







## Dear Friend,

We are Katie & Matt! We would first like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child. We cannot imagine how difficult this decision must be, and we admire your bravery and selflessness in making the decision that is best for you and your child. We have always wanted to be parents and we're super excited to be adopting and adding to our family!

Like you, we have a story and have been on a journey to get to where we are today. It has not always been an easy journey, but we are confident it has prepared us to be the best parents we can be. Our profile is a snapshot of who we are and a glimpse into our lives. We hope it helps you see that if chosen, we are ready to provide your child a safe and secure life, full of unconditional love, guidance, support, adventure, opportunity, and joy!







## OUR STORY



Katie grew up in Ohio and Matt grew up in Michigan. We met way back in 2003 during a group project in college, quickly became friends and started dating shortly after. On our first date, we went ice skating and to a movie that ended up being oversold, so we sat on the floor in the back! We have been married for almost 17 years now! Our personalities complement one another, which has helped us build a strong foundation while also keeping our

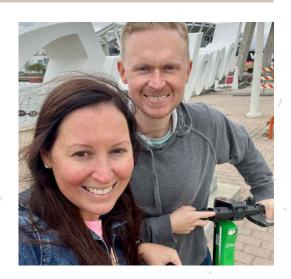
marriage exciting! We're not perfect, but we're committed to growing together and supporting one another no matter what life throws our way.

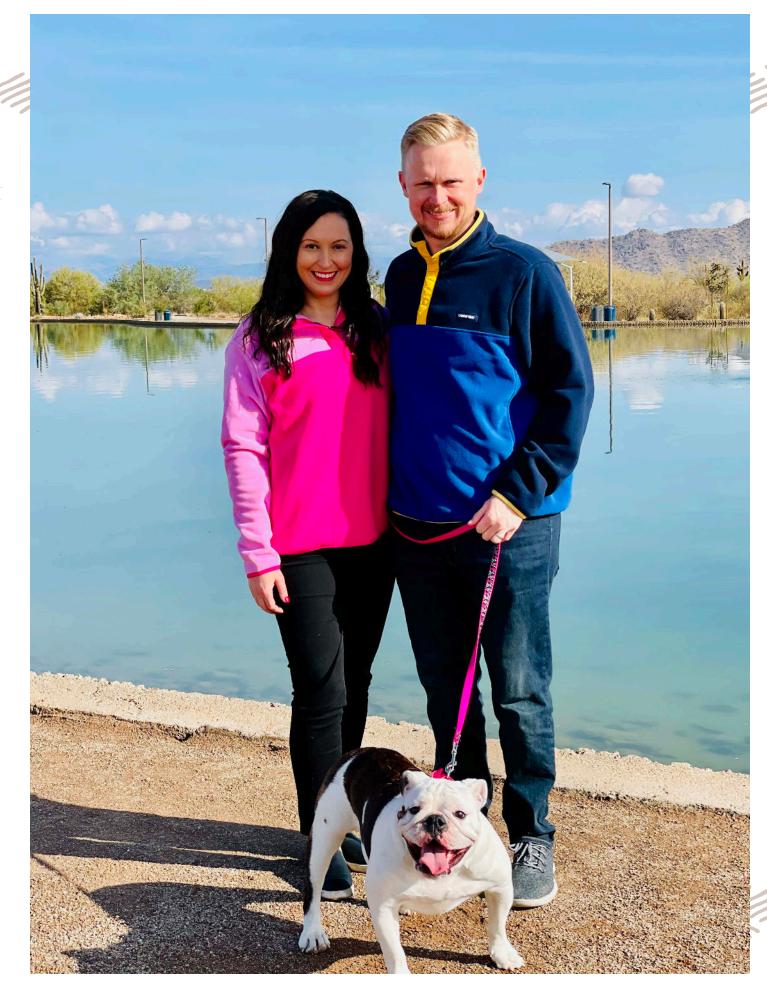
We live in sunny Arizona and both work from home, with our English bulldog as our "co-worker" snoring in the background!

Some of our favorite things to do together are travel, hang out with friends and family, have pool parties, watch tv/movies, attend sporting events, and try new restaurants.









# MEEL KATIE by Mall

Katie is the yin to my yang, my perfect complement. She's smart, intuitive, and her sense of humor always keeps me on my toes! People gravitate to Katie because of her passion and bubbly personality, but quickly they realize just how deeply caring and fiercely loyal she is. She gives even when her tank is on empty; she is outgoing, adventurous, and the life of every party. I would be lost without Katie, and not only because she is our social and event coordinator, but because Katie challenges me to be the best version of myself, even when I have my doubts. I am just so lucky to be married to this incredible woman for 16 years and I know with all my heart that Katie will be an excellent mother.





MORE ABOUT Katie

**OCCUPATION:** Marketing

FAVORITE PLACE: Home

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Blankets to

snuggle in

MY PERFECT DAY: My perfect day would start with coffee and donuts then hanging out at the pool, followed by an afternoon nap, a great meal, and hanging on the couch with my loves.



Adopted childhood best friend and daughter

**cc** Katie is going to be an incredible Mom and will spoil our child with love. **99** 

- Mall







Birthday fun with nephews

I cannot wait to see Matt as a dad, teaching our child all of life's most important lessons and skills and having a blast while doing it!

- Katie





### MEET MATT by Katie

Matt is a devoted and caring husband, doting dog dad, and wonderful uncle. He is very calm, even tempered, helpful, and smart, but he is a kid at heart! Matt loves playing video games with our nephews across the country, facetiming with family, and being goofy to make me laugh. He prides himself on working hard, problem solving, and providing for our family. He has taught me a lot and encouraged me in all my pursuits over the last 20 years. I can't wait for Matt to be a father because I know he'll be the BEST dad! Matt just has a way of connecting with people. They often go out of their way to tell me "Matt is so nice" or "Matt is the best" or "you picked a good one" and after 2 decades I still couldn't agree more!





MORE ABOUT

ON: Insurance

**OCCUPATION:** Insurance

FAVORITE MOVIE: Shawshank

Redemption

FAVORITE PLACE: Hawaii

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Family (and white

carbs and cheese)

MY PERFECT DAY: Picking up donuts and coffee to enjoy on our patio, exploring one of our nearby parks, and grilling in the backyard with family and friends as we hang out by the pool.

## OUR EXTENDED

FAMILY

Matt's family is a close-knit loving group. Matt's parents were married for 29 years before his mom passed away from cancer. His dad, sister, and her family live in Michigan and despite the distance, we get together for holidays or Spring Break every year. Matt's family has been very supportive throughout our journey to become parents and they can't wait for us to welcome a child into our lives!

Katie is very close to her family! Her sister and mom live close and have weekly family dinners, spend the summers by the pool, enjoy every birthday and holiday together, and laugh until it hurts! They cannot wait to be Aunt Elizabeth and Grandma!

Katie's dad lives in Ohio and is one of 8 children, so she has many aunts, uncles, and 20+ cousins who she grew up with. She is still in contact with all of them. despite being spread out all over the country. Katie loves coming from a big supportive family!



Christmas with Matt's family





Our nephews Caleb & Tyler



Annual Gingerbread House Competition



Celebrating Katie's Mom's birthday



Katie with her Mom and Sister



Matt with his Dad and Sister

# FRIENDS

We know we're biased, but we have the best friends from all different stages of our lives, who live both near and far. We have a core group of local friends that we hang out with regularly, whether it be on double dates, to celebrate birthdays, at pool parties, or at the annual Friendsgiving we host. They are very excited for us to be parents and are ready and waiting to babysit, provide advice, and love our child too!



Spring Training with friends

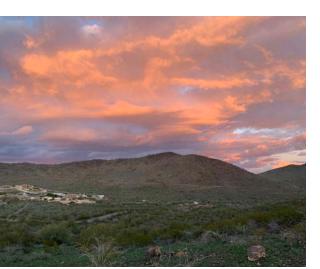




#### OUR HOME and community

We live in a suburb outside a large city in Arizona, in a very family-oriented neighborhood on a quiet street. Our community has several parks, biking paths, trails, a nearby lake, and an A-rated elementary school within walking distance.

We have taken great pride in making our house a home over the past 10 years through various projects, renovations, and love. We bought this home specifically to raise a family in and can't wait to make that a reality!



View from nearby hiking trails



Our backyard oasis



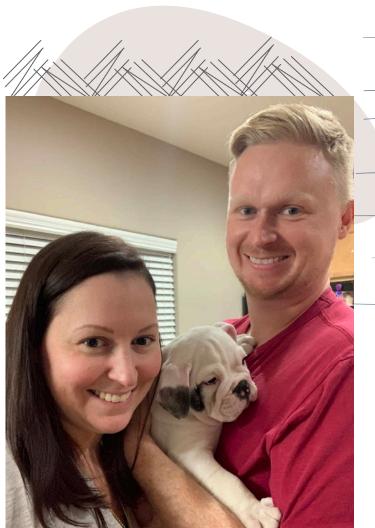
Our home



Kitchen built by Matt

#### OUR DOG, CANNOLI

Cannoli is our sweet and loving English Bulldog. She loves to play and sunbathe in our backyard, follow her humans around, and snuggle up in a blanket with her tongue out! She is excited about the possibility of more blankets to steal, and human food being dropped from a little one at the table.









## FUN FACTS

ABOUT Kalie E Mall

Matt loves DIY projects, from remodels to office furniture, he can do it all.



Katie always loved ice skating, so much that Matt proposed during an ice skating show they participated in. (It's even on Youtube!)



We enjoy cooking together. Our favorite dish is Matt's homemade pasta with Katie's Bolognese sauce.



We met at the
University of Michigan
and remain devoted
Michigan Football fans.



WHY WE ARE

#### ADOPTING =

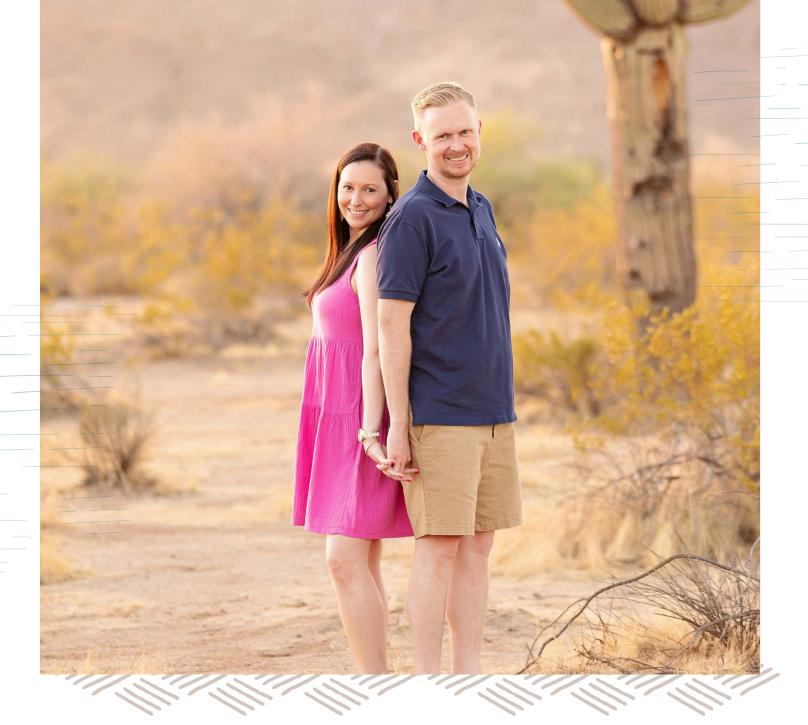
Quite simply, we have always wanted to be parents! We both grew up with large extended families, so we are used to being around babies and kids. We are not able to conceive naturally, but still want to be parents and understand that being a parent is about far more than genetics; we have seen the challenges and JOY of adoption firsthand, having many adoptees in our lives. We have both done a lot of research to make sure we are prepared to adopt and be the best possible parents. We would love to welcome a child into our family providing them with unconditional love and support.



WE

## PROMISE

- >> We promise your child will be loved unconditionally.
- >> We promise your child will know their adoption story and how much you love them.
- >> We promise family will always be an important part of their life.
- >> We promise we will provide a safe home and environment for your child.
- >> We promise to engage your child in education and pursuit of their dreams.
- >> We promise to support your child no matter what.
- >> We promise to encourage activities that build self-esteem, self-worth, and self-care.
- >> We promise to teach respect, empathy, and kindness to others.



Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile to learn about us as individuals, a couple, and a potential adoptive family to your child. We hope you have seen that we have so much love to give, with family and friends who will support us and our future child in life. As you make this difficult decision, know that we are thinking of you and sending you strength and love. It would be an honor to welcome your child into our family.

With love and gratitude,

Katie & Mall