



Anna AND *Matthew*



Hello!

WE ARE A LOVING, HAPPY COUPLE HOPING
TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH
ADOPTION.

We are grateful for this opportunity to show you our lifestyle and ask your consideration to allow us to parent your child.

We have so many dreams and plans to nurture a new little person, to lovingly guide their growth and development, and to support their dreams and goals into adulthood. We hope to be the family you are looking for to provide a joyful, warm, and loving home for your baby. We hope to be the kind of family you can see yourself being a part of.

We are thinking of you and hope that you're receiving all the guidance and support you need to make this decision.

SINCERELY,

Anna & Matthew



Why adoption

Early in our relationship, we discussed growing our family and what it would look like; we both said that if we did not become pregnant that adoption would be the path we chose to grow our family. This decision came easily and naturally

We are thrilled to grow our family through adoption and share our love, fun and adventures with a child.





Our story

WE MET THROUGH VERY LIKELY CIRCUMSTANCES - A HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASS.

We dated, we broke up, we got back together, and have been inseparable since. We lived in Pittsburgh, PA for four years while Matthew was in graduate school. After that, we settled in Minneapolis and love our neighborhood!

Our shared experience of life's ups and downs strengthened our mutual respect, love, and trust for each other. We make a great team and can't wait to start our parenting adventures!





About me, Anna

I grew up in Western Wisconsin. My favorite childhood memories are riding bikes with my brother, an annual road trip to Northern Wisconsin with my family and reading as many books as possible. I loved school, especially English, Band and Spanish.

I love to read, bake, watch musicals (on stage and on film), and love on our kitties. St Patrick's Day is my favorite holiday, tied with Christmas!

I run a before and after school program for school age children. The relationships we build with kids and families are genuine and long-lasting. I love the opportunity to be in a school community that is welcoming and supportive. Working with children is a calling and a passion; it is hard and rewarding and magical all at the same time! I can't wait to share this magic and love with a child.



Meet Anna

AS TOLD BY MATTHEW

"Anna is a fantastic, empathetic and caring person; she goes above and beyond to make people feel heard and feel welcomed. She is such a people-person, always remembering to inquire about family members and maintain relationships. Anna is an excellent, knowledgeable, and professional caregiver for children and I know she will be a wonderful mother. Anna is passionate about youth literacy and loves to read, always gifting books to the kids in our lives."





About me, Matthew

I grew up in Western Wisconsin. As a kid, I enjoyed Boy Scouts, playing trumpet in the school band, and computer & video games.

Nowadays I still like games, but also love cooking (especially with food from my garden), bicycle commuting to work, running for fun, exploring the outdoors, and volunteering as an Election Judge for the City of Minneapolis.

I work as a computer engineer, helping to design embedded systems, and occasionally being a college professor. I also have a little side business making and selling electronic toys and games.



Meet Matthew

AS TOLD BY ANNA



"Matthew is calm, kind and thoughtful. He steps in to help whenever he can -- a trait that runs deep in his family.

Matthew is organized and keeps so many things in our household running smoothly. He is passionate about his work, his hobbies, his family, and his community. Matthew loves to play with our nephews and our friends' children, getting down on the floor and playing magnatiles or Legos or princesses for hours. He is extremely patient and kind, never raising his voice. I can't wait to see him in the role of parent!"





Home Sweet Home



WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS.

Our block is friendly, welcoming, and has many families with young children. We built our deck, dug out a garden, found a rain barrel, and put together a compost bin. Matthew loves gardening and grilling. Anna loves reading on the deck and mowing the lawn.

The neighborhood lake is a ten-minute walk from our front door. We love to walk, run, and bike on the trails around the lake, and occasionally stop at the swimming beach for a snack. We love to watch the sunset on summer evenings and hear the airplanes coming in for a landing. In addition to many public parks, we're also near the public library, a quirky brunch place, and our favorite Mexican restaurant. The local elementary school is only a few blocks away.



Meet our Cats

Olivia and Ellie are our 13-year-old cats. They are the sweetest, most gentle cats, and they love adults and kids alike. They enjoy snoozing in sunbeams and knocking all their toys under the couch. Saturday mornings are spent snuggling with Olivia and Ellie while we drink our coffee.

As a couple, we love to...

CHEER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA!

We attended the University of Minnesota and played in the U of M Marching Band. We're huge Gopher Sports fans, attending football, basketball, and hockey games whenever we can.

ATTEND THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

We love the Minnesota State Fair and make plans to attend every year (sometimes two or three times)! Our favorite foods include Roasted Corn, Duck Bacon Wontons, and Deep Fried Milky Way Bar and we always leave room to try some of the new foods each year. We love to look through the 4H building and ride on the Sky Glider.





SEEING PLAYS

We have season tickets to the Orpheum Theater's "Broadway Across America" series. We love the storytelling through music and dance!

EXPLORE MINNESOTA'S STATE PARKS

We are working through visiting all the State Parks in Minnesota. So far we've checked off the Northwest corner and the Southeast corner of the state. We can't wait to explore more with a child!

VOLUNTEER

Giving back to others is an important part of our lives. Anna volunteers as a Cat Cuddler at the local animal shelter. Matthew volunteers as an Election Judge, and also does volunteer work with his co-workers. He even adopted the nearby storm drains, keeping them clear of debris.

Travels

OH, THE PLACES WE'LL GO...

Exploring new places strengthens relationships, creates memories, and enriches all parts of life! We have travel goals to visit all of the State Capitals in the United States, and all the State Parks in Minnesota. We're looking forward to sharing the world with your child.

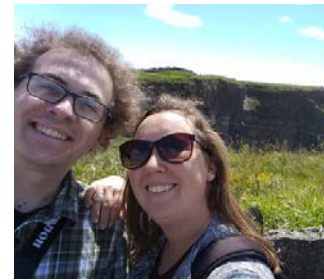
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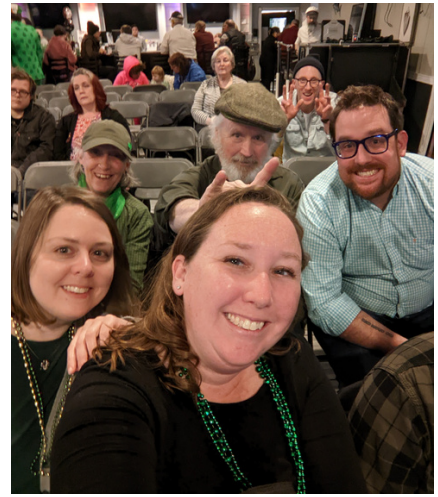
STATE CAPITALS VISITED: 8 + WASHINGTON DC

MINNESOTA STATE PARKS VISITED: 26 / 66

COUNTRIES VISITED: ANNA 7, MATTHEW 8

MEMORIES: COUNTLESS





Holidays & Traditions

We celebrate Thanksgiving together, gathering and eating one big meal with both our families. Going to Matthew's family cabin for the Fourth of July is an annual tradition, and we spend St. Patrick's Day with Anna's family, listening to traditional Irish music. Creating new holiday traditions as a family is something we are most looking forward to on this journey.

Meet Anna's Family

ANNA'S FAMILY IS FUNNY, WITTY, AND AVID READERS!

They love being outside and love listening to (and playing) music! Anna's parents, Ben and Kath live, in Wisconsin—we love having a quiet spot to visit. Her brother and sister-in-law, Jake and Kayla, live near Madison with their son—we love to play board games and cheer on the Packers! Anna is close with her cousin Lauren and her family—trading visits back and forth between Indiana and Minnesota. They can't wait to welcome a new cousin!





Meet Matthew's Family

MATTHEW'S FAMILY IS KIND, HELPFUL, AND WELCOMING!

They love being outside and helping their community. Matthew's parents, Rick and Linda, live in Wisconsin and spend January-March in Florida—we love having a warm spot to visit during the cold winter. His brother and sister-in-law, Jeremy and Anna, live nearby with their two kids—we love having cookouts in the summer in their big back yard. They are excited to welcome another member to the family!





Meet our Friends

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN EXTENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM OF FRIENDS, BOTH HERE IN MINNESOTA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

We're so thankful to have great role models for our leap into parenting. Watching our friends become parents has filled us with excitement for our own parenting journey.

Our promise

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOU A
SNAPSHOT OF OUR LIFE

Thank you for taking a minute to see if we may be the family you're looking for. We recognize what a serious decision this is and ultimately, we want you to make the best decision for you and your family.

We promise to love unconditionally, teach empathy, kindness, and tolerance, talk openly, early, and often about adoption, and create a safe and nurturing home full of support.

SENDING LOVE AND LIGHT,

Anna & Matthew





Thank you!