



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 read our story. 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.

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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 and 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 has become one of the greatest moments of our life!*

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



OUR ANNUAL APPLE PICKING TRIP

WATCHING THE ROYALS IN THE WORLD SERIES



WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

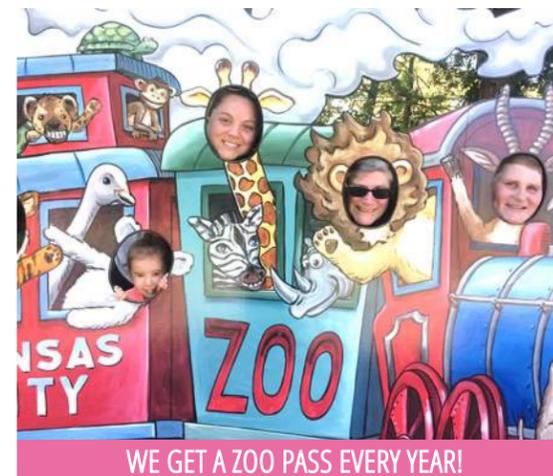
We **LOVE** to play games! On weekends you can find us playing Mouse Trap, Monopoly, the original Mario Brothers, Sequence and Mario Party. We also enjoy cheering on the Kansas City Royals!

Locally we LOVE going to the trampoline park with Viviana, 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!



MOMMY HELPED VIV CATCH HER FIRST FISH!



WE GET A ZOO PASS EVERY YEAR!



EXCITED TO BE A BIG SISTER!



WAITING FOR GRANDMA TO COME HOME



CELEBRATING THE 4TH OF JULY

meet VIVIANA

We adopted Viviana at birth in December of 2015. We fell in love with her from her sonogram! *She has brought so much joy to our lives and helps us see even more what love is.* Vivi is so happy and loves to smile and laugh! She is very much a momma's girl but loves to cuddle and play with daddy!

She was born at 4.9lbs and spent two weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). We spent everyday with her. We even slept nights there when the nurses would not insist we go home and get some sleep.

We cannot imagine our life without her! *Viviana's adoption is an open adoption. We visit with her birth family throughout the year.* We know Viviana will be a fantastic big sister when given the opportunity!

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 have three nephews and one niece who look up to me. I have overcome a lot of obstacles with my medical history. I was diagnosed with a disorder that makes it difficult to control my body temperature and my reproductive system. 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.*

MEET OUR LOVED *ones*

Matt's parents have a lake house on Table Rock Lake. We enjoy spending time with his family at the lake house 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 lake homes. *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.

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. We want to have as many children as God will allow us to have and plan on adopting more than once. We parent in a loving nature 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.



VIVI LOVES HER AUNT GENTRY



HOME SWEET HOME



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH GRANDPARENTS



MIMI & PAPA AND ALL THE GRANDKIDS...SO FAR



OPENING PRESENTS AT MIMI AND PAPA'S

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 are also in the middle of building a pool.

We share our home with one small dog (schih tzu) who we all love! Her name is Brooklyn and we adopted her from Wayside Waifs. She is always by Viviana's side! Brooklyn is Vivi's protector and will allow her 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 more questions you might have. Our prayers are with you and your unborn child.

God Bless,

Matt, Andrea & Viviana



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