

KARL & MATT



Our Story

We have been together for 14 years and married for six. We met right out of college and immediately fell in love. As a result of falling in love young we've had the opportunity to shape and bear witness to the men we've both grown into.

Our relationship is founded in love and strengthened through the years by mutual respect and open communication. Fortunately, we both have parents who have set an exceptional guide of love, and we are delighted at the prospect of being able to pass down that example of love to another generation.



Karl's Extended Family



Cambodia



Toast!



Matt's Extended Family

Karl keeps me laughing - always. His exuberant sense of humor is matched only by his kind heart.

Karl is the youngest of four brothers and was raised by his aunt and uncle. Karl's large family welcomed me from the start. Our holidays with them have more food than can fit on the table, and plenty of laughter.

Karl is an amazing cook and baker. Our weekends are filled with syrupy French toast, simmering soups, and iced cupcakes.

Karl works out often and takes our dog, Albert, on long daily walks. In the summer he grows flowers, herbs, and vegetables in our yard.

I can't wait to see Karl become a father because he's one of the best men I've ever met.

Meet Karl

By Matt





Meet Matt

By Karl

Matt was raised within miles of his entire extended family. He's the oldest sibling and oldest cousin in his close-knit family. This means he's grown up building pillow forts, partaking in tea parties, knowing every superhero by heart - with a natural fatherly authority.

His natural ease with others, and profound sense of loyalty and dedication mean that he's constantly surrounded by friends from all stages of his life. He's always the energy in every room and continues to charm Karl after 14 years.

Matt is a Producer of retail and fashion photo shoots which keeps him busy following all the latest trends. He's a yoga student and teacher in his free time. An enthusiast of all Asian cuisine.

Matt loves the hot summer months when we spend the day with family at the pool or on a boat, followed by a meal together outside.

More About Karl...



Occupation: Finance Controller

College: Marquette University

Favorite Food: Beef stew

Hobbies: gardening, baking, history, traveling

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Music: Classical, Sam Cooke, Dolly Parton, Bob Dylan, Oldies

Movie: Pride and Prejudice

Vacation: Anywhere with my man

More About Matt...



Occupation: Creative Producer

College: UW-Milwaukee

Favorite Food: Asian dumplings

Hobbies: Yoga, cooking Asian food, reading, traveling

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Music: Tyler Childers, Queen, Sia, Taylor Swift, 90's Alternative

Movie: Ghost, Elizabeth, End Game

Vacation: Thailand and Vietnam

Our Life



Christmas Dinner



Our Garden



Matt & Goddaughter



Cooking Asian Food



Trick or Treating



Karl & Nephew



Making Jam



Albert, Our Dog



Homemade



Sahara Desert

Family & Friends



Matt with Sister, Brother, and Parents

Family is very important to us!

We live one block from Karl's folks' house, and love living so close to family. We see them weekly for dog walks, the Farmers Market, or for dinner.

Matt's parent's house is a hub of family activity. The whole family meets there regularly for swimming, cookouts, and birthday parties. We are very close with Matt's parents and siblings - we even go on vacations together.

We have a diverse group of friends, some that we've known since childhood. Old and new friendships are essential parts of our community.

We were raised in supportive families that are excited to welcome a new child into their lives.



Karl with his Uncle & Aunt

“We will raise our child in a family that values honesty, kindness, and allows them the space to learn.”

- Karl & Matt

Home.

Our home is blocks from Lake Michigan. A classic five bedroom house that is regularly put to use hosting family and friends.

In the summer, the yard is filled with all kinds of vegetables and flowers. In the winter, not a week goes by without fresh bakery in the kitchen or a crackling fire in the living room.

Friendly neighbors, good schools, miles of bike paths, acres of parks, and loving family all within walking distance.



Clear Eyes, Full Hearts...

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family! The opportunity that you're considering is daunting and it takes courage.

We realize there will be challenges in this adoption path. Just like there will be challenges that we face as parents. We know that we won't always have the right answers, but we are a loving couple with boundless dedication and constant enthusiasm.

If you choose us as parents, we will commit ourselves to raising a child that's caring, curious, educated, and kind. They will grow up in a stable home that encourages them to follow their passions and pursue their dreams. They will be surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who celebrate their successes and brighten their bad days.

We look forward to starting our path to parenthood with clear eyes and full hearts.