



# MATT AND KATE

*our adoption journey*

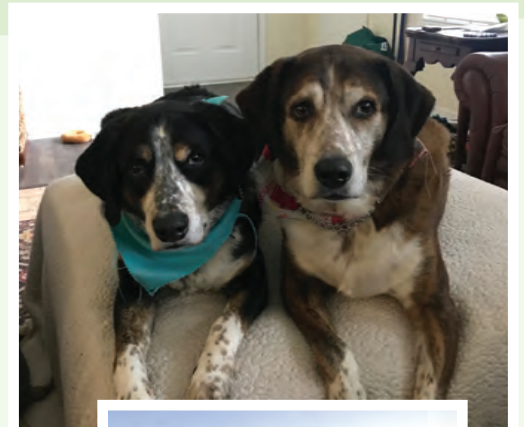
## ABOUT US

We met working as pastry chefs and have been together for eight years, married for three. We have been inseparable since we met, and our relationship continues to strengthen. When we can, we love to spend time together outside with our dogs. Matt is immediate friends with everyone he meets, and we even joke that he's Kate's parents' favorite child. In the last eight years we have lived in two states and changed careers, homes, and other things, but one thing hasn't changed: We dream of being a family and becoming parents. Now that we are settled in our home, near family and friends, we know we will raise our children in a safe place and that they will be surrounded by people who love them.



## OUR HOME & PETS

We live in a quiet suburb in a family neighborhood within a ten-minute drive to everything you could want in a big city or the country. We love having outdoor space so we can be outside with our dogs and plan to create a large garden soon. We love where we live because we are only two hours from the mountains and four hours from the beach. In the summer, our favorite thing to do is tubing on the rivers. In the spring and fall, we hike with our two dogs. Winters may have some snow but not for long. We have two seven-year-old hounds who are spoiled rotten. Duke is very talkative but a huge softy. Tucker is the sweetest and most affectionate dog either of us has ever had.



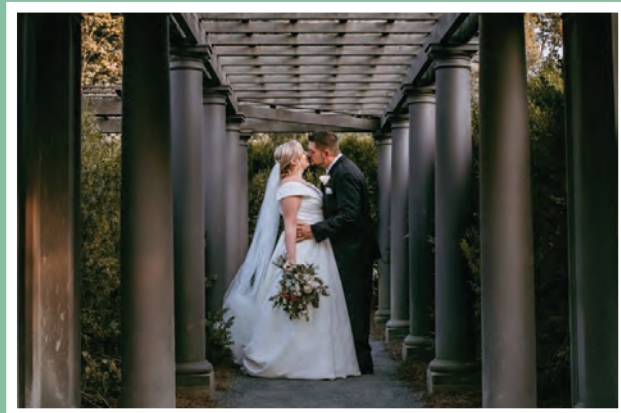
## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

For over three years, we have tried to have a baby naturally and through fertility treatments. When we knew we were not going to get pregnant, we knew there was a reason for it. It took some time, but after a lot of thought, we realized our family is not complete. We are meant to become parents through adoption, and our baby is going to find us.





*our*  
PHOTOS





## MORE ABOUT MATT

**OCCUPATION:** Chef

**EDUCATION:** Associate degree

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Baptist

**SPORT:** College wrestling

**FOOD:** Chicken vindaloo

**HOBBY:** Barbecuing

**TRADITION:** Waffle House on Christmas with dad

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Old Dominion

**MOVIE:** *The Shawshank Redemption*

**DREAM VACATION:** Alaska to see grizzly bears

**HOLIDAY:** Fourth of July

**TV SHOW:** *Married with Children*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Math

**BOOK:** Cookbooks of any kind

## MORE ABOUT KATE

**OCCUPATION:** Surgery coordinator

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Presbyterian

**SPORT:** Baseball

**FOOD:** Almond bear claws

**HOBBY:** Baking pastries

**TRADITION:** Games with brothers on Christmas Eve

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Pentatonix

**MOVIE:** *Elf*

**DREAM VACATION:** Northern Lights in Iceland

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** *Call the Midwife*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Art

**BOOK:** David Sedaris' *Naked*



# OUR *family* + TRADITIONS

Kate is the youngest in her family, with two older brothers; one lives just down the road with his family, and the other visits regularly with his wife. Her parents live in town and host a family dinner every Sunday, when we hang out, play games together, and enjoy spending time together. She has most of her closest extended family members and their families within two hours of our home, and we all get together regularly. We have always had a tight family and spend a lot of time together because we genuinely enjoy each other's company.

Matt is an only child and was raised by a hardworking and dedicated single father. His father passed away unexpectedly ten years ago. They were closer than most fathers and sons, and Matt usually refers to him as his best friend, not his father. Their relationship taught him what a good father is. His extended family is spread out across the USA.

We adore our niece and nephew, 11 and 13. We take every opportunity to spoil them by treating them to day trips, going out for sushi, and going on "Aunt Kate Dates" to do all kinds of activities. We are so proud of them and love that we get to be so involved in their lives.



# dear EXPECTANT MOTHER

Please know your baby is already so loved by so many people. We have no idea what gender they are or what they look like, but we know for certain they will always be safe, loved, and cared for.

We have struggled for a long time with the thought of how to say thank you for letting us have a child. How do we express what a huge and amazing thing it is you are doing for everyone involved?" We are so grateful you are willing to give so much so we can have a family and raise this baby to be a good person. You will always be in our hearts, and our child will always know what a gift you have given us. There is no shame in adoption for anyone involved, and what you are doing is amazing.

We are amazed by your selflessness and in awe of the sacrifices you are making, although you may not have planned or wanted it, in order for your baby to have a good life and to be cared for like they deserve. It takes so much strength and bravery to give birth and so much more to do it for the benefit of others. We hope it is a comfort to you to know your baby would be safe and loved in a home full of laughter, encouragement, and creativity. They will be raised to be confident, positive, and kind.

With Love,

**MATT & KATE**



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