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..... *Hello!*

We feel very blessed that our letter has made its way to you. While we do not know exactly what you may be experiencing in considering the future for your child, we want to express that we are encouraged and excited by the possibilities of open adoption. We look forward to welcoming a child into our home and hearts, as well as opening our arms to you! We hope that this letter gives you a glimpse into our life. Please feel free to contact us anytime!

At In-N-Out Burger in Las Vegas, Nevada



Enjoying the Pacific Ocean

MEET

Matthew



Matthew and his sister Dulaney on Easter



Visiting New York's Times Square

About Us

We have been in a loving and committed relationship since 2007. The spark occurred when we realized our mutual love of In-N-Out Burger, the west coast hamburger chain. From that moment, our relationship has been built on a foundation of respect, communication, love and laughter. Soon after we met, we realized we both also had a strong desire to become fathers.

We have professional careers in the airline and medical fields. Matthew is a Registered Nurse at a local medical center. While he currently works full-time, Matthew plans on switching to a part-time position there once we adopt. Trey is a Captain at a commercial airline and has been a professional pilot for more than seven years. Our careers and flexible work schedules will allow ample opportunity for us to spend quality time with our child.

Matthew is, without question, my soul mate and the most amazing man I have ever met. There is not a day that goes by that he doesn't make me laugh. He knows just about every song from any Disney movie and listening to him sing them is very entertaining. I will be excited to listen to our child laughing and singing along with him. Matthew is creative, artistic, and incredibly intelligent. One of my favorite things about Matthew is watching him around children, as it reassures me how great of a father he will be.

~ BY TREY



Our friend's son Alexander teaching Matthew how to use his zipper

MEET
Trey



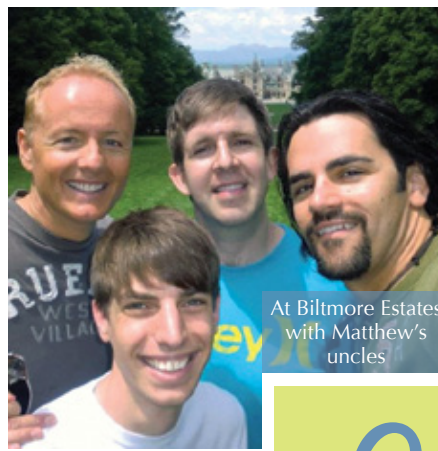
Trey holding our friend's son Alexander

Trey is highly motivated and passionate about every task he takes on. Most people that know him would call him a go-getter. While in college, he not only took on a full class load, but also worked full-time as a disc jockey at a local radio station and received his pilot's license. He supports me in everything I do, even if it sounds crazy to him. I am positive that he will be just as supportive to our child and encourage him or her to dream big. Family is very important to Trey. From the moment we began discussing adoption, he could think of nothing else but becoming a dad. He is a loving and supportive man with a kind heart who will make a fantastic father.

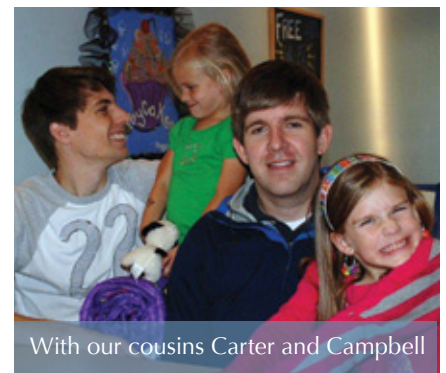
~ BY MATTHEW



With Trey's parents in New York City



At Biltmore Estates with Matthew's uncles



With our cousins Carter and Campbell

Our Family

We live within 15 minutes of our parents, and we are overjoyed by their excitement about our desire to adopt. Trey's parents are excited to be Memaw and Papaw to their first grandchild. Matthew's parents are ecstatic about becoming grandparents, while his nine year-old sister is already asking questions about being an aunt.

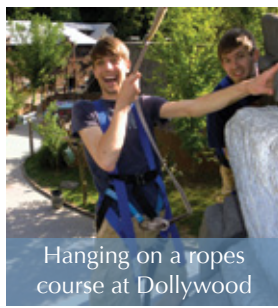
Most of Trey's family resides in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia while Matthew has family spread throughout the United States. We both enjoy visiting our parents regularly, as well as travelling to see our extended family all over the country. With Trey being in the airline industry, we both receive travel benefits, and so will our child. There isn't a location that would prevent us from spending time with you.



With Matthew's family during the holidays



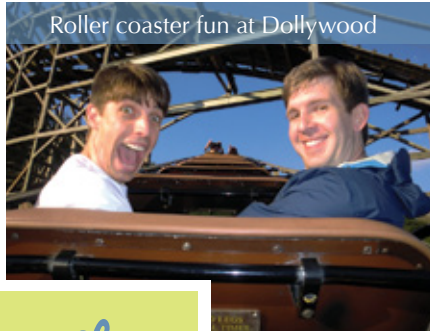
With Matthew's sister and her friend at Dollywood



Hanging on a ropes course at Dollywood



Our cats Beezer and Barbara



Roller coaster fun at Dollywood

Home & Community

We live in Johnson City, Tennessee in a small subdivision just outside of the city limits. Our neighborhood is quiet and has beautiful views of the surrounding Appalachian Mountains. Our region is full of lakes, parks, and activities aimed at families with children. There is rarely a week that goes by that there is not a festival or local event that brings families and communities together. We look forward to taking our little one to the weeklong Fun Fest that is held every summer, and watching as he or she participates in the numerous activities for children.

We share our home with two cats named Barbara and Beezer. They both enjoy curling up together in front of the fireplace on a cold winter day. Both of them will enjoy having another member of the family to play and cuddle with.



A walk in the woods with Matthew's sister

Contact Us

OUR *Interests*

Whether we're bowling, playing putt-putt or racing go-karts we enjoy being active and competitive with each other. We purchase yearly season passes to Dollywood, a theme park less than an hour away and we can't wait to take our little one! We also love to travel. New York City and Washington, D.C. are two of our favorite places to visit, as well as anywhere we can hear waves crashing on a beach. We look forward to exploring cities and visiting museums, playing in the sand, and soaking up the sun with our child.

OUR *Promise*

Our greatest desire as parents and as a couple is to provide a loving and safe home for our child. We will encourage education, individuality and creativity, while teaching respect, responsibility and kindness. As parents, we will guide our child by example to become a mature, well-rounded adult. We promise to you that our child will always be aware of their adoption story and the selfless love their birthparents have for him or her.

We are excited that you have read our letter and we look forward to our journey together. Please feel free to call or email us at anytime.

Best Wishes,

TREY DARNELL Matthew Smith

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