

Matt & Kayla

Dearest birth mom,

Thank you for taking a few moments to read our book and get to know us. We have been praying for you and your baby for a long time, and we can't imagine all you've been walking through on this journey. We want you to know that we have the utmost respect for you and for choosing life, for having the courage required to go through a pregnancy in unknown circumstances, and the strength to make it to this point.

As your child grows, we want those amazing things to be the strong parts of their adoption story we share with them. Your courage, your strength, your selflessness, and your love for them. We will always strive to make those central to the story and honor you. Your child will grow up understanding the strong roots they have in the very special mom who did something very brave in giving them life.

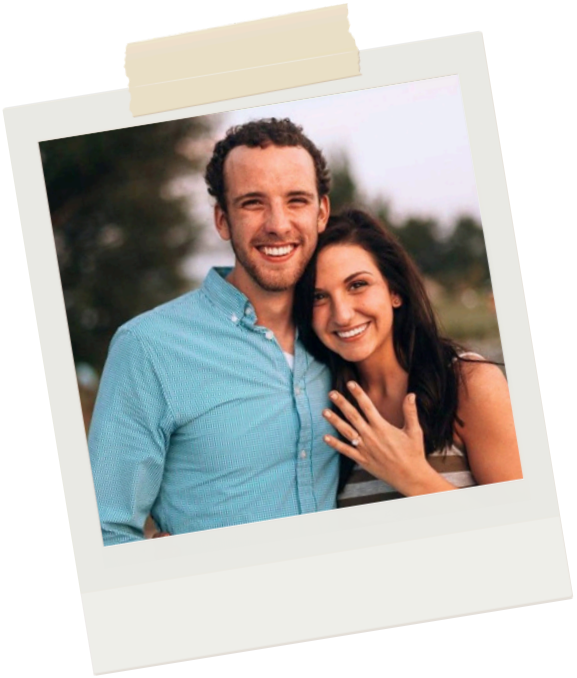
We know this decision is life-changing, heavy, and can feel uncertain, and we pray you have peace and clarity in whatever decision you make for your child's good. We are honored that you would even consider trusting us with this precious gift, and we don't take that lightly. We are continuing to pray for you daily.

With our love and deepest respect,

Matt & Kayla



Our Love Story





We met in middle school through a mutual friend group and became close friends over the next several years throughout high school. We remained just friends until we graduated, but it didn't take too long before we started dating and fell in love. About 9 months later, we got engaged, planned a big wedding, and got married in 2015 surrounded by all our friends and family! It was the best day! Fast forward nearly 11 years, and life has taken us many places and seasons, but the one thing that has stayed consistent is our love and commitment to each other. Our birthdays are only 3 days apart, which makes it so sweet to celebrate together every year, and we also believe God put us on earth at just the right time for each other. We feel incredibly blessed every day that we get to build our life together as each other's best friends.

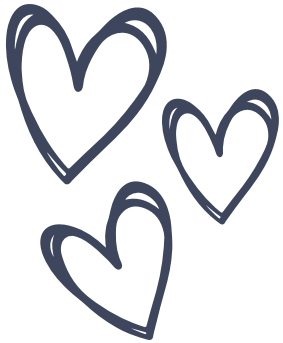




Our Journey to Adoption



We have always had a heart and desire for adoption. We talked about it when we were dating, dreaming about whether and when God would weave it into our story. We've always desired to have kids and grow our family, but after nearly 6 years of infertility, which has come with its own grief and hardship, we were confident that now was the time that God was leading us to grow our family through adoption. With the counsel of many close friends, our pastors, and others who have adopted, it became clear that this is the path we should take. We long to be parents and to care for, love, and raise a child, and one day we would love to have a home filled with children! We feel incredibly grateful to be surrounded by such a great church community where many families have also adopted, and that your child would grow up in an environment where adoption is seen and celebrated as it should be.









About Matt

AS TOLD BY KAYLA

Matt is truly the joy and love of my life. His presence has a way of making life feel lighter. He is joyful, disciplined, and steady. We have been best friends since we were teenagers, which has given me the incredible gift of watching him grow into the strong, faithful, and loving man he is today. He loves me, our family, and our friends so well, and he is the kind of person others naturally turn to for guidance because he leads with humility and grace.

One of my favorite things about Matt is seeing him with the children in our lives. Our friends' kids adore him, and it's easy to see why. He is intentional and attentive with them, but he is also the first one ready to play and have fun. Watching those little glimpses of him with children has made my heart so excited to see him become a dad. I know he will be a present and devoted father who makes sure his child always knows how deeply they are loved.

Matt is very hardworking and approaches whatever is in front of him with a cheerful attitude. He enjoys setting goals for himself, staying active, and always learning something new. His faith is at the center of who he is. He loves studying and teaching the Bible, which transforms how he cares for and serves the people around him.

Matt finds so much joy in the simple things. A good cup of coffee, trying a new restaurant with friends, movie nights, or telling me about the latest book he's read. One of my highlights every day is seeing his cheerful smile when he walks through the door. I can hardly wait to watch him pour that same steady, joyful, and faithful love into being a dad.









About Kayla

AS TOLD BY MATT

Kayla is the love of my life! I've had a crush on her since we met. When I was 16, I even wrote in a journal that I wanted to marry her one day, and I am so grateful it came true. Kayla has been and is my dearest friend, my help in tough seasons, a source of great wisdom, godly character, joy, and so much more. I am so privileged and proud to be her husband. Just as I was confident I wanted to marry her at a young age, I'm confident she will be a wonderful mom to whatever child (or children!) we're blessed with.

She is joyful and fun! Our home rarely goes more than a few hours without laughter, and she always has a story to tell that draws others in. She is kind, thoughtful, and caring towards others, no matter who they are. She is such a good friend. She is creative and artistic! She is always working on a project where she can be creative, and it shows most in her work doing hair. She is loving and tender! Watching her care for and love our nieces and nephews and other children has been sweet. She is passionate and hard-working, not afraid of a challenge! She is trustworthy and wise! Others often go to her for advice, and she freely gives of her time when she sees a need.

Kayla loves dessert after dinner (brownies are her current favorite), a beach day (really anything with lots of sunshine), or a trip to New York to see a show. She loves a good steak, salty fries, and lots of tacos. She enjoys cooking for a crowd and hosting whoever walks through our door.

To me, Kayla is my sweet wife, and I can't wait to see her step into this new season of motherhood that she is so equipped and excited for.







Our Home





We own a home in a great neighborhood at the end of a quiet street with sweet neighbors on all sides. You will often hear kids outside playing and friendly neighbors stopping by to say hi. We live close to many of our friends with kids (some within walking distance), lots of fun parks nearby, and other kids' activities within driving distance. We spend most of our time in the kitchen or living room, where we love to host and share meals around the table. Our backyard is big and perfect for playing outside, and we have used it to host outdoor movie nights and other big gatherings.





Matt's Family







Matt is the second oldest of 5 siblings. He has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Matt's family lives in another state, but they are within driving distance, so we see them often and maintain a loving, close relationship. His oldest brother is married, and they have 4 kids. Matt's oldest sister is married, and one of Matt's great joys was officiating their wedding a few years ago. His two youngest siblings are thriving at work and in their communities. Matt and his siblings love friendly competition playing pickleball, golf, and card games. Matt's parents have been happily married for almost 40 years and are a faithful, loving presence in our lives. Matt's dad has especially been a role model, teaching him to be consistent and kind in everything he does. One thing we look forward to is our annual summer beach trip with everyone, plus our fun family traditions at Christmas! The whole family is so excited to welcome a new baby, especially our nieces and nephews!







Kayla's Family

Kayla has an older brother who is married and has two precious girls, and we are so thankful they live close by. We love being part of their lives and watching them grow up. Kayla's parents are divorced and have both remarried, and we're incredibly grateful for the close, loving relationship we share with each of them and their spouses. Although they currently live out of state (but within driving distance!), we see them often through visits back and forth, and they hope to eventually move closer to us. Kayla's dad grew up in the Caribbean Islands and moved to the United States as a teenager. We deeply value this part of our family history and try to keep that culture alive through passed-down stories and family recipes. Kayla and her mom are very close, and she credits everything she knows about caring for others to her. Kayla's family loves being together and has a way of making holidays, birthdays, vacations, and even ordinary gatherings feel special. Good food is always a big part of their gatherings, and all the preparation is half the fun. We're also surrounded by cousins and extended family nearby, so there's no shortage of love and support right around the corner. Everyone has supported and encouraged us wholeheartedly through this journey and is so excited to welcome and love another child into the family.















A few fun facts about Matt...





Matt loves his work and has spent more than 10 years in leadership roles, helping build the supply-chain program he now leads from the ground up.

He loves staying active and even ran a marathon with friends just for fun!

He loves learning and reading!

He's always up for an adventure and has even been skydiving.



Enjoys finding the best steak restaurants for date nights with Kayla.





A few fun facts about Kayla...



Kayla is a professional hairstylist and loves what she does. Her career has given her opportunities to travel around the world!

Summer is her favorite season, especially a day at the beach!

Loves hosting friends and family and making people feel at home.

She always seems to have a creative house project in the works!

Evening walks with Matt are one of her favorite parts of the day.

She loves anything strawberry!

















Friend's & Community

Maintaining friendships and having a diverse community is very important to us. We're thankful to live around the corner from many of them, but we also have dear friends we've kept up with since childhood who live back in the small town we grew up in. Our community helps keep us grounded and thriving!

















Our life together is a mix of adventure and simple everyday joys. We love to travel and explore, but we enjoy ordinary evenings at home just as much. We are so thankful for over a decade of building our life together, just the two of us, and we are so excited to welcome a little one into our family.











Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us and our life!
Children are a precious gift from God, and we are humbled that
you would consider us to care for yours.
We are praying for you!