

# Matt + Christa





Hello!





# Our Note



# to You

We want to start out by saying thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We are so thankful our paths have crossed in this way. You have our deepest respect and prayers as you consider making an adoption plan for your child. **We wholeheartedly support you and want you to know that, while we cannot put ourselves in your shoes, we are fully aware that this is not a decision that you take lightly and it very well could be the most difficult decision you have ever made. We want to respect your heart and feelings as you navigate this decision.**

If you decide we are the right fit for you and your baby, we want you to know we would love to get to know you and your family. We would love to share as much of your story as possible, and would always want your child to know that their life started with deep, unconditional love from you.

If we have the privilege of raising your sweet child they will grow up in a home with parents who have a solid marriage. Our marriage has been growing deeper for years, and we are both very intentional about our relationship. We believe our home should be a safe place where a child has parents who are predictably loving and trustworthy. As parents, we believe it's our job to support, nurture, and love any children we are blessed to have growing up in our home.

We hope this profile gives you a glimpse into our family and life and paints an authentic picture of what your child's life would be like growing up in our home.

*with love,*  
*Matt + Christa*



# Why Adoption

By Christa



I began having uterine polyps over fifteen years ago and have had them removed several times. This has created scar tissue which has prevented pregnancy. We had one pregnancy which ended in a miscarriage due to scar tissue and hormone imbalances.

We love kids and have known from early in our marriage that our hearts were for adoption. I worked in pediatrics as a nurse for over ten years in a variety of settings and knew that these experiences were the beginning of the journey of loving and caring for children brought into our lives.

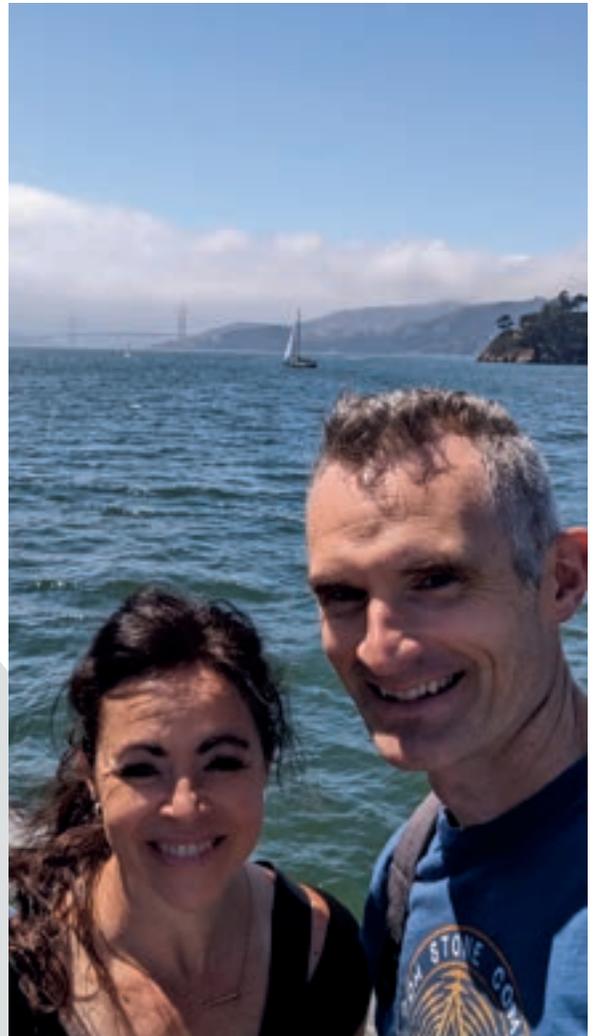
We have many nieces and nephews and love being around them. We both have had medical jobs where we've had the privilege of interacting with and assisting children. Our circle of friends includes families with kids of various ages, some of whom are adopted. Matt's brother has experienced the honor of adoption and witnessing the beautiful bond with his daughter has been truly inspiring. It feels like we have a strong team cheering us on as we eagerly anticipate bringing a child into our lives.



OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE SO EXCITED TO LOVE ON OUR CHILD AND WILL BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO THEM AS THEY GROW.

Adoption has been a long-held aspiration for us. We genuinely believe we can provide a nurturing home filled with love and positive life experiences for a child. We feel like our life experiences have been preparing us for all the unknowns of raising a child.





## WE LOVE TO HAVE FUN!

Matt grew up working with his dad, going on family trips, and endlessly building forts with friends. Christa grew up having deep connections with her grandparents. She would have TV nights with her grandma and go fishing and camping with her grandpa. We both have memories of riding our bikes and being active and how we enjoyed life in those days has carried into today. We want to pass these things onto our children and encourage them to be natural adventurers who like to spend time TOGETHER.



## WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.

We love being together and are very compatible. When disagreements arise, we do not let them fester; we quickly resolve issues and miscommunications.

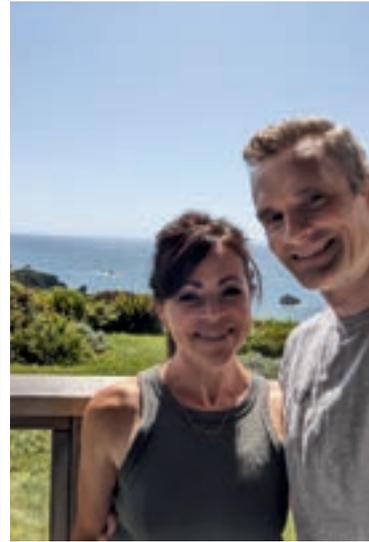
Our adventures usually include biking, paddleboarding, kayaking, boating, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, finding delicious food, and exploring new places together. We enjoy trips to the beach and have taken vacations to Mexico, Hawaii, and California. We enjoy relaxing together at night with dinner and a TV show. Weekends are spent going to church, getting outside for adventure, and just spending quality time together.





# Our Story

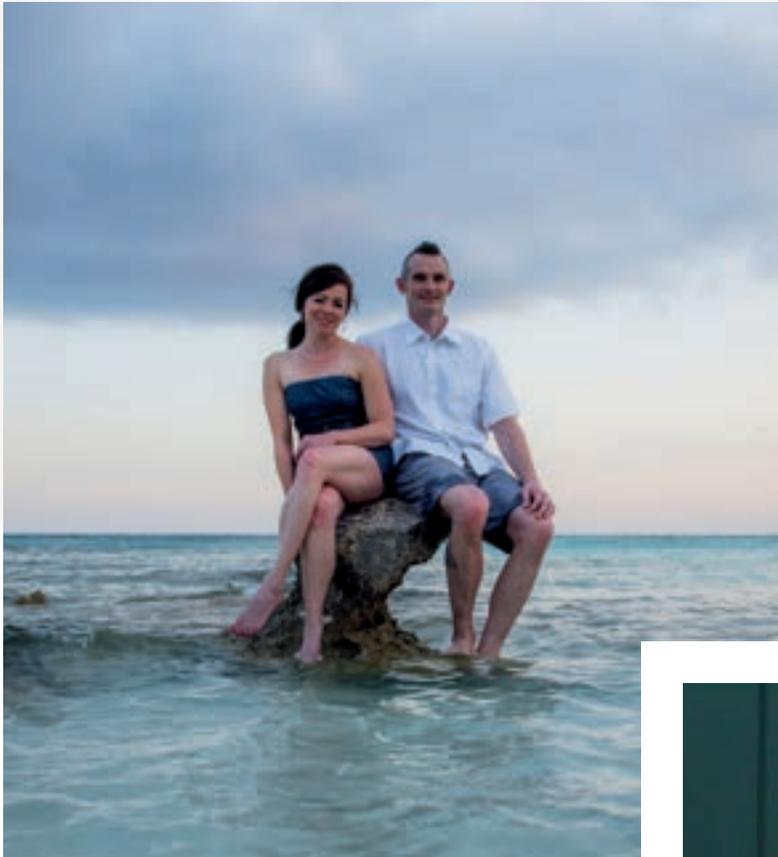
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One of my coworkers set us up. We went on our first date to a coffee shop and then decided to go to dinner, which turned into a walk afterward. We really enjoyed each other. It was like the first time we both felt understood deeply by another person and felt like we had known each other forever. We were able to talk for hours. Some of our first dates included long bike rides and stopping along the way to eat. We would also go skiing and enjoy a hot chocolate in the lodge then stop at our favorite restaurant on the way home for nachos, or we would stay home and make dinner together and watch a movie.

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## *In Matt's Words*

I was attracted to Christa because she was smart and had such an authentic, deep heart. She introduced me to new parts of life I would grow to love. Christa says she liked that I was genuine and very intentional in my actions to care so well for her.

# Happily Ever After

After three years of dating, Matt went all out and rented a limo because I had never been in one. He knew that I like photos, and decided we needed a photo album to remember such an important occasion. In a plot twist that would make a rom-com jealous, Matt handed the limo driver a disposable camera. The limo driver suddenly channels his inner dad-at-prom and goes on a mission to capture the proposal masterpiece. Long story short, when we excitedly went to pick up the much-anticipated photos that we would have to show for the rest of our lives, they were completely blurry with fingers in the way! It may have turned our engagement into a "How NOT to use a disposable camera tutorial" brought to you by budget cameras and well-intentioned limo dads.



Our desire for our wedding was for everyone to come as they were and feel included in our celebration feast. We wanted everyone there to be witnesses to our covenant. For this reason, we did not have bridesmaids and groomsmen. We had guests start with some hors d'oeuvres and sit at round tables during our ceremony. During the ceremony we each had one of our closest friends pray over us in a small, intimate circle. After the ceremony, we all feasted and danced. We were the last to leave! We didn't want to say goodbye to all of our precious loved ones all in one room! Once we did finally leave we spent one night at a cozy cabin in the mountains and then we went to Hawaii for our honeymoon.



# Meet Matt

I grew up in a wonderful home with loving parents. My parents both grew up in troubled homes and as a result of their hurt and what they learned, they decided to do the best job they could as they raised their five children. They loved us, fought for us, and provided for us. They gave us a glimpse of what family should look like and I will do the same for my family. I am excited to become a father and look forward to pouring into our child. I want to be a father who teaches, loves, and creates lasting memories with my family.

One of my greatest hopes for our baby is that they will be confident in who they are. It sounds simple, yet so deep for a person to feel confident and competent. I feel personally responsible for making sure our child knows they are loved and safe and I want to do that by building a strong relationship with them as they grow.

I am a paramedic. I enjoy my job because I can help someone fight for their life, or be kind to someone going through a hard situation. When I was a kid I wanted to be a paramedic and would practice on my stuffed animal and enjoyed going to fire stations to see their tools. My job is very independent and I can leave work when needed. My hours can be flexible, and currently, Christa and I have a schedule where one of us can be home every day which will be nice when we add to our family!

I like being active with Christa and connecting in ways that create lasting memories. We love making bucket lists and doing something fun on weekends. I would love to create as many memories as possible with a child through fun adventures, mentorship, traditions, and activities with family and friends. I enjoy exploring, outdoor adventures, and growing in spiritual, physical, and emotional health. I am usually reading or listening to something related to growth. I like following football and basketball, as well as working on home and car projects.

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## *In Christa's Words*

MATT IS ONE OF THE  
MOST GENUINE, KIND,  
LOVING, AND GENEROUS  
PEOPLE I KNOW.

He has a unique ability to see and understand people's individual needs and is able to relate to them in a way that makes them feel seen and known. I had never met anyone like this until I met Matt. He saw things about me that no one had before and sought to love me in a way I had never been loved. He listens carefully and responds after hearing your heart. He is a fixer. He loves to help solve problems and has such unique and creative solutions. He is one of the smartest people I know. He studies something until he deeply knows and understands the actual concept. Once he knows it, he is one of the best people to teach it because he has learned it so well! He is flexible and able to adapt to hard situations. All these things make Matt such a wonderful husband, friend, son, employee, and father. He is my best friend and constantly lets me know I am his as well.

Matt is gentle, kind, and engaging. One of my favorite pictures of him is him sitting on the floor with my nieces and nephews all gathered around him listening to what he is saying, laughing and engaged with him. This is a photo that speaks a thousand words. It is genuinely how he is all the time, but I love how it shows his ability to love kids, meet them where they are, and just be himself. Whenever we are with our nieces and nephews he does activities they enjoy, asks them good questions, and shows genuine love and care for them. He makes sure to mail each of them birthday cards and wants them each to know how special they are. Matt will be such an involved, loving father. He will show care and concern for the details of our children's lives. He will protect them, defend them, and provide for them. He will play with them and invest in their interests. He will be a father who allows them to enjoy their childhood while teaching them the important life lessons.



# Meet Christa

I am looking forward to growing our family and all the wonderful things that will come with it. I am excited for cuddles, laughter, and all the firsts. I can't wait to experience the wonder, awe, and innocence of the world through a child's eyes as we teach and mentor them. I will always remember what a tremendous gift it is to be given the privilege of helping our child grow and love as they become their own person, walking with them through the joys and challenges of life. I want to inspire our child to live a full life, with a heart that loves God and others.

One thing I learned growing up is how important it is to embrace your culture. My mom and dad were divorced before I was born and I met my dad for the first time when I was five. I learned that he was born in Switzerland and came to America when he and my mom married. As an adult, I wished that I would have been able to learn the languages he knew and experience going to the country of my heritage. I missed the opportunity to have dual citizenship and it left a void for me in fully knowing and experiencing all of who I am. If we have the honor of raising a child from another culture, I want to do whatever I can to help them know and experience who they are and embrace every part of who they are in their culture.

I have been a registered nurse for twenty years and I have enjoyed many different experiences. One of my favorite places to work was in a Pediatric ER. I loved the staff who felt like family and the opportunity to work with many cultures. I had wonderful connections with these families and learned so much from them. I also enjoyed being at a Pediatric outpatient specialty clinic. When we moved I took a job as a Circulating OR Nurse for eye surgery and found that I really liked that as well. I choose to work in an office now because it offers a great schedule and family-oriented flexibility. Once we bring our baby home, I will work minimally and Matt and I will be able to arrange our schedules so that we do not need child care outside the home.

I love the ocean and being out on the water. I love fast-moving things like bike rides and jet skis and I absolutely love to dance! I also really enjoy watching a good movie and cozying up at home with good food. I enjoy being with my family and playing games. I love spending time with Matt exploring new cities and finding delicious food. I have a passion for health and wellness and implement this into my daily life. I enjoy cooking and baking, and especially enjoy making healthy food taste delicious and not healthy! I especially like to make soups and desserts.

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## *In Matt's Words*

CHRISTA WILL BE A MOM  
WHO MAKES DECISIONS AND  
SACRIFICES TO CONTINUE TO  
DEEPEN HER RELATIONSHIP  
WITH HER CHILDREN.

Christa is very wise. She really is the best person to get advice from. She is a wonderful listener and quickly understands issues. She responds to people in a way that is helpful and makes them feel understood. For example, my dad was diagnosed with a potentially devastating illness. He was in mental anguish by the diagnosis and no one was able to console him or comfort him including friends and family. Dad talked with Christa about his emotional and physical struggle with his illness. He still thanks her for understanding him in a way others were not able to. My friends at work will often ask me to run issues by Christa. I am blessed by this gift of hers all the time. Christa is trustworthy and full of integrity. She will tell the truth even if it makes things harder for her. She does not gossip, she is loyal, and I know I can depend on her as my best friend and my wife. Christa is an amazing cook. She can turn any recipe into a healthy, delicious dish. She rarely makes the same dish twice. Cooking is a creative outlet for her!

When Christa is with kids, I see joy. She is playful and protective around children. I have watched her have so much fun feeding babies, it makes it fun for everyone! She is looking forward to being there for our child. Christa protects those she loves and will fiercely defend her child. She has so much to offer and she is looking forward to sharing her life and her wisdom with our child. Christa will be a mom who will allow our child to choose who they are and guide them with her gentle strength. I am really looking forward to seeing the joy of motherhood unfold in her life. She is gentle, wise, loving, understanding, nurturing, and forgiving and all of these traits will make her a wonderful mother.

WE WANT OUR HOME TO BE A PLACE WHERE  
PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME AND TAKEN CARE OF.



Welcome to

# Our Home

Our home has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. We enjoy talks at the kitchen breakfast bar, working out in the home gym, and being cozy in the living room. We are still working on the backyard since it is a newer home. We have planted various trees and we have a beautiful rock border around the yard. The yard has great room to play and we hope to put in a big, fun swing set! In our neighborhood, it is common to see children playing outside. We have a green space with multiple trails and the neighborhood kids have built a treehouse. We are also within half a mile of a beautiful river trail, mountain biking trails, and walking trails.

**Mrs. Whiskers is a brown-striped tabby cat we got from the shelter as a kitten.** Matt chose this name and I love it because I wanted a pet name, not a human name for her, and it shows Matt's creativity and humor. I still smile when I say her name. She is now fourteen and is still very spry. She is gentle, loving, and full of personality. She walks her little paws up your leg when she wants attention and knows exactly what time each day she is supposed to get her treats, and doesn't let you forget! She still loves to play ball with us and one of her most unique traits is that she will even fetch her ball and bring it back to us like a dog!



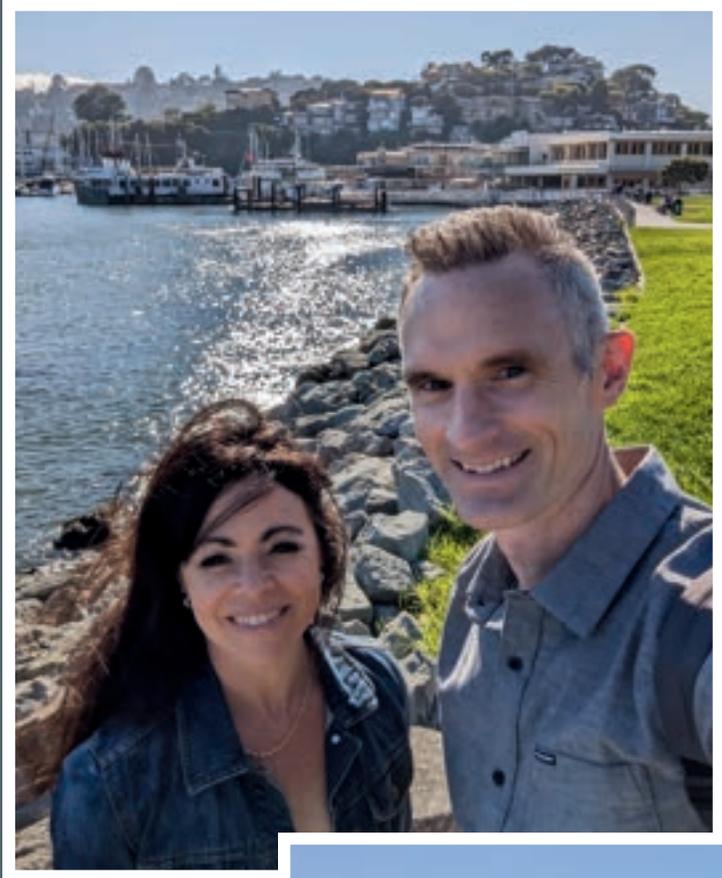


We live in the Pacific Northwest. We have lived here for four years and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this area. We live in a smaller community with many local opportunities. There is a great water park in the city. We live five miles away from two huge lakes to go swimming, boating, kayaking, and canoeing. There is a major river and beautiful waterfalls close by. Our city has a public pool and family activities like rodeos, drag racing, tractor pulls, orchards, and farms for hayrides and harvest festivals. We live a short drive away from the mountains where there is skiing, ice skating, hiking, caves, and more waterfalls. It is a beautiful place to live!

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**We love the area we live in and plan on staying here as long as the Lord allows us. We love to travel as much as possible, but the benefit of where we live is that we don't have to travel far to see so many wonderful things. We can take many many local road trips and have some amazing vacations. We are thankful we are able to travel to visit family and go on vacations as well.**

# Our Values



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## GOD IS FIRST

We desire to create a home where Jesus is at the center of our lives. He is the most important part of our lives.

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## FAMILY IS OUR ROCK

We make decisions that will always support our family and keep it a top priority.

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## HEALTH

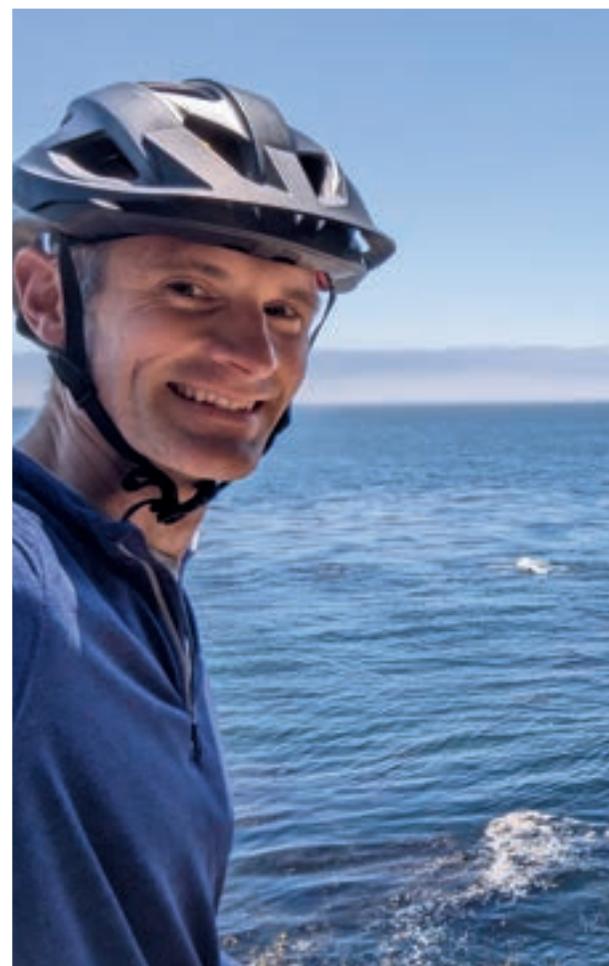
We will always strive to create an environment for whole body health. This means physical, mental, and spiritual.

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## ADVENTURE

We think families should adventure and have fun together. Playing together is part of building strong bonds.





# Faith + Education

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Our faith will be at the core of how we raise our child. We will teach them to love God, to know they were created for a relationship with Him, and to hear His voice and respond. We are part of a church that teaches this and will foster an environment of living a lifestyle of faith, hope, and trust in Jesus.

**Our church is very child and family-focused as well as multicultural with many opportunities that span the various cultures. It has a wonderful school that we would love to send our children to.** We feel like it would provide an amazing education, and quality childhood friendships, and help encourage a foundational and loving relationship with God. We want these values to be part of their everyday life and teachings.

We will support our child in whatever they choose to pursue after high school. We actively save money for the future and are careful to invest wisely and we will do what we can to support our child's future and dreams.

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# Our Family

Everyone is so supportive and excited about our adoption. We feel extremely supported and loved by them as we await our new addition!

## CHRISTA'S FAMILY

My mom, Dianne, and stepdad, Greg, live on six acres and have donkeys, chickens, dogs, and cats. I did not grow up on a farm, but this became their life once they retired. They live about fifteen minutes from my sister, Natalie, and her husband, Thad, who have seven children; Elise, married to Caleb, Audrey married to Christian, Anna married to Alec, Ellie, Jed, Jacob and William. The kids love to ride their side-by-side and drive tractors. My dad, Rene, lives with his wife, Lynda, near the beach.

We live in a different state than any of our family members but we make it a goal to see them at least once a year. Last year, my sister and her family all came out to see us and we had so much fun with them. We rented one big SUV, piled everyone in, and explored as much of the area as we could in a few days. We love our time with them and when we visit them and my parents we have so much fun all together. They all live on farms and it is so fun to see their lifestyle and joy from their animals. We love everything from watching baby donkeys being born to gathering chicken eggs and walking the property. When we visit my dad near the ocean it is always nice to walk on the beach and enjoy the warm weather.

## MATT'S FAMILY

My mom and dad, Ann and Joe, live near all of my siblings. I am the only one who lives in another state. My dad is a business owner and my mom was a stay-at-home mom. My sister, Kim, has two children; Brianna and Blake. My brother, Joe, and wife, Amanda, have three girls; Aisley, Demarest, and Lara who was adopted. My brother, Tom, is married to Lisa and they have three kids; Emma, Tommy, and Joey. My sister, Julie, is married to Travis and they have two boys; Luke and Lane, and are expecting their third child this summer!

My family is all within a short drive of each other and they love big family gatherings. We always have a family meal and enjoy the time together to talk and catch up. They also own a cabin in the mountains and it is such a beautiful getaway to enjoy fishing in the river outside the patio door, riding side by side through the woods, hiking the many mountain trails, roasting marshmallows by the fire pit, and gazing at millions of stars in the clear sky.







WE STRIVE TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST EACH AND EVERY DAY AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE OUR ADVENTURES WITH OUR CHILD!



# Holiday Fun

We would love to know what your family and cultural traditions are and would love to incorporate them in the future! Do you do anything special for your birthday?



In our family on your birthday, you get your favorite meals and choose something you want to do that day. We like to decorate the house with balloons and things that make the birthday person feel special. We are excited to celebrate childhood birthdays!

For Christmas, we choose someone in need to give to. In the past, we have bought gift boxes for children in orphanages and sent gifts to the elderly living alone in a nursing home. We enjoy going to see Christmas events like lighted boat parades, walking through the Christmas garden lights, and driving to see lights in neighborhoods. We go to local events like tractor rides with hot cocoa. We open a gift together on Christmas Eve and watch a movie. We wake up to cinnamon rolls on Christmas morning while we read the Christmas story. We have New Year's Eve game nights each year. In the summer, we love going to the tractor pull, rodeo, waterparks, and drag racing. We also enjoy Florida family reunion vacations at the beach with Christa's family. On Thanksgiving, we enjoy a huge meal with all of Matt's family in Colorado.



# Before You Go



# Thank You

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile. We are deeply honored that you would take time to consider us. If you choose us, we want you to know that you will always be known, honored, admired, and loved in our family. We have such deep respect and admiration for you and your selfless, unconditional love for your child will never be forgotten.

If you entrust us with the privilege of caring for your child, we promise to honor and cherish their roots. We will lovingly speak of you, and pray for you with them. We will embrace their culture as an integral part of our family's tapestry. Your child's beautiful adoption story will be celebrated and shared with them in each step as they grow and will reflect the love we hold for you. We would like to know you and create opportunity for your child to know you and how very deeply they are loved by you. We promise to stand by your child every step of their life's journey, navigating the depths of their adoption story with unwavering support, empathy, and understanding through every twist and turn, emotion, and joy.

We are committed to creating a nurturing and secure environment where your child will thrive. We will strive to provide them with an environment that fosters them to reach their full potential and be surrounded by love, encouragement, and opportunities to grow.

**We are praying for you and desire  
the absolute best for you and your child!**

*Love + prayers.  
Matt + Christa*







*You are loved!*