

Dear Birth Family,



*Matt +
Emily*

Meet...

Matt & Emily



Thank you for taking the time to read about our lives. We admire your courage and strength to choose adoption for your baby. Wherever this journey leads you we hope that you realize how thankful we are for the opportunity to adopt. As you get a glimpse of our lives, including our first and second adoption, we hope you are able to get to know us better and see our love for both one another and for being parents.

Hello! We are
Matt and Emily



Our beginning... by Matt

Emily and I met in a bible study while attending medical school in Louisville, Ky.

We became friends first and started studying together. It wasn't long before we couldn't find enough hours in the day to be together. We fell in love and couldn't imagine life without one another.

We were engaged 1 year later and married 6 months after that. Marrying Emily is the best decision I've ever made!

Our wedding 2009 - We didn't think we could love each other any more than on this day, but 12 years later, our love is stronger



Our struggles with infertility

Even before marriage we had always dreamed of having children, so shortly after marriage we began trying to start a family. After one year we sought the help of a fertility doctor, but after multiple failed treatments we were told that it was unlikely that we would ever conceive. The news was heartbreaking but it led us to experience the joy of adopting our daughters.

born
inside our
hearts

Our Story



Coming home from the hospital with sweet Madelyn

Why adoption?

Our struggle with infertility has strengthened our marriage and our relationship with God. It feels as if God had been preparing us to adopt all along. The decision to raise someone else's child is a huge decision and requires much trust. We feel that we can be trusted in this way and are so grateful that you would consider blessing us with the opportunity to add to our family.



Our first anniversary - looking forward to the future!

Our Timeline

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First Met August 2006

6 months of dating August 2008

Our wedding day 9/26/2009

Buying our house, moving to Cincinnati July 2010

Maren's adoption June 2020

First Date - Sledding February 2008

Matt's romantic proposal March 2009

Medical School Graduation May 2010

Our first adoption! Madelyn April 2016

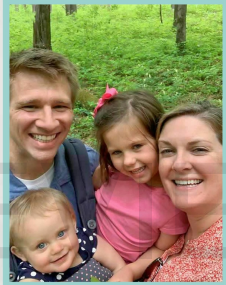
We love having fun together!



Playing at the beach



Bundled up for Zoo lights



Hiking as a family



Having fun at the ballpark



Emily's homemade bunny fruit platter for Madelyn's birthday



Picking pumpkins in the Fall



We love being outdoors



BETTER TOGETHER

Our thoughts on marriage and parenting are simple: be genuine, show unconditional love, and frequently ask for one another's forgiveness. We believe it is for these reasons and God's grace that we have a great marriage and so much fun all together!



Emily was the most beautiful bride!
This is my favorite photo of her.

Matt's thoughts on Emily

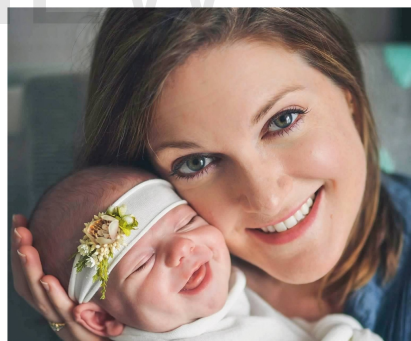
Emily is my best friend and I believe we were designed for one another. It's hard for me to imagine life without her; she is so smart, talented, compassionate, and thoughtful. She lives life to the fullest. Emily motivates me everyday to be a better man, husband, father and physician. My life is full of so many joys that I would never have experienced without Emily. She is great at everything she does but without a doubt she is most passionate about being a wonderful mother!

so much love



Emily is a wonderful mother

Emily is such a great mom! She has very natural instincts with children. Since the first day we met she's always said that being a Mom would be the most important thing in the world to her. I can't think of a word that describes her better than nurturing. Her desire to be around children led her to become a pediatrician. It has been the joy of my life to see her become such a wonderful mommy.



Emily's arms are full of love.
She is such a nurturing mother.

What does Emily like to do



She loves the Christmas season! She likes the smell of a real tree, making hot chocolate, and decorating for Christmas.



Emily is a Pediatrician

Emily is an amazing pediatrician. She loves caring for children and being able to comfort them when they are sick. Everyone that works with Emily knows that she is a wonderful doctor. She works 3 days a week which is just enough to be great at her job and still be at home a lot. She is fortunate to have flexible hours allowing her to be a great mommy!



Emily loves being outside. She enjoys gardening, hiking, or even just going to the farmer's market, the park, or the zoo. Here she is biking in San Francisco.



Emily loves her coffee and hanging out with friends!



Emily loves baking. Here are the Sesame Street cupcakes for Madelyn's 2nd birthday.



She loves the ocean!

Emily's thoughts on Matt

I remember on our wedding day feeling like I was the luckiest woman in the world. Twelve years later I feel the exact same way. Matt is a wonderful husband and my best friend. I couldn't imagine sharing life with anyone else. He is supportive, genuine and a great encourager. He is patient, logical, and very loyal. But I think my favorite quality is his ability to make me laugh! Becoming parents has been a wonderful adventure and I can't wait to do it again with him!



Matt is such a fun Dad! Here he is acting silly and dancing with Madelyn and Maren at a street concert.

Emily's thoughts about Matt as a Dad

Matt is a great dad! He has always loved children and was so excited to become a father. He is very patient with Madelyn and loves watching her learn and grow. However, his greatest trait is how much fun he makes everything - any kid would love having Matt as their dad!



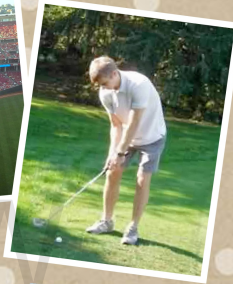
Matt and Madelyn headed to USA woman's soccer match!



Matt loves his job

I work as a physician taking care of both adults and children and teaching medical students. While I love patients of all ages, nothing brings a smile to my face like helping children feel better.

Thankfully I have a flexible schedule and while I love my work, my favorite job title is "Daddy."



Matt is always looking to have fun and laugh! He brings joy to everyone around him.

What Matt likes To Do

Matt is full of energy. He loves most anything that requires a challenge and particularly if it involves keeping score or any type of ball. He plays golf, softball and basketball most often. More than anything Matt loves to laugh and have fun. He can definitely be serious but he does an amazing job of never taking himself too seriously. He's always up for a new adventure and constantly looking for ways to improve everything he does.



Meet Madelyn & Maren



We were blessed with the adoption of our daughter Madelyn in April 2016 and Maren in June 2020. They are both loads of fun and they have such sweet personalities. They will be wonderful big sisters!

BIGsister



Family Traditions



One of our favorite traditions is picking out a live Christmas tree.



Emily's homemade cinnamon rolls! We love to fix breakfast together on Saturday mornings.



We love to travel and can't wait to take a new little one with us to the beach every year.



Nothing says Summer like trips to the Zoo.

We are so excited to add to our family. We look forward to reading books together, praying before bed, dancing to music, taking walks, family vacations, visits from grandparents, playing at the park, going to the beach, the zoo, baseball games, and museums.



One of our most important family traditions is being part of a local church. This is where we've met our closest friends.



Most of our favorite things to do as a family are outdoors

home
love
family

In this house
there is Love



We have a treehouse
and a large yard to play
in all year!



We love the smells,
decorations, and feeling
of the Christmas season



We're looking forward to bringing
home a new little one to this nursery

We live in a 2 story home in a quiet and safe neighborhood in Cincinnati. The house is already full of toys, a nursery, and has a fenced-in backyard. Our street has tons of kids, 2 parks and an ice cream shop within walking distance, a public library near by and walking distance to the elementary school.

At the Zoo!



Our Community of Friends and Support

There's an ancient proverb that says "it takes a village to raise a child." This is our family from church. We spend time with them weekly talking about the ups and downs of life. We are so grateful that most of our friends already have young children so our kids will have lots of friends to play and grow up with.



Friends and family gathered in our backyard for Madelyn's birthday.



We love picnics at the park with friends!



Traveling...



Our Honeymoon
Cancun, Mexico



We always love
the beach



Enjoying nature
in Oregon



Seeing the sights
New York City



Biking the Golden
Gate bridge
San Francisco



Feeling like
kids again
Disney World



Family trip to visit
the White House
Washington, DC



Trip of a lifetime
Paris, France

Our family is surrounded by love, our family is full of joy

Message from Emily's Parents

Emily is my only daughter and it has been the joy of my life to see her become a Mother herself. She waited many years and adoption has been an answer to prayer. There is something so special about Emily and Matt and the joy and love they share. I'm so excited to welcome a new little one and love our grandchildren with all my heart!



One of our families favorite Fall activities is to pick pumpkins

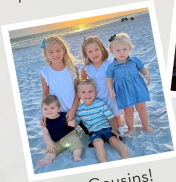


Disney World with Nana and Papaw



Emily's mom, "Nana" is wonderful at spoiling grandchildren

our Family
TRADITIONS



Cousins!



Emily's entire family together for Christmas

Emily's family is in Louisville, Ky. Emily's mom and stepdad are so excited about the opportunity to be grandparents again! We see them every week since they live only 1 hour away. We love spending time together. They are both retired and have lots of time to help out, watching Maren every Friday. They are ready to spoil another grandchild for sure! Emily's mom can't wait to buy little outfits again and her stepdad is already planning to teach them all about cars and airplanes.

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Having fun with cousins at Maren's birthday party!

GOOD
times
TOGETHER



Matt is very close to his two brothers who are wonderful Uncles!



Thanksgiving celebration - our first ever "family selfie"

family

Message from Matt's Parents

Raising our three boys has been the greatest joy of our lives and seeing Matt and Emily become parents has filled our hearts with gratitude. Matt has always been fun, full of energy and creativity making him an awesome dad. Matt and Emily have poured lot's of love into children, and we're excited for them to add to their family and see their hearts filled with love again.



Family vacation to the beach last year. We always try to go on a trip together once a year.

Matt's family is from Murray, Ky. He's the oldest of three boys. His middle brother Jordan lives 1 hr away and has three kids that are 7, 5, and 2. His youngest brother is lives in Cincinnati and has a 3 year old. Matt's Dad is a pastor of a church and his mom plays piano. When we are all together there is a always lot's of laughter. We usually spend all of our time together around the dinner table eating homemade food and playing board games.

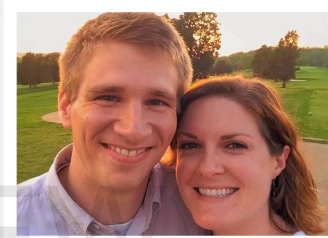
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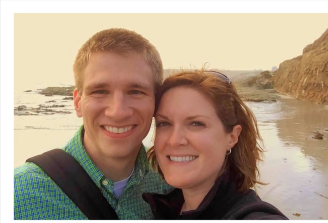
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Our Promise as Parents

1. To help them grow to know God and His unconditional love and forgiveness.
2. To provide a loving and nurturing home where they feel free to be who they are, try new things, and are encouraged to get back up when they fall down.
3. To teach them the importance of humility and putting others above yourself.
4. To open doors of opportunity and help to guide them along life's path.
5. To make great memories as a family and enjoy life together.



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In Closing...

Now that you know a little more about us, we hope that you've seen that our marriage is one that is full of love, laughter, forgiveness and joy. Our hearts are full of love and anticipation as we wait for the child that we are excited to parent through adoption.

We promise that we will do our best to provide a lifetime of unconditional love, opportunities, and guidance. We will also provide the best education possible. We're so thankful you have chosen adoption.

Your selflessness and courage are extraordinary. Know that you will always be a part of your child's story and we will make sure they know how amazing you are and the sacrifices you made for them.

the greatest gift





