



**MATT &
LAUREN**



Hello, 

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us.

Before we introduce ourselves we wanted to express our deepest respect and admiration for the selfless love, care, and strength you are showing. We are committed to honoring that throughout your child's life and ensuring they grow up proud of who they are and where they came from.

You will always hold a special place in our family's heart and we will ensure that your child knows that every choice that led them to be raised by us, was made with love.

We hope this book will give you a deeper understanding of who we are and what we can offer as parents. We are ready to grow our family through adoption and can't wait to share with you the love we have to give.

With Love, Matt & Lauren

OUR STORY



We met on a dating app in 2015. We were both living in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the time. Matt had just started his Master's in Business Administration at the University of Michigan and Lauren was working at a local hospital. Our connection was instant!

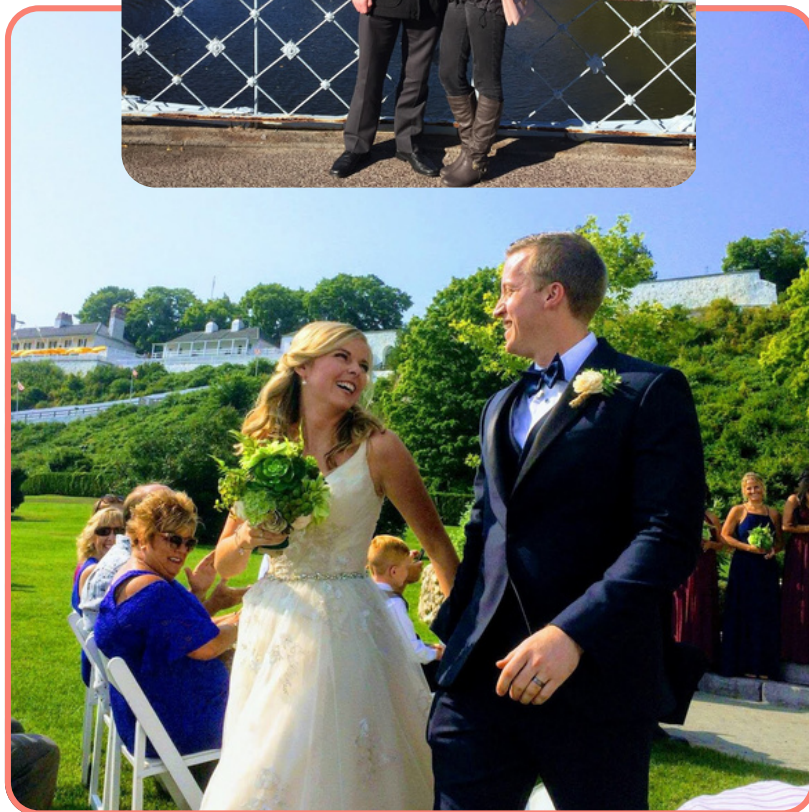
In 2017, Matt graduated and got a job in Boston, MA. Obviously, Lauren was moving too!

We moved to Boston in July of 2017 and in November 2017, Matt proposed to Lauren in Boston Public Garden in 35-degree weather, and Lauren (of course) said "YES!"

We were married less than a year later on 8.18.2018 on Mackinac Island, which is a small island in between the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. The day was perfect!

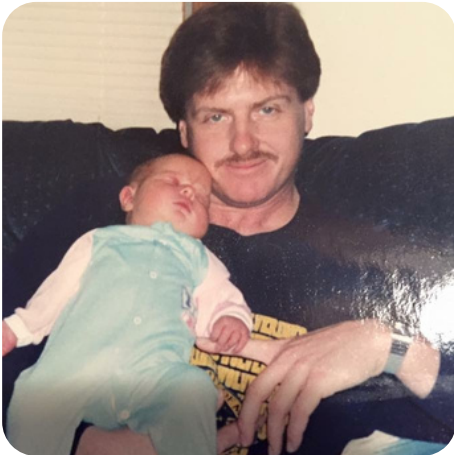
In June of 2020, we decided that it was time to really find a place where we could put down roots and start our family. We love Boston but wanted to be close to family in Connecticut and New York. So we bought our first home in March 2021 and moved to Connecticut!

After settling into our home, we decided it was time to begin our journey to start our family. From the very beginning of our relationship, we have discussed adoption and so, now that we have the right environment, we decided to put those plans into action.



MEET LAUREN

- ◆ Lauren was born in Michigan in a small town
- ◆ Lauren has two amazing parents and two sisters. She is the youngest child.
- ◆ Growing up, Lauren participated in cheerleading, track & choir
- ◆ Lauren went to Michigan State University and studied health science
- ◆ She is the director of a program for new mom's at a local hospital.
- ◆ She holds a master's degree in public health and is getting her doctorate in public health leadership
- ◆ Lauren loves to sew and do all things crafty!



Lauren's Favorites



Animal: Humpback Whale



Hobby: Sewing, making clothes, hiking



Food: Anything Chocolate



TV Show: Seinfeld, Parks and Rec

MEET MATT

♦ Matt grew up in a small town in the Poconos (Pennsylvania)

♦ Matt has two loving parents and three siblings

♦ Matt went to Fordham University and studied economics.

♦ Matt served in the Marine Corps for 4 years and deployed to Afghanistan as a Logistics Officer in 2014

♦ He works as an Associate Director at a pharmaceutical company and is going back to school to study healthcare policy.

♦ Matt has run two marathons, one for a veteran's charity; he is also a volunteer firefighter



Matt's Favorites



Animal: Dogs



Food: Chicken Parmesan



Hobby: Running, Reading



TV Show: The Office



What Matt Loves about Lauren...

Lauren is a truly one of a kind human being. She is always looking for the next adventure, and the next challenge. I am amazed at what she is able to get done every day. She will definitely be "that mom", the one who is always organizing a fun activity, sewing a costume for a special event, or just making chocolate chip pancakes on a random morning.

Lauren is very loving and caring and it shows with how she treats me, her family, and our pets. There is no one I would rather have on my "team". I know that any child would be lucky to have her on their team too.

What Lauren Loves about Matt...



Matt is one of those people that I can spend all my time with and never get bored. He is goofy, silly and makes me laugh every day with his antics. He is a rock - always level headed in any situation we've faced. He makes me and everyone around him feel comfortable and at ease. He is incredibly smart, and I'm continuously wowed at what he knows and how many answers he can get right on Jeopardy.

He has so much passion for learning and growth - he is always striving to be the best version of himself. **I'm so excited to see him become a Father, he is the best dog dad and uncle, always taking the time to play with our nieces and nephews. I know he will love your child unconditionally.**

Our Home



We live in a quaint and diverse city in western Connecticut. We have a 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom home with a large front & back yard. We love to see birds and wildlife right outside our window. We also have wonderful and supportive neighbors and a safe street for walking!

Our Pets



Jerry

Age: 5 years old
Breed: Cat
Favorite Things: Food, Lauren & Napping on the table



Louis

Age: 4 years old
Breed: Corgi
Favorite Things: Food, Snuggling, playing with tennis balls and doing tricks



Henry

Age: 2 years old
Breed: Corgi
Favorite Things: Food, Laying on your lap, playing at the dog park and going on hikes

OUR FAMILY



We both come from big families! Lauren has two siblings and Matt has three siblings, we have nine nieces and nephews between us - ranging from ages 9 months - 10 years old. Everyone is so excited for our your child to join the gang!

Much of our family lives nearby in CT & NY - with Lauren's sister (and her three children) only 20 minutes away and Matt's brother & mother one hour away. We normally do a two-week trip to Lauren's home state of Michigan every summer and spend the time going to craft fairs, camping and spending time with extended family members.

We spend every holiday together - with Thanksgiving and Christmas being especially fun because we try and get both families together in one spot! We always play board games, eat cookies and our brother-in-law makes the best dinner for Christmas eve.



OUR FRIENDS

We have a wonderful group of amazing friends who are excited for us to be adding to our family. They are spread out so we get to travel to new places to see them often! They are so excited to meet your baby!



Chelsea & Nicole - best friends for 15 years!



Laura - work friend turned best friend



Ashley & Judith - Danbury Friends



Zac and Jess - Friends for over 20 years



Tracy and John - Friends from College

Our Life

Our favorite things to do together are:
trying new restaurants, traveling, watching our dogs play at the dog park, watching football and Jeopardy, playing mini golf and spending time with our family & friends





Our Promise



We are so excited to be growing our family through adoption. If we are given the opportunity to welcome your child into our home, we plan to raise them in a home filled with love, respect, empathy and adventure. We want them to feel that they have a safe space to learn and explore the world around them, whether it's our own backyard or elsewhere. We plan to help them engage with their friends and grow strong and healthy relationships.

As your child gets older, we want to give them any opportunity they would like to explore their interests and education. We will always make sure they they know of your love for them and are open to any level of connection that you would like.

We hope that this book gives you a little bit more understanding of our lives and our extended family. Thank you for taking the time to read this. We look forward to meeting you.

Love, Lauren & Matt

