



MATT & ANDREA

Dear Friend,

ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES. WE ARE MATTHEW (MATT) AND ANDREA. We would like to thank you for taking the time to consider us and preview our story. We are not going to tell you we understand what you are going through or how hard of a decision this must be for you. We would like to offer ourselves as one of your greatest resources. We would give the world to meet you and have the opportunity to give all of our love to a child we have never met. We cannot wait to share our lives with you and create a wonderful relationship with you through this journey. Open adoption means so much to us. We love the idea of transparency and knowing the child will grow up knowing where he or she came from and how much he or she is loved by his or her biological family as well as us. The words "I loved you before I met you," comes to our mind. Please allow us to tell you our story.

Matt and Andrea

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about US

Believe it or not we met on the internet. Our religion is very important to us so we met on a Catholic dating site. We talked on the internet for two weeks before we started to talk on the phone. We were both making sure this would be right for us. After a month we met. We knew for months we were going to spend the rest of our lives together. We got engaged after dating for seventeen months and eight months after that we were married on May 12, 2012!

We knew we would have a difficult time naturally conceiving children before we were married but had talked about adoption from the beginning. After being married for six months and naturally trying to conceive we contacted a male infertility specialist who gave us the news we knew was coming. We knew right away we would adopt. *Adopting Viviana and Charlotte has become one of the greatest moments of our lives!*

AS A COUPLE WE...

- »Listen to each other
- »Work as a team
- »Do small things for each other without being asked
- »Laugh together
- »Say "I love you" often



OUR HEARTS AND ARMS ARE READY TO WELCOME ANOTHER CHILD INTO OUR FAMILY



WE LOVE MAKING AND DECORATING COOKIES



COUSIN DAY AT THE POOL!

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

We **LOVE** to play games! On weekends you can find us playing Mouse Trap, Monopoly, the original Mario Brothers, Sequence and Mario Party. We also enjoy cheering on the Kansas City Royals!

Locally we LOVE going to the trampoline park with our daughters, going on walks around our neighborhood, and doing seasonal activities such as the pumpkin patch, seeing Santa and apple and strawberry picking at local farms.

Matt's favorite hobby is fishing and Andrea will do anything DIY!



VIVI'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



SISTERS ARE READY FOR HALLOWEEN!



EXCITED TO BE BIG SISTERS!



FIRST DANCE RECITAL!



DADDY WELCOMING CHARLOTTE TO THE FAMILY

meet our KIDDOS

Viviana is 4 years old. We adopted her from birth in December of 2015. *We fell in love with her from her sonogram!* She has brought so much joy to our life and helps us see even more what love is. Vivi is so happy and loves to smile, laugh, dance and sing! *Vivi has been the best big sister to Charlotte* who was adopted from birth in March of 2019.

When we held Charlotte for the first time, we could not have been more in love. She is a very happy one year old. She loves her big sister, swimming and her mommy and daddy! Charlotte is a gift who we love with all our hearts. Charlotte will be a fantastic big sister when given the opportunity.

Viviana and Charlotte's adoptions are both open and we have ongoing contact with their birth families.

about MATT

I come from a very loving and spirited family. Andrea and I do a lot with them and are very close to my family. We talk on a routine basis and see my family every week or so. I'm the youngest of three children. I have two older sisters who are nine and ten years older than me. In other words I had four "parents" growing up. :-) I also have three nephews and one niece who look up to me.

I accomplished the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts at the age of fifteen. I obtained my Bachelor degree in business marketing from Kansas State University. My first job out of college was as an assistant manager at Walgreens. I'm now in inside sales at Andrea's family business. *Family has always come first in my life and I would do anything for my family.*

about ANDREA

I come from a very loving and spirited family as well. I have a twin brother who has always been very close to me. I remember playing games with my parents and brother almost every night. My parents have always made sure my brother and I came first.

I come from a large Catholic Italian family. My father is the oldest of 12 children. This makes me the oldest of 40 grandchildren and counting. I have two nieces and a nephew I would do anything for! *After adopting Viviana I was blessed with the opportunity to be a stay-at-home parent and now stay home with both Viviana and Charlotte.*

MEET OUR LOVED *ones*



HOME SWEET HOME



VIVI'S FIRST CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



WAITING FOR SANTA!



OPENING PRESENTS AT MIMI AND PAPA'S

Matt's parents have a time share at Myrtle Beach, SC. We enjoy spending time with his family at the beach in the summer. Andrea's family owns a lake house at the Lake of the Ozarks where the entire extended family on her dad's side spends almost every weekend. Andrea's father also has a lake house at the Lake of the Ozarks. We spend our summer at all of the family lakes houses. Like we said, **family and our faith are very important to us and we like to spend as much time with our family as we can.** We attend weekly mass at our local Catholic Church.

PARENTING THOUGHTS

WE WANT TO RAISE CHILDREN IN THE SAME LOVING HOMES WE WERE RAISED IN. We want to spend nights playing games and summer weekends at the lake. Andrea has become a homemaker after being blessed with Viviana and Charlotte. We want to have as many children as God will allow us to have and plan on adopting multiple times. Being a twin, we would love to adopt twins if the situation ever came available.

We parent in a loving nature and by talking and taking the time out of our busy schedules to put our children first. We would like our children to attend Catholic school.

our HOME & PET

We live in a very family friendly neighborhood with children all around us. We have a four bedroom house with a finished walkout basement. Our house sits on 1.1 acres. Our neighborhood has two fishing ponds. We have a pool off to the side of our house. We have an auto cover and a combination gate for safety.

We share our home with one small dog (schih tzu) who we all love! Her name is Brooklyn and we adopted her from a local shelter. She is always by the girls' side and is their protector. Brooklyn will allow the girls to pull on her and play with her.



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Again, we would like to thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We would love to meet with you and answer any questions you might have. Our prayers are with you and your unborn child.

God Bless,

*Matt, Andrea,
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