

Joseph AND Matthew

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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OUR LOVE STORY



We first connected on Tinder in late 2018, proving that online dating really can work! After chatting for weeks and bonding over late-night Overwatch games, we decided to meet in person at Dave & Buster's on December 1st. Joseph confidently challenged Matthew to air hockey—and was swiftly (and cheekily) defeated. We spent the rest of the night laughing, watching a movie, and talking about our dreams and values, realizing how much we had in common and how natural it felt to be together.



Over the years, our relationship has grown stronger through every milestone—career changes, graduate school, new hobbies, and countless adventures together. We've always been each other's biggest supporters and best friends. In April 2025, after six wonderful years together, we were married in a beautiful, intimate ceremony in Providence surrounded by our closest family and friends, marking the start of our next exciting chapter: growing our family through adoption.

OUR HOME + NEIGHBORHOOD



Our home is a cozy ranch at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, filled with warmth, laughter, and the happy energy of our two dogs, Hank and Huey, and our cat, Lilo—who truly act like siblings and are inseparable. Just a short walk away is a beautiful park with a walking path where we spend time outdoors together. We're also within walking distance of top-rated public schools and only a short drive from several local beaches. Being between Boston and Providence means easy access to aquariums, museums, festivals, and all kinds of family-friendly adventures.



OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES

We are creatures of habit and absolutely love going to Disney World. Matthew has been visiting several times a year since childhood and was eager to give Joseph the grand tour when we first started dating. Matthew is a veritable Disney dictionary, always sharing fun facts and bits of Disney lore while guiding you to all the best spots in the parks.

Whenever we plan a vacation, Epcot is always at the top of our list. We love exploring the World Showcase, trying new foods, and discovering flavors from around the world. After some rides and good meals, we enjoy relaxing by the resort pool. One of our favorite parts, though, is bringing friends and family along—sharing the laughter, magic, and memories together makes every trip even more special.



MORE ABOUT

Matthew



OCCUPATION: Lead Software Engineer

EDUCATION: B.S.

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Raised Catholic, now agnostic

FOOD: Pasta alla Vodka

HOBBY: PC Building / Gaming

FAMILY TRADITION: Playing Phase 10 at family holidays

MUSICAL GROUP: Green Day

MOVIE: *Call Me by Your Name*

DREAM VACATION: Renting Spanish/Italian Villa

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving

TV SHOW: *House, MD*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Science / Math

BOOK: *The Silent Patient*

MORE ABOUT

Joseph

OCCUPATION: Software Engineer

EDUCATION: Graduate Certificate

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Roman Catholic, now agnostic

SPORT: Soccer

FOOD: Apple Crisp

HOBBY: Reading and working out

FAMILY TRADITION: Yearly Disney trip

MUSICAL GROUP: Taylor Swift

MOVIE: *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once*

DREAM VACATION: Madrid

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: *Foundation*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: *A Court of Mist and Fury*



our family

AND FRIENDS

Our family and friends have been incredibly supportive and excited about our journey to become parents. Matthew's parents, Lee and Dawn, and Joseph's parents, Doug and Jacqueline, are overjoyed at the thought of welcoming a new grandchild into their lives. Joseph's brothers, Jonathan and Justin, along with Justin's wife, Kristina, and their young son Alejandro, are eager to embrace a new cousin into the family with love and laughter.

The holidays are filled with fun and friendly competition. At Thanksgiving or Christmas, you'll find us all gathered around the table for spirited games of Phase 10, Uno, Racko, or teaming up in the game Pandemic.

We're fortunate to live near a close-knit circle of friends—Zack, Jeremy, and Chris—who join us for weekend brunches full of great food and even better conversation. Their encouragement has meant the world to us. A few times each year, we travel to Maryland to visit our longtime friends Liz, Erik, Jeff, and Robin, who have also been cheering us on through every step of this process. Whether nearby or across state lines, our friends and family can't wait to welcome and support a child with open arms and open hearts.





our letter

TO YOU

Dear Expectant Mother,

We can only imagine the mix of love, courage, and hope that brought you here, and we want you to know how deeply we admire your strength. Considering adoption takes an incredible heart, and we're so grateful you're taking a moment to learn about us. Whatever decision you make, we hope you feel supported and surrounded by kindness and respect every step of the way.

We're two husbands who found in each other not just love, but a true partnership. After six wonderful years together and a joyful wedding with our family and friends, our dream now is to become dads. Our home is full of warmth, laughter, and love—with two friendly dogs and a cat who thinks she's in charge. We can't wait to share our world with a child: discovering new adventures together, reading bedtime stories, and creating a life rooted in joy, stability, and connection.

We believe every child's story begins long before we meet them—and that their history, including you, will always be honored as part of who they are. We're open to whatever level of connection feels healthiest for you and your child and will always speak of you with respect, gratitude, and love.

With all our hearts,

MATTHEW & JOSEPH



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