind, giving, open minded, and a loving mother. Matthew is kind, warm-hearted, funny, giving, and a loving father. We are best friends, have a lot of similar interests, and we try to take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself to do fun things together. We spend time together golfing, walking, going to the park, shopping, cooking, and hanging out with family. We enjoy being active and trying new things. Rhonda looks forward to bringing our children swimming, boating, and having bonfires together. We love to cheer for our nieces and nephews at their activities as our family is excited to be there to cheer on our children. Matthew is excited to teach our children to play basketball. We both love to go for runs and spend time with our friends who are like extended family to us.

Our daughter, Charlotte, whom we adopted, was born February 2019. Charlotte is very excited for a sibling. She wants to help take care of babies and has been excited to play with and help other young children. She has a lot of cousins and is very sweet and gentle with her little cousins and gets very exciting to be around them. Charlotte will be a great big sister.

We are very close with our families, and we spend the majority of our free time together. We support any activities that our nieces and nephews are in and have spent many cold evenings watching a snowy football game, or hot days watching soccer tournaments. We have large gatherings with an abundance of food, we laugh, talk, and genuinely enjoy each other's company. We often go out to the farm and enjoy Matthews parents' horses. Our family is always involved and ready to uplift and support each other.

We look forward to continuing all of our family traditions together. Every year we go to Arizona on vacation with our family. We really enjoy this time together hiking, golfing, swimming, and visiting the zoo.

We cherish spending holidays together. We have nieces and nephews between the ages of 3 months and 18 years old so there is always a lot of fun. During our Easter egg hunt, more than 100 colorful plastic eggs are hid, each filled with treats. During the Christmas season, we build snowman, make and decorate cookies, play games such as Candy Land, matching games, and building puzzles. On Christmas morning, the Elf on the Shelf leaves and Santa comes, and on Christmas morning we open gifts from Santa at home.

Our families are always available and willing to help. They are excited for us to add another child to our family. Our family has so much love to give and I can't wait to share that with this special child.



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