



Hello We Are...



Matthew & Kathleen

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our deepest hope is for your child to know they are cherished, valued, and celebrated for the unique person they are. We hope to raise a child who is kind, compassionate, resilient, curious, and confident. We want them to know they can dream big, take chances, and pursue the life they envision for themselves, always knowing they have a family who believes in them and will support them every step of the way.

For many years, we have dreamed of becoming parents. Throughout our ten years of marriage, we have walked through the challenges of infertility, yet our desire to grow our family has never wavered. Even before learning about our infertility, adoption was something we had talked about doing. Over time, that desire has only grown stronger, and we are grateful for the opportunity to pursue our dream of parenthood through adoption.

We dream of giving your child a joyful childhood filled with both everyday moments and meaningful adventures. We look forward to baking cookies together in the kitchen, exploring nature on the weekends, reading bedtime stories, celebrating holidays, and creating traditions that become treasured family memories. We hope our home is always filled with laughter, curiosity, creativity, and a sense of belonging.

We also hope to provide opportunities that help your child discover their interests and passions. Whether that means arts and crafts, sports, books, music, outdoor adventures, or imaginative play, we want them to have the freedom and encouragement to explore what brings them joy. We envision a backyard filled with playsets, bikes, scooters, and countless hours of fun, learning, playing with friends, and discovery.

To you, we want to express our deepest respect. We can only imagine the love, strength, and courage it takes to consider an adoption plan. Our hope is that you feel supported, at peace, and reassured throughout this process.

If you select us, your child will always know you, your story, and understand how deeply they are loved. We will honor the important place you hold in your child's life.

Respectfully,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAITH** - Our faith provides us with a moral compass, a deep sense of purpose, and a comforting reminder of a love greater than ourselves. It surrounds us with a community rooted in grace, hope, and support. We believe faith is something to be actively lived, and we strive to do so through community service, supporting parish ministries, and honoring our marriage as a sacred promise of mutual love and sacrifice. We will bring faith into our home daily through saying grace before meals, bedtime prayers, and reading Bible stories together. Most importantly, we will model a living faith by teaching our child to recognize the dignity and light of God in every person they meet.



**FAMILY** - We believe a strong and supportive family provides the emotional security children need to confidently explore the world. It offers a lifelong foundation of unconditional love, belonging, and shared memories. We prioritize quality time together, protecting our daily family dinners as a space to connect and grow closer. We maintain strong relationships with our extended family, gathering often for birthdays, Sunday dinners, vacations, and holidays. Whether celebrating joyful moments or supporting one another through challenges, we approach life as a team. Your child will grow up surrounded by cherished family traditions, from cozy movie nights to festive gatherings with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, all within a village of people who will deeply love and support them.



**LIFELONG LEARNING** - We believe lifelong learning and creative expression enrich our lives and keep our minds engaged. Curiosity helps us better understand the world and those around us, while creativity encourages problem-solving, resilience, and wonder. We enjoy seeking out new experiences, exploring museums, attending cultural events, engaging in artistic pursuits, and asking meaningful questions about history, literature, and the world around us. We will create a home where questions are encouraged, imagination is celebrated, and learning feels exciting. Through creative play, storytelling, hands-on projects, library visits, nature adventures, and new experiences, we will nurture your child's interests and inspire them to see the world as a place full of possibility.



**COMPASSION AND EMPATHY** - We believe compassion and empathy are essential to building meaningful relationships and creating a more caring world. It is important to us to listen with understanding, act with kindness, and recognize the experiences of others. We believe that taking the time to understand another person's perspective is the first step toward making a positive difference. In our own lives, we seek out diverse viewpoints and look for opportunities to support those around us through volunteering and everyday acts of kindness. We will teach empathy by validating our child's emotions and helping them understand the feelings of others. Through books, conversations, and experiences, we will explore different cultures and perspectives together. We will also involve them in age-appropriate acts of service, such as helping neighbors or donating toys, so they can experience the joy that comes from caring for others.

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# Our Home

We live in a welcoming suburban neighborhood with young families. Our quiet street is filled with children riding bikes and scooters, neighbors walking their dogs, and families gathering outside to enjoy the day. It is the kind of community where people stop to chat and genuinely look out for each other. We are also fortunate to live just a short drive from both of our extended families.

One of the things we love most about our location is the variety of family-friendly activities nearby. Within 30 minutes of our home there is a zoo, children's museum, art, history, and science museums, a beautiful state park where we enjoy kayaking and walking our dog, and a minor league baseball stadium. There are always opportunities for fun, learning, and adventure close to home.

Life in our neighborhood changes with the seasons. During the warmer months, children gather outside to play, ride bikes, and spend time together in yards and cul-de-sacs. In the winter, neighbors come together for snowball fights and sledding. Halloween is especially memorable, with decorated homes, neighborhood potlucks, and countless trick-or-treaters filling the streets with excitement and laughter.

Our home is warm, cozy, and welcoming. We have a calm, modern style accented by vintage pieces, shelves filled with books, meaningful artwork, and comfortable spaces designed for relaxing and spending time together. Friends and family often tell us that our home feels inviting and comfortable—a place where people can truly be themselves, settle in, and stay awhile.

Much of our time together centers around simple moments at home. We enjoy sharing meals, baking, playing board games, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. During the summer, we set up a small pool in the backyard and invite loved ones over for afternoons filled with popsicles, watermelon, and laughter. In the fall, we gather around the fire pit, and on pleasant evenings, we sometimes set up an outdoor projector for movie nights under the stars. Our yard has plenty of room for future play equipment, outdoor toys, and space to run, play, and explore.

As we look toward the future, we are excited to build new routines and traditions with a child. We imagine family dinners filled with conversation, bedtime stories, weekend adventures, holiday traditions, and everyday moments that create a deep sense of belonging. Our greatest hope is that our child always feels safe, loved, and completely at home.

The nursery is located at the front of our house and is filled with natural sunlight from a large double window. While we are waiting to decorate until we know more about the child who will join our family, we already have special plans for the space, including built-in bookshelves and a cozy window seat for reading together. The room has plenty of space for a crib, dresser, changing table, rocking chair, toys, and treasured keepsakes. We have already begun collecting children's books from our own childhoods and look forward to filling the room with stories, imagination, and love.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Reading, watching movies, swing dancing, crocheting, kayaking, hiking, and baking

**Adoptive Father:** Photography, swing dancing, playing video games, going to the beach, walking the dog, and attending improv comedy

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** English Teacher

**Adoptive Father:** Contractor

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

Our story began in 2013 when our paths crossed at work. It was Kathleen's last day working as a temporary receptionist and Matt's very first day at the company. What could have been a brief introduction quickly turned into something much more meaningful. We exchanged phone numbers that day and have been together ever since. After dating for a year and a half, we became engaged and were married eight months later.

One of the things that drew Matt to Kathleen was her genuinely caring heart. He loves her strong faith, adventurous spirit, and endless curiosity about the world around her. Kathleen has a way of making life feel exciting and meaningful. Kathleen fell in love with Matt's patient and compassionate nature, as well as his wonderful sense of humor. Matt has a gift for helping people feel comfortable, welcomed, and valued, and his steady, dependable presence brings a sense of calm to everyone around him.

Together, we are a true team. We have built our marriage on open communication, mutual respect, shared faith, and a commitment to supporting one another through every season of life. We strive to listen well, encourage each other often, and approach challenges with patience and understanding. We believe these qualities provide a strong foundation as we grow our family through adoption.

We enjoy a balance of adventure and quiet time together. Some of our favorite activities include exploring farmers markets, browsing vintage and antique shops, hiking, and taking day trips to nearby towns, parks, and beaches. At home, we love cooking together, watching movies, and simply enjoying each other's company. These moments, both big and small, keep our relationship full of connection, and joy, and we look forward to sharing them with a child someday.

We regularly spend time with parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close family friends who feel like family. We intentionally create opportunities to gather often, whether for holidays, monthly get-togethers, or simple weekends spent together. One of our favorite traditions is movie night where we order pizza, bring side dishes, and enjoy a classic family movie together. We also share meals followed by friendly games of cornhole or shuffleboard.

Holidays are especially meaningful in our family. We celebrate Easter together with an annual croquet tournament, complete with a trophy that family members eagerly compete for each year. Thanksgiving and Christmas are spent surrounded by loved ones, sharing meals, stories, and traditions that have been passed down through generations. Throughout the year, we also enjoy barbecues, Sunday brunches, and other gatherings that keep us connected.

As we look toward the future, we are excited to continue these treasured traditions while creating new ones with our child. We look forward to annual photos with Santa, family beach trips, and visits to California to spend time with Kathleen's relatives. We also hope to make trips to Disneyland, creating special memories while reconnecting with family members who live nearby. More than any specific tradition, we look forward to building a lifetime of shared experiences, celebrations, and everyday moments together.



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