



MATT *and* MONICA



LOVE RECOGNIZES
NO BARRIERS. IT JUMPS
HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES,
PENETRATES WALLS TO
ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION
full of hope.

MAYA ANGELOU



HELLO!



We are so honored and grateful that you are taking the time to view our profile. While this is only a glimpse into our lives, we hope it gives you an idea of who we are.

We are a close-knit family who enjoys adventuring together, as well as finding the joy and fun in the daily tasks of life and parenthood. ***To us, family is the most important thing in the world.*** As you look through these pages, we want you to know that unconditional love is at the root of our family. Every day, we value and strive for kindness, respect, communication, and empathy. We are really looking forward to welcoming and loving another child beyond measure.

WE CANNOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE FEELING AS YOU GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS, BUT WE KNOW YOU MUST HAVE A GREAT DEAL ON YOUR MIND. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, NO MATTER YOUR DECISION, WE RESPECT AND SUPPORT YOU AS YOU NAVIGATE THIS DIFFICULT ROAD. WE ADMIRE YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE AS YOU MAKE THIS DECISION FOR YOU AND YOUR BABY.

Matt and Monica

OUR STORY

WE GREW UP SEVERAL TOWNS AWAY FROM EACH OTHER AND HAD OVERLAPPING FRIEND GROUPS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

However, we never met until college, where we lived across the hall from each other our senior year. Three years after we graduated college and both had completed our graduate school programs, the timing clicked and our years of friendship turned into something more. On our first date, we went ice skating and I, Monica, clumsily fell. Rushing over to help me, Matt accidentally nipped my finger with the blade of his skate. Thrilled we were finally on a date and not wanting it to end so quickly, I insisted I was fine! Later that night, I had to make a quick trip to the ER to get stitches, where the nurses laughed and said "Oh, you're going to marry this guy!" Two years and many more dates later, Matt proposed and I enthusiastically said "yes!"





WE ALWAYS KNEW WE WANTED TO BE PARENTS.

why adoption?

Monica grew up with adoption in her extended family, as two of her cousins are adopted. Having seen the immense love in adoption firsthand, it always held a special place in her heart.

When our son was 9 months old, we found out we would not be able to have more children. As Nolan became older, while we relished in the challenges and immense rewards of parenthood, we always had the feeling that our family was not yet complete. After many conversations, we both felt a strong calling to adopt – to love and be loved by a baby we hadn't yet met.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME ANOTHER
CHILD INTO TO OUR FAMILY!**



MEET MONICA

AS TOLD BY MATT

Monica is everything that I could ask for in a life partner and parent. She is relentlessly devoted to raising our son to be a good, caring, and well-rounded human, while also allowing him to be his own person. She is always finding new activities to do and events to attend with Nolan. Monica is also committed to her profession, striving to help the students at her school learn more effectively. Monica is a loving and supportive partner, always there to provide encouragement in tougher times.

**MONICA IS THE BEST MOTHER AND SPOUSE ANY KID
OR MAN COULD ASK FOR.**

Monica's favorite things:

READING BOOKS

PHOTOGRAPHY

LIVE MUSIC

REALITY TV

COOKING A NEW RECIPE





MEET MATT



AS TOLD BY MONICA

Matt is an exceptional father and husband. He is the steady rock of the family. If I feel anxious or overwhelmed, his calm personality keeps me grounded. Matt is also full of humor and constantly makes his family and others around him laugh. When I hear Matt and Nolan playing together, the sound I most often hear is full on belly laughs echoing throughout the house. Matt is dedicated to his job as an attorney and works diligently to help support our family, with a tireless work ethic. I have always admired his intelligence, wit, and most of all, his kindness.

**MATT IS THE HUSBAND I DREAMED OF HAVING AND THE
AMAZING FATHER I ALWAYS KNEW HE WOULD BE.**

Matt's favorite things:

WATCHING LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS

WEEKEND MORNINGS AT THE
PARK WITH NOLAN

GOLFING

MOWING THE LAWN

PLAYING GUITAR





MEET NOLAN

Nolan is our sweet and funny three year old boy. He is curious about the world around him and is constantly learning new things - *his knowledge of dinosaurs has surpassed ours!* Nolan loves to go to the park, play at the beach, swim at the pool, ride his bike, and help grocery shop. He's into bugs, animals, construction, and cars! One of his favorite activities is playing with his cousins, which luckily for us, happens almost weekly. He's an outgoing little guy and loves chatting with neighbors and kids at the park.



WITHOUT
A DOUBT,
NOLAN WILL
BE THE BEST
BIG BROTHER
-HE IS KIND,
GENTLE, AND
LOVING!



ten fun facts about us!

1 • MONICA'S EXTENDED FAMILY HAS "SPAGHETTI NIGHT" EACH THURSDAY DURING THE SUMMER AT HER AUNT'S HOUSE, WHERE EVERYONE IS INVITED OVER TO SWIM AND EAT PASTA.

2 • EACH YEAR AT CHRISTMAS, MATT'S FAMILY PUTS TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL THREE-COURSE ITALIAN MEAL.

3 • MONICA GREW UP WITH 27 FIRST COUSINS.

4 • MATT HAS RUN ABOUT 30 5K RACES AND THREE HALF MARATHONS.

5 • IN COLLEGE, MATT STUDIED ABROAD IN EL SALVADOR, WHILE MONICA RETURNED TO HER FAMILY ROOTS AND STUDIED IN IRELAND.





6 • NOLAN HAS AN UNCANNY KNOWLEDGE OF BIRDS FOR A THREE YEAR OLD. HE'S ALWAYS POINTING OUT THE ROBINS, FINCHES, AND MALLARDS THAT WE SEE OUT AND ABOUT.

7 • MATT IS FLUENT IN SPANISH.

8 • MATT'S FAVORITE TV SHOWS ARE PARKS AND REC AND BREAKING BAD. ONE OF MONICA'S FAVORITE MOVIES IS THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

9 • MONICA BECAME INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY WHILE TAKING NEWBORN PHOTOS OF NOLAN AND HAS LOVED DOCUMENTING HIM SINCE!

10 • NOLAN LOVES ALL THINGS MICKEY MOUSE. WE ARE EXCITED TO TAKE HIM ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO DISNEY IN JUST A FEW MONTHS!



WE LIVE IN THE SUBURBS OF PHILADELPHIA
IN A FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD.

OUR HOME

Five years ago, we bought a home with a fenced in backyard and a screened in porch. We have loved making it our own, updating and painting the rooms as our family grows - *including converting our old den into a toy room for Nolan and our next project will be a nursery for a new baby!*

We enjoy walking almost everywhere, whether it's to get coffee, grab a smoothie, or go out to dinner. We can walk to 4 different parks, which has been wonderful with a toddler. In addition to our neighborhood, we have also found love and support in our local church community.

**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS SAFE, WELCOMING, AND FULL OF
YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**



WE LOVE TAKING FAMILY WALKS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NOLAN AND OUR DOG, INDIANA JONES (INDY).

Indy is a sweet yellow lab-beagle mutt who loves long walks, chasing rabbits around our backyard, and hanging out with us on the couch. He is a very friendly, gentle dog who gets along great with kids and adults alike.



OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES

Spending time with our families is an important part of our lives. We both grew up in the Philadelphia area and are very fortunate to live close to both sides of our families. We live within five minutes of Monica's parents, as well as her three siblings and their families. Nolan has eight cousins on this side, all of whom he gets to see and play with often! Monica's mom is one of eight and her dad is one of four, with most of the family members living in the immediate area as well. There are constant family nights, birthday parties, and special days hanging at Grammy and Pop's house.





Matt's parents live only 15 minutes away. We see them often as well, and enjoy having pool days together! His sister and brother-in-law live in Baltimore and come to visit frequently. Most of Matt's extended family lives a short distance away in New Jersey, and we frequently see them for special events and around the holidays.

OUR FAMILIES ARE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME A NEW FAMILY MEMBER THROUGH ADOPTION!



OUR ADVENTURES

OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME IS THE JERSEY SHORE.

Both of us grew up vacationing there, and are lucky enough to frequently visit Monica's parents' beach house. It is a very family friendly town, and is walking distance to a pancake house, doughnut shop, and boardwalk. We love long beach days filled with playing in the ocean, searching for seashells, and building sandcastles. The kids love the boardwalk, which has an amusement park and fun rides. We also try to travel to new places each year and have a bucket list of trips we'd like to take as a family in the years to come!



OUR PROMISES



We promise to love every part of your child unconditionally.

We promise to accept your child as the person they are and to encourage them to be their authentic self.

We promise to honor your child's story and your love for them.

We promise to support your child, in the highs and lows of life, no matter what; to celebrate the good times and work through the challenges.

We promise to provide your child with tools for a successful life.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US. WE WISH WE COULD SHARE EVERYTHING ABOUT US WITH YOU AND HOPE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER. WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE, AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE.

WE WILL FOREVER HONOR YOUR RELATIONSHIP, AS WELL AS LOVE YOUR BABY ENDLESSLY.

Matt, Monica and Nolan

