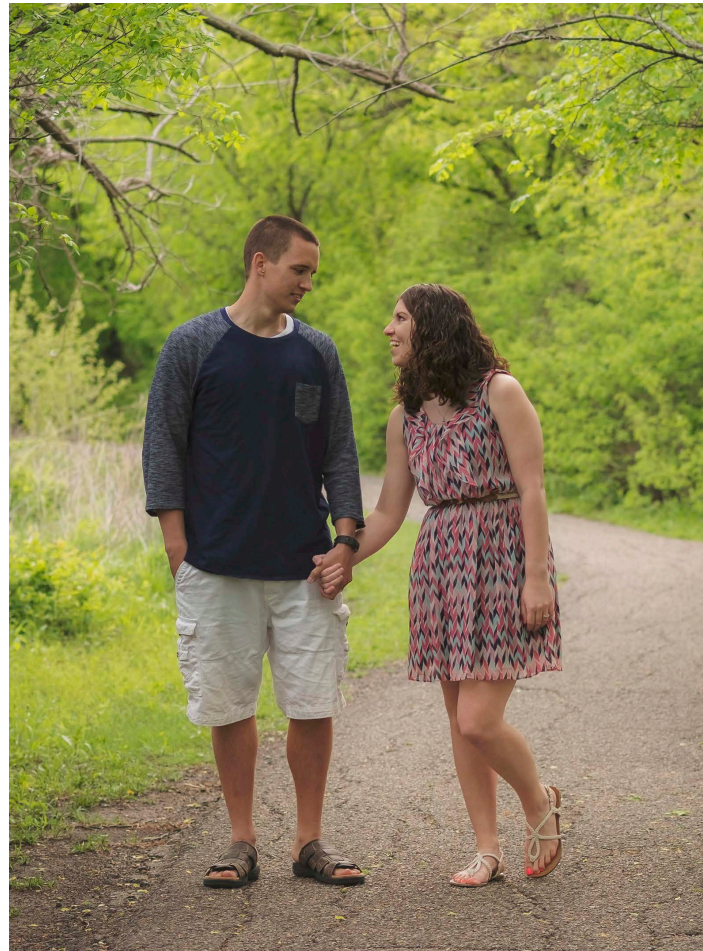




MATT  
& MARISSA



# HELLO THERE!



Thank you for taking the time to review our profile and getting to know us. Despite our struggles with infertility, we dreamed of a family where we could go on vacations, support one another, and create traditions. We adopted our son Carter in 2019 and we look forward to growing our family again through adoption.

There are no words to express our admiration of the strength, courage, and love it must take to consider this decision for your baby's future. You are in our prayers now and always. Please know that if you choose us, your child will be loved unconditionally, supported in their dreams, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

## MATT & MARISSA

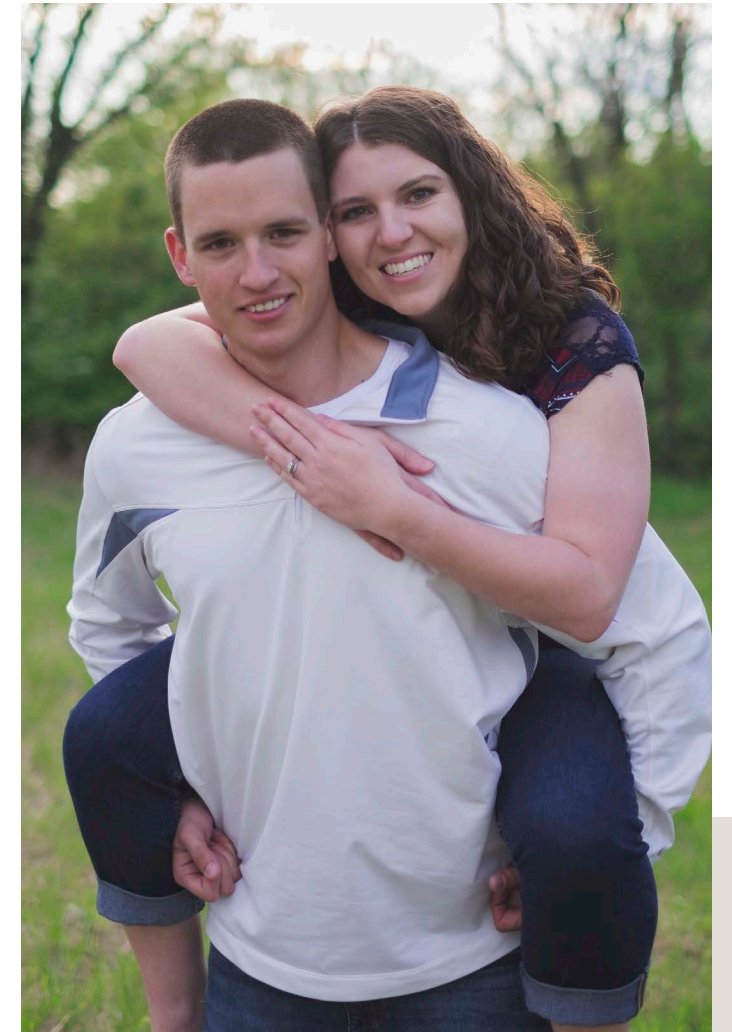




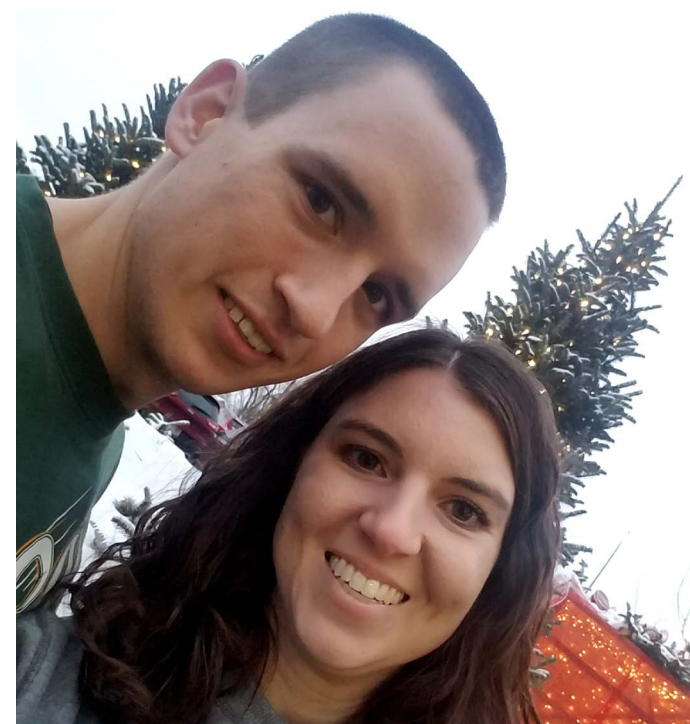
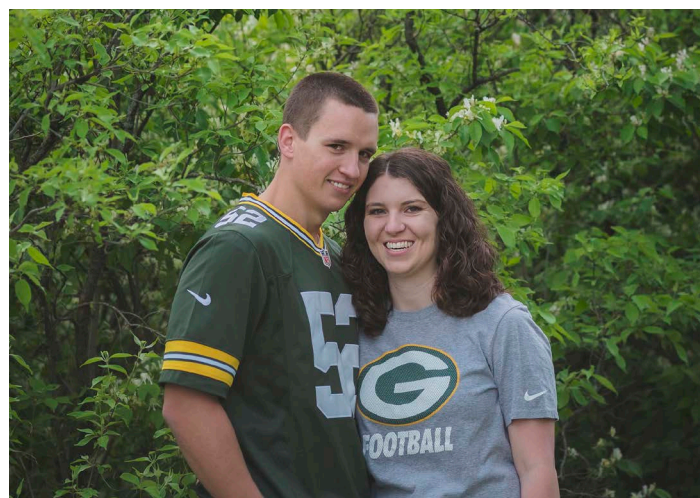
# Our Story



We met on a church youth group ski trip back in high school. Over time, fate kept bringing us together and eventually we started dating. We slowly started to learn more about each other and that we had a lot of common values and interests. We both wanted a family, to carry on family traditions, and we were ready to spend the rest of our lives with someone. After dating for a few years, we got married. Our faith is what brought us together and it is what keeps our marriage strong. Despite our struggles with infertility, we have remained strong in our love and have only grown closer as a couple. Life currently involves time with our son Carter, hanging out with extended family, going on vacations, and doing fun activities. Some of our favorite activities are swimming, camping, sporting games, and zoo trips.



“ Being a family means you are part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life. ”



MEET

# MARISSA

“Marissa is so loving, caring, and patient - making her a great mom.”

- Matt

## IN MATT'S WORDS

Marissa is one of the most selfless persons I have ever met. She rarely, if ever, is concerned about herself before others. She loves to bake cookies, clean the house, and above all play with Carter. Marissa has always loved kids. Before we adopted Carter, I watched her one day as she interacted with our nephew. The smile on her face and his face was priceless. I thought if she is like this with other children, I can only imagine what she will be like with our children. To say she is excellent with our son Carter is an understatement. One of her favorite things to do with Carter is reading books. The animations from her reading and Carter smiling/laughing are priceless. There are no words to describe how great of a mom she is. Marissa is obsessed with Dr. Pepper Slushies, Freddy's French fries, and the Bachelor night on ABC. I call her my angel because she is one.



**Age:** 31

**Occupation:**

Accounting Manager

**Favorite Movie:**

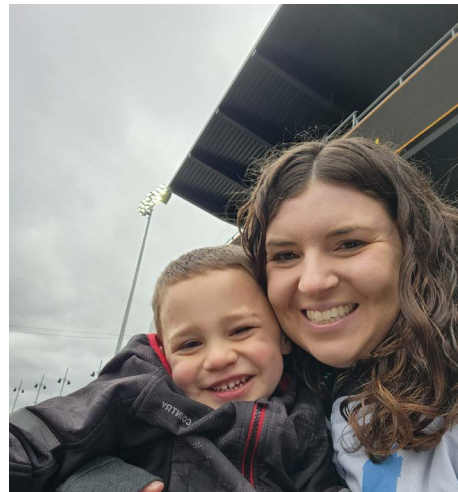
Instant Family

**Favorite Place:**

The beach

**Can't Live Without:**

Family, Dr. Pepper, and Pasta



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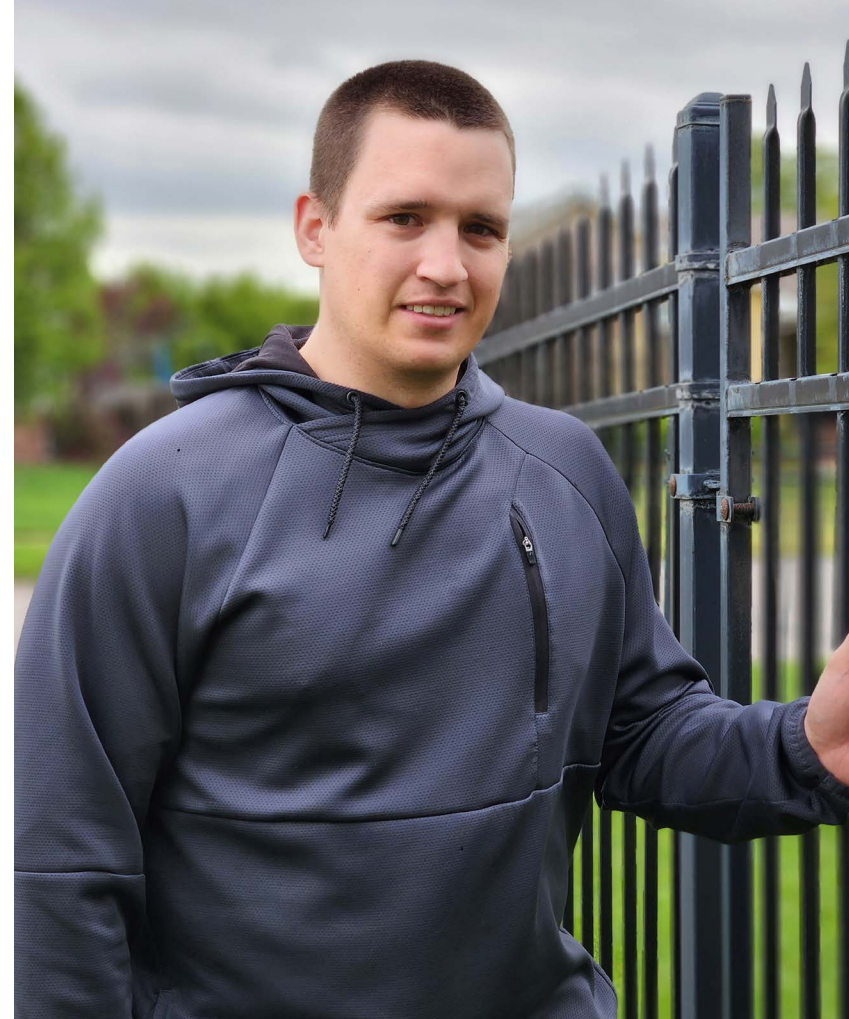
# MATT

“You can describe Matt by his favorite saying: God, Family, Country, and the Green Bay Packers.”

- Marissa

## IN MARISSA'S WORDS

Matt is not only my husband, but also my best friend. He always has a listening ear when I need it, is always there to support and lift me up during the difficult times, and to celebrate the good moments. Matt has a very strong work ethic and will accomplish anything that he sets out to achieve. He is a huge sports fan. He taught our son, “Go Pack Go” and “Go Packers” which are frequent things that are heard in our house all year around. He not only enjoys football, but also soccer, basketball, and baseball. Matt grew up in a military family and has a lot of respect for his country and those who serve it. One of my favorite things about Matt is how good of a dad he is to our son. They enjoy spending time outside playing ball together, going to the parks, and their favorite “tradition” of eating popcorn together almost every evening.



**Age:** 30

**Occupation:**

Physical Therapist

**Favorite Movie:**

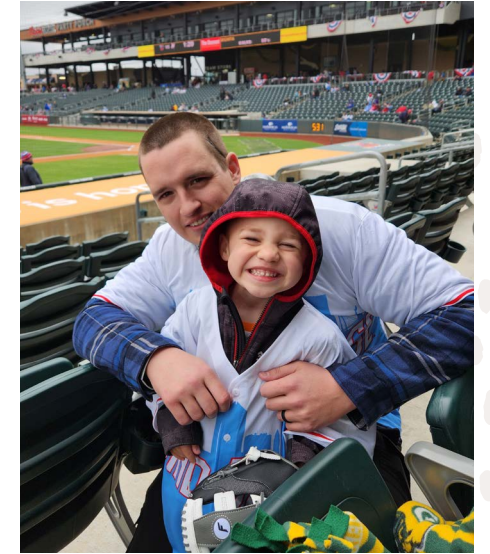
The Dark Knight Rises

**Favorite Place:**

Anywhere with snow

**Can't Live Without:**

Family, Sports, Gym



MEET  
**CARTER**

“ A little boy with a big heart that is sure to make you smile. ”

# FUN FACTS

ABOUT OUR FAMILY



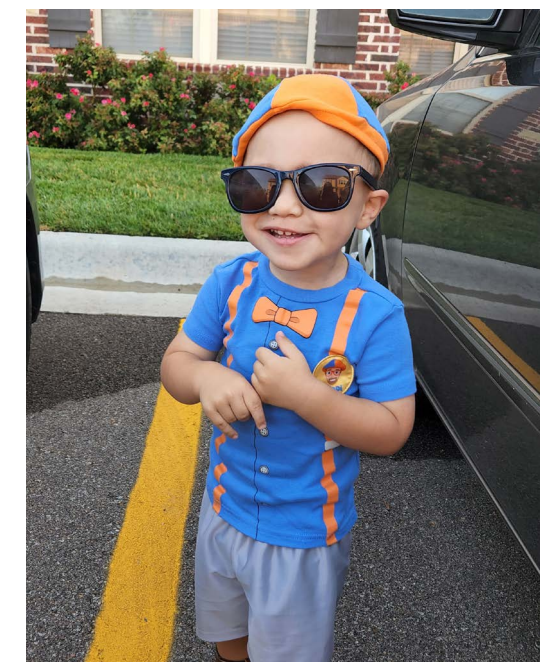
Carter is one of the happiest kids ever! His smile lights up the room and his laugh is contagious. Carter is full of energy and has a creative imagination. He loves dancing, reading books, and playing with his trucks. However, he is the happiest when he is playing outside. Carter loves babies and we cannot wait to watch him be a big brother.



On Friday nights we enjoy watching a movie or playing games while eating popcorn.

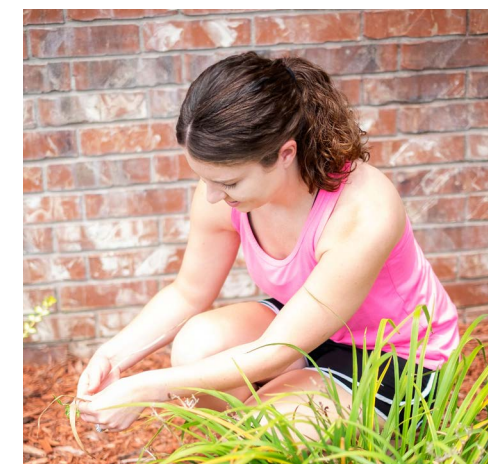
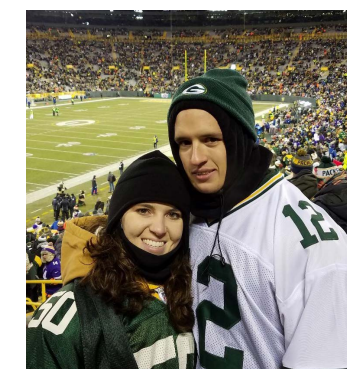


We love Sunday swim nights with extended family during the summer.



Carter is a huge Blippi fan!

Matt is a huge Green Bay Packers fan and he loves the cold!



Marissa loves to plant flowers, however she isn't the greatest at keeping them alive.

**Age:** 3

**Occupation:** Professional Questionnaire - Why? But Why? Why?

**Favorite Place:** Grandma and Grandpa's house

**Can't Live Without:** Mommy and Daddy, muffins, and the outdoors

# OUR HOME & COMMUNITY



Living in Kansas we get to enjoy all 4 seasons of the year. We live right on the edge of town where we can benefit from the convenience of a big city, but not be in the middle of the busy downtown areas. Our neighborhood is not only peaceful and safe, but also has numerous parks, ponds, and other families with young kids. We enjoy spending time outside going on walks, playing ball, and blowing bubbles.

We also live near many family-friendly attractions and are in a great school district for when our kids start school. As much as we enjoy spending time outside, we also enjoy the warmth and comfort of our home. We love having an open floor plan so that we can still see what is happening in the living room while we are cooking in the kitchen.



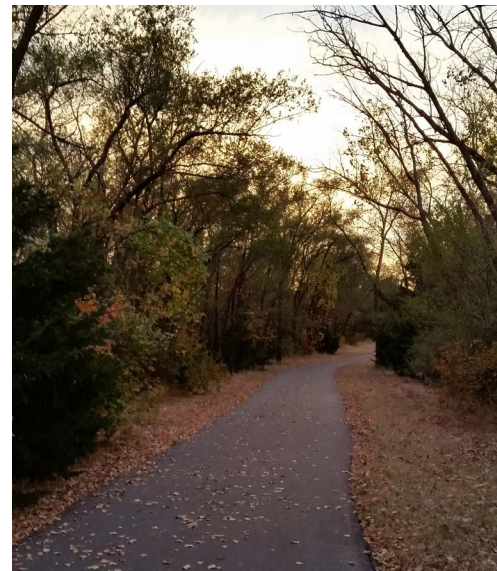
Favorite neighborhood park



Family watching the parade

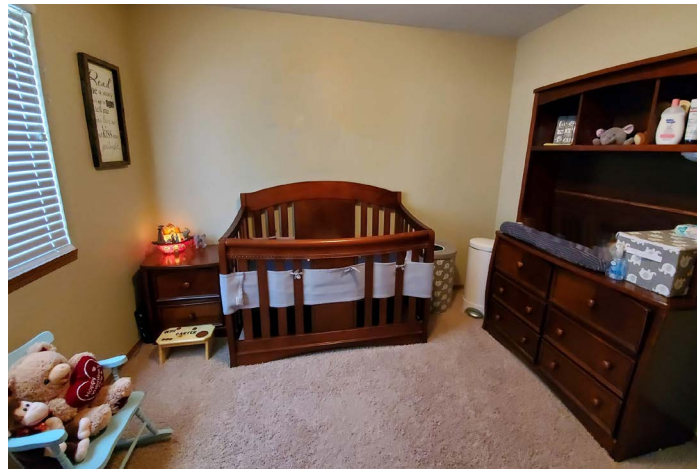


Welcome to our home



Walks during the Fall

# OUR FRIENDS



The nursery is ready



Our family room



Top Golf with friends



Marissa and friends

“ A good friend is someone who understands your strengths and weaknesses and still cherishes who you are. ”

# OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



Marissa comes from a family of five children with Marissa being the second oldest. All of Marissa's family lives within 15 minutes of each other, so it is typical for us to spend time with them at least once a week. When we are all together, we love to camp, play games, eat, and just hang out together. In the summer, we have family swim night and supper on Sundays. During football season, we enjoy watching football games together with a couple of TV's outside on her parents' deck.

Matt is the youngest of three boys. Although distance separates us from Matt's family, our love and care for one another only continues to grow. We see his family around holidays, planned trips, and occasional surprise visits. When family is around, it is endless talks, adventures, and memories. When we aren't together, we are still in communication with his family on a regular basis through texting, phone calls, and facetime.

We currently have 15 nieces and nephews with more to come in the future!



Mother daughter time



Trip to Lambeau Field



Traditional family dinners



Family at Christmas mass



Football on the deck

“Our extended family is very excited and supportive of our adoption journey, and cannot wait for us to add another member to the family!”



Grandma came to visit



Family trip to Florida

# WE PROMISE:



- > to provide your child with a safe home filled with love, laughter, and fun.
- > your child will be loved unconditionally.
- > to help your child find their gift, develop their talents, and reach the full potential of their hopes and dreams.
- > your child will always know their adoption story and how much you love them.
- > to teach your child respect, kindness, and a strong work ethic.

## WHY WE ARE ADOPTING



We both always wanted children. After struggling with infertility for a few years and after many prayers, our hearts felt a strong desire to adopt. We adopted our son and are very excited to grow our family again through adoption. Although we never dreamed of adoption early on in our relationship, we cannot envision our life without it.



# OUR TRADITIONS



One of our favorite family traditions is Christmas. We start the Christmas season with decorating the inside and hanging lights on the outside of our house. Each year we shop for ten local kids in need so that they wake up with gifts to open on Christmas morning. On Christmas Eve, we start the day with family baking goodies. In late afternoon, we enjoy our Christmas meal before going to evening Mass. Afterwards, we change into comfy clothes to go look at Christmas lights throughout the city. We end the day with opening gifts and playing family games.

However, our traditions do not end there. Every Memorial and Labor Day weekend is spent at the campgrounds having fun on the lake, grilling, playing games, and eating s'mores around a campfire. For 4th of July, we spend time with extended family and friends barbecuing, swimming, and shooting off fireworks. We always say, once you do something twice it is a tradition, and we love traditions!







# THANK YOU

Although we may not know how it feels to be in your place, we respect you and are grateful for you. We understand this can be a difficult choice, but in the end, we want you to feel that you can live and love as you choose. We want the best for you. If you select us to parent your child, every day you will be prayed for by a grateful couple and their family for your beautiful and unselfish love. Your child will always know their adoption story and just how much love and courage you had when making this decision for them. Thank you for taking time to read our profile!

With love,

**MATT, MARISSA & CARTER**