Matt and Julie

About Us...

The moment we met changed both our lives. We met at a work training and grew to become very close friends. Over the years our friendship grew into a love and respect for each other, which led to marriage. We have built a marriage built on trust, honesty, respect and most of all LAUGHTER . We are one of those couples that just like to be with each other whether it is relaxing at home, the local pool, attending sports events, or looking for treasures at flea markets or other stores.During football season we have many gatherings full of laughter with our family and friends. We are lucky that our jobs as teachers let us have the time off in the summer to spend quality time together as a family..

About Matt:

Matt is an amazing man husband and father. He has many great qualities like being generous, patient, humble, and loving, However his humor stands out the most as he has the ability to make us laugh every day. He is a dedicated math teacher in a public school in our community.

Matt is a huge sports fan and loves to have gettogethers to watch different sports teams with our family and friends. In his spare time he enjoys playing with our son, watching sports, gardening, playing basketball and going to the local pool. *From Julie*

About Julie:

Julie is the love of my life plain and simple. From the moment I laid eyes on her I thought she was absolutely beautiful. In getting to know Julie over the years I realized she is more stunning on the inside than on the outside with her qualities. She is a funloving person that cares deeply about her family and friends. She is thoughtful, kind and considerate as she usually puts others before herself on a daily basis. She is a positive person with a great sense of humor and strong work ethic. Julie teaches computer to elementary students in our local school system, where she demonstrates patience with both myself and her students. She enjoys many activities like, reading a good book, baking or cooking during the winter months. During the summer she loves going to the beach or local swimming pool, shopping and watching chickflicks. *From Matt*

	MATT	JULIE
Education	Masters in Education	Masters in Education
Occupation	Elementary Math Teacher	Elementary Computer Teacher
Hobbies	playing sports, landscaping, swimming	baking, reading, shopping decorating the house
First Job	Bus boy	Ice Cream Parlor
Want to Learn now	How to design and build a swing set	How to sew using a machine
Afraid of	Heights	Birds
Most listen to Radio Station	Sports Talk	Garth Brooks on Xm
Place to travel	Italy	Europe
Favorites:	**Matt**	**Julie**
Board Game	Monopoly	Scrabble
Kids Board Game	Chutes and Ladders	Hungry Hungry Hippo
Cookie	Grandma's Chocolate Chip	Molasses
Season	Summer--I'm off work and swimming in pool	Fall--I love the colors!

Interesting Facts:

Matt

I am Godfather to 3 girls.

I coached high school baseball players that have played in the majors.

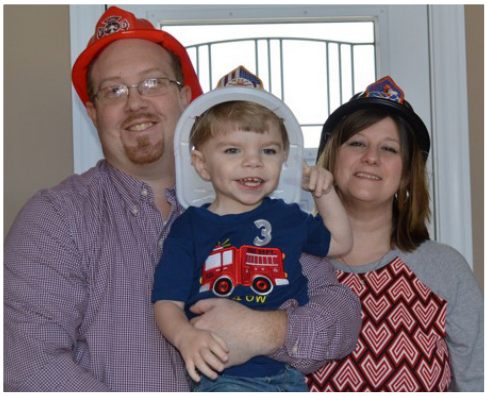
I went to Highschool with a NFL Hall of famer.

Julie

I am the oldest of 3 girls in which each of our first child is a boy.

I went to school with a previous Cavs Player.

Our Family



Matt, Julie and Andrew

In March of 2014 we received a call that would change our lives forever. This call that changed our lives--a baby boy was born and we were chosen to be his parents. Andrew was placed in our home in March of 2014 and became ours in October of 2014.

About Andrew: Andrew is a very energetic, sweet, and smart little boy who just turned three. He loves playing outside whether it be in our yard, at local parks, or swimming at his Aunt's house. He is always in the mix of kids when we have get togethers. He will be a great big brother as he is caring and thoughtful. He likes to share his food and play with our dog Phoebe all the time. When he isn't playing outside he loves to have stories read to him and play in his playroom in the basement. Andrew is a very happy little boy as he always has a smile on his face.

Julie's immediate family including Grandma

The saying " it takes a village to raise a family" rings true to our hearts. Our village is filled with love and support from our families and friends. We are lucky to live in the same community that Matt grew up in with his mother, aunts and uncles and many cousins close by. Matt grew up as an only child who was surrounded by loving members of his family. He is so close to his mom, they talk every day and we eat there once a week for dinner. We get to spend time with his father in the summer when he visits often.

Julie is the oldest of the three daughters to her parents that married to this day. Her childhood home was always filled with laughter from her sisters, friends and extended family. Julie is close with her family and cherishes summer because she is able to spend more time with them since they live two hours away. We enjoy every holiday occasion with her extended family at grandma's house, which always includes a card game or two.

Cousins Hunting for Easter Eggs

Through this journey our village has been expanded to a several couples that have adopted children as well. We get together with these couples often so our children get the opportunity to play together as we bond. We know that these relationships will be beneficial for us and the children throughout their lives.

So our get togethers can be very large as they include everyone in our village!

Us with Nephews and niece at our home.

Playing cards at Julie's mom and dads

Matt's family

Sisters—Tessa, Libby and Julie

Making cookies at Aunt Julie's

Matt and his cousins

Our Home

If you can get country living in the city—this new development in our town is the place to be and we were lucky to build our home here. We live in a great neighborhood; safe, quiet, with plenty of wideopen space and within walking distance to a couple of parks. We live on a culdasac with lots children varying in ages. Our home has an open floor plan where everyone can interact with each other and there is plenty of space for our family to grow. We also have a goodsized back yard for kids and dogs to run around in. We love to have people over so most of the picnic, gameday parties, BBQ's and get togethers happen at our house.

Our Community:

We live in a smaller city but it is located between two larger cities so there is plenty of entertainment. Our town has festivals all summer long and in the winter there is the lighting of the downtown, which is always fun. We live within driving distance to museums, zoos, water parks, shows and of course plenty of shopping opportunities.

Coloring Easter Eggs

Us honeymooning in Hawaii

On the Road to Hana—Maui

Taking a carriage ride in Philadelphia

At a local baseball game

Thank You

We are very thankful you are taking the time to learn about us. We hope these stories and photos give you a glimpse of our lives including the relationships between ourselves, our son and our friends.

Our core values are very important to us. It is because of these values that we want to raise our children to become loving, kind and respectful adults. We think that by providing structure, love, guidance, and respect for both themselves and others we can accomplish this. We will work hard to give our children the opportunities that we have been given. In doing so we will encourage our children to pursue careers that they will enjoy.

We are fortunate to have a very supportive group of family and friends that are just as excited for us to adopt another little one. Both our families and friends can't wait to share in the love of another child.

Once again we thank you for your consideration as we are very excited about fulfilling our dream of becoming parents and we promise to provide a home that is filled with stability, love, trust and encouragement.

From our hearts,

Matt and Julie

Why Adoption?

Having a family has always been in the plan for us as we both love children. After we struggled with infertility issues and multiple miscarriages, we decided that adoption was the way for our dreams to come true. In 2014 we received a call that helped us start our little family and were blessed with our son Andrew. We have learned many things along this journey but most of all we learned that we would love to welcome more children into our home.