#### HOPEFUL ADOPTIVE PARENTS

# STACIE & MATHEW MARLOWE

### Dear mama,

We cannot wait to meet our next child. They have been growing in our hearts for years. Thank you, expecting mama for taking time to consider us to be your child's forever family.

So, why are we adopting? Simply put - because we feel like it's the way our family is supposed to grow. We have been talking about our children since we were dating, and adoption was always one of the ways we wanted to have children. Our family grew in 2016 with the birth of our first child, Abraham. After a difficult and dangerous pregnancy for Stacie and Abraham it was apparent the time for our adoption dream had come. We want your little one to know they were dreamt of coming to us in just this way for our family. This is our deepest desire and choice, not a last resort after other failed attempts.

In May, we will celebrate 10 years of marriage and 15 years together. We met at college at Gardner-Webb University in 2005 and were close friends almost immediately until we began dating in 2007. The rest as they say, is history.







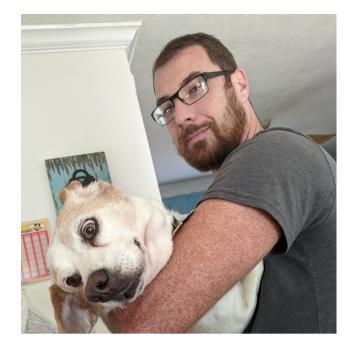


# MATTHEW

Matthew is a Network Engineer in the IT department for Mission hospital, a career desire that first began when wanting to give back to the hospital when they cared for Abe in his NICU stay after birth. He works remotely from our house most days.

He loves Baseball, is a constant student and loves teaching others. He has multiple degrees and always has excelled at academics.

Matthew works with his hands a lot too and is an excellent carpenter, he worked for years in construction and fine woodworking before turning it into his hobby when he began IT.





### **STACIE**

Stacie is the Director of Development for the local Boys & Girls Club. She loves being able to give back to our community by building stronger families through quality childcare and youth development. Being in child development for her works means she has an incredible supportive work life that allows her to put her family first.

Stacie plays piano, loves learning and listening to music and anything creative. Painting, building, or an adventure are always calling and she's a dreamer.

## ABE

Abraham spends his days at a local Christian school where he is in K4. He loves to read with mom and dad, or to work on his own skills. He is always creating- making art, building with blocks, or making plans for inventions. Abe is an very empathetic child and enjoys helping others. He can't wait to be a big brother and prays for his new siblings often. He has a small chest of "treasures" he is saving for his sibling and often talks about ways he will help with our new family addition.





## **OUR FAMILY**

So, what is life in our family like? It's filled with lots of love, laughter, family and friends. Outdoor adventures, swimming, hiking, walks, soccer, baseball games and community events are always on our calendar.

In our house, each day is spent with one another. Most mornings Matt cooks breakfast while Stacie gets ready for work with Abe. Abe attends Kindergarten at a local Christian school. He spends his after school hours either at the Boys & Girls Club with Stacie, at his grandmothers who he calls Guh-Guh, or at gymnastics practice. We eat dinner together each evening, and on Tuesdays we have "big" family dinner with all of Stacie's family. Stacie's siblings and parents all live within 10 minutes of our house and we see each of them frequently. Weekends might find us playing board games, at one of Abe's soccer games, hanging out with friends or family or working on projects. Before becoming an IT specialist, Matthew was a carpenter – just like Stacie's father, so our family are often found building projects together. We provide our children with loving, encouraging relationships not only in our family, but through friends and through their education to provide stability, positive reinforcement and plenty of opportunity to explore their passions and interests.



We intend to be open with a new child about their adoption from the day he or she is born. We believe sharing his/her adoption story from an early age will help answer any questions the child will have about where he or she comes from. We would also love to share any information you are comfortable sharing with us and would welcome a relationship with you as the child grows (if that is something you would like)!



# OUR HOME



We call Flat Rock, NC home. Stacie grew up just miles from their house **NC** and we have lived here as a couple since 2013. We own our home and are financially stable. We can and will provide your child with every opportunity possible and ensure their needs are cared for.



We have a big yard that we spend our time in whenever possible. Warm weather we are playing in sprinklers, climbing on our dome, or working on gardening! During colder months or cool summer evenings we are on the back porch with our firepit making smores.



We cook together often (yes, even with our little one!) and eat dinner together every night. Baking happens a lot, banana bread is a favorite.





Stacie reading with Abe & friends

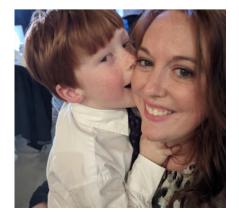


Uncle Caleb & Abe

Abe playing with friends







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#### Our family



Stacie & Abe in our home.



Our family at Halloween before Trick or Treating.

In our yard together. An accurate depiction. Abe & Stacie silly, Matt there, ready to support us any way he can



Abe in our yard on his birthday.

Matt & Abe before his first day of pre-K.

### Matt & Stacie before formal at college, 2009



Visiting the local zoo!





Chimney Rock State Park, 2021

We often go chasing waterfalls since we live in the mountains and "the land of waterfalls" is just one county away





At a friends wedding





#### Papa (Grandpa) & Abe









Weekend days with friends picking apples

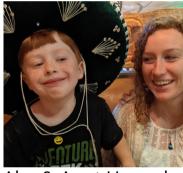




Walking downtown with dad







Abe & Aunt Hannah





We love to read together! We do so each and every day!

#### Out with family and friends!





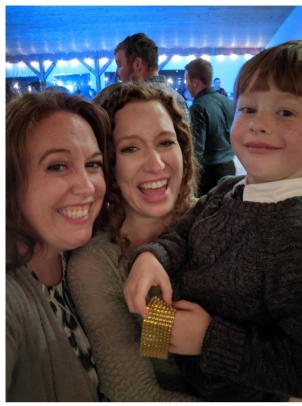








#### Stacie & her sister Hannah with Abe



Playing dress up with grandma!





Playing with Nana and our cousins on the beach



Reading with Great Grandma



Dad playing soccer with Abe











