

Alyssa  **Matthew**



HELLO!

WE ARE

Alyssa

+

Matthew

FROM

APPLETON,
WISCONSIN

THANK YOU FOR
TAKING THE TIME TO GET
TO KNOW US.

We want you to know that we admire your courage and strength to choose adoption. Though we can't imagine what you're going through right now, we hope that this journey you're on helps you find the perfect fit for your child and also for you.



TRIP TO THE JERSEY SHORE



LIFE IS BETTER WHEN LAUGHTER IS INVOLVED

OUR THOUGHTS ON **Adoption**

We are adopting due to infertility and while that journey had some heartaches, it strengthened our relationship, which prepared us for our adoption journey. We have always agreed early on in our relationship that adoption was a possibility for us to grow our family. Now that we have established our home and community, we are excited to make that possibility come true and grow our family through adoption.

SNOWSHOEING FOR THE FIRST TIME



OUR Story



OUR HOBBIES + INTERESTS

Our interests range from a deep love of food to Star Wars. When a new local restaurant opens up in our community we are one of its first patrons, as well as watching the newest movie or TV show from the Star Wars universe.

Together, we enjoy hiking close to home at High Cliff State Park, seeing a Broadway show at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, or go axe throwing with our close friends who we call our chosen family.

We have a large collection of board games that we look forward to sharing with our child.

WE BOTH VALUE family, friends, education, and the arts.

Over 14 years ago, before the popularity of match.com and eharmony, there was Yahoo chat. This is where we first started chatting and easily connected. We would chat for hours about everything and anything, during this time we discovered we were both in marching band and wanted to get our Masters degrees in our respective fields.

We then evolved to Skype and started video chatting. After a few months, we made the choice to finally meet and then 9 years later we got married in Michigan with our closest family and friends present. We make each other laugh and smile every day. We truly are each other's best friend and biggest cheerleader. We have a saying when faced with any bumps in life, "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."



DANCE LIKE NO ONE'S WATCHING

ALADDIN AT THE FOX CITIES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



MEET
Alyssa

**I WAS BORN AND
RAISED IN NEW JERSEY,**

then went to live in Pennsylvania and Florida before moving and setting roots in Wisconsin. I'm an extrovert with introvert tendencies. I'm all about community and giving back so it's rare for you to find me not surrounded by people. I love animals and volunteer at the Humane Society. During the day I'm an Academic Retention Specialist and I help students who are struggling to graduate college. At night I'm an undercover food critic of Chef Matthew's cooking.

**ALYSSA'S
FAVORITES**

Hobbies

→ Going to Disney, axe throwing, Broadway shows, hiking, reading, journaling, movies, music



LOVING LIFE THROUGH MUSIC

Vacation Spot

→ San Diego, CA

Historical Figure

→ Maya Angelou

Collection

→ Magnets from various places around the world

Dessert

→ Flan

Musical Artist

→ Whitney Houston

Seasonal Activity

→ Going to the beach

Alyssa

BY MATTHEW

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ALYSSA
MAKES ME A
BETTER PERSON.

I fell in love with her because she always thinks of others first and gives so much of her time and energy to help those in need. She lives each day showing the people around her how much she loves and cares for them. She is a social butterfly, who can make most people laugh or smile.

Seeing Alyssa interact with her goddaughter, she's so good at connecting with her by meeting her at her level. Every time she talks to her friend's kids she comes from a place of kindness and empathy.

What excites Alyssa about being a parent is loving and supporting our child through new opportunities and experiences that will help them learn and grow as a person.

PICTURE DAY AT WORK



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU



MEET
Matthew

I WAS BORN AND SPENT MY EARLY CHILDHOOD IN **FLORIDA**,

then spent the rest of my childhood in Michigan. I'm an introvert and I love spending quality time as a family, whether it's hiking, playing video games, board games, or watching movies. Being with family is important to me. During the day I'm a software engineer, trying to problem solve the impossible. At night I'm an undercover Chef making master pieces in the kitchen.



GETTING READY FOR BOARD GAME NIGHT

Matthew

BY ALYSSA

Matthew is my better half, I fell in love with him because he is the type of person that would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He's a wall flower with a sense of humor that only people close to him get the honor of experiencing. He is supportive, encouraging, and makes me smile every day. If there's something new I want to try, he's right there next to me cheering me on.

Matthew has always wanted to be a parent and looks forward to sharing his curiosity and inquisitive nature, from building Legos to building their very own first computer.

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SEEING HIM INTERACT WITH CHILDREN, HE'S SUCH A GENTLE GIANT AND ACTIVELY LISTENS TO UNDERSTAND THEM.

BUSY IN THE KITCHEN



MATTHEW'S FAVORITES



MADE IT TO THE TOP HIKING!

Hobbies

→ Playing video games, board games, cooking, gardening, seeing Broadway shows, hiking, watching movies

Vacation Spot

→ Key West, Florida

Seasonal Activity

→ Snowshoeing

Historical Figure

→ Steve Wozniak

Lunchbox Snack

→ Fruit snacks

Dessert

→ Chocolate chip cookies

Musical Artist

→ Tiësto



SILLY PHOTO OP AT THE ZOO WITH ALYSSA'S FAMILY

WE CHERISH THE TIME WE HAVE WITH OUR FAMILIES.

ALYSSA'S FAMILY

Alyssa's parents live in New Jersey, but have plans to move to Wisconsin in the future to be closer to us. Her sister lives in North Philly, so we make a point to visit the east coast, at least twice a year. When they visit us they enjoy exploring everything Wisconsin has to offer.



CELEBRATING OUR WEDDING WITH ALYSSA'S FAMILY

OUR Family + Friends



CELEBRATING OUR WEDDING WITH MATTHEW'S FAMILY

WE HAVE AN AMAZING GROUP OF FRIENDS!



WITH MATTHEW'S SIBLINGS AND SISTER-IN-LAW



MATTHEW'S FAMILY

Matthew's parents, two younger brothers and their wives, grandmother, aunt, and uncle live in Michigan, so we get a chance to see them every time we drive out to the east coast and when we drive back to Wisconsin. They're a competitive family and a game of Quiplash is sure to bring out some laughter.

Matthew's aunt and cousin are both adopted, so his family is open and excited for an additional member to join the family.

OUR FRIENDS

Closer to home is our chosen family, Matthew's college friends and Alyssa's friends from work are an additional support system and are looking forward to sharing their love and generosity with our child.

OUR HOME AND Community

WE LIVE IN APPLETON, WISCONSIN
IN AN INTIMATE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Our three-bedroom, three-bathroom home gives us plenty of room for our family. We love watching movies in our finished basement, which we've turned into our own home theater. Just across the street we have a nice park with a large playground that many children in the neighborhood play on.

One of the reasons we chose Appleton was because of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center that values education and the arts just like us. We're avid Broadway enthusiasts and are Season Ticket Holders for Broadway Across America, as well as Annual Partners. Our community has activities for every season- whether it's the Building for Kids Children's Museum in the spring, farmer's market and live music in the summer and fall, or hiking at High Cliff State Park in the fall and winter. There's always something to do or some place to go. We look forward to discovering what our child finds enjoyment in and sharing that experience with them.

HOME SWEET HOME!

WE LOVE TO HIKE!



SEARCHING FOR THE BEST
APPLE CIDER DONUT



SEEING THE LION KING AT THE
FOX CITIES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



SAY CHEESE!



MABLE GETTING READY
TO TAKE THE WHEEL



TIME
FOR
TREATS!

OUR FURRY FRIENDS

We have been blessed to adopt two rescue senior dogs. Mable who loves to cuddle under the blankets while watching tv and Ramsey who loves long walks around the neighborhood. Both of them LOVE cheese (true Wisconsin dogs).



THANK
You!

ON
Parenting

THROUGH OPEN COMMUNICATION,
WE WANT TO DEVELOP A
RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST TO HAVE AN
OPEN ADOPTION.

We believe it takes a village and the more people that will love our child, the better. Our hope is to pass down the values of living life with an open heart and open mind. A child in our family will be raised to accept others for who they are and to understand the impact they have on the world around them. We believe in leading by example, seeking to understand others before being understood, and to show love every day.

We would like to thank you again for taking the time to learn about us, and we hope you felt some sort of connection with our profile. We are committed to building a positive relationship through an open adoption. If you would like more information about us, we would be happy to share. Please contact your social worker at Adoptions of Wisconsin to reach out to us. Sending you much love and support.