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**Matt**

**Jo Anna**

**Job Description:**

Insurance Agent for a Nationwide insurance company

Radiology; Nuclear Medicine Technologist

**Education:**

Bachelor's in History with a Teaching Certification

Bachelor's in Business and Nuclear Medicine Certification

**Favorites:**

**Hobbies**  
Golf/Fishing

**Hobbies**  
Shopping/Scrapbooking

**Holiday**  
Christmas

**Holiday**  
Halloween

**Subjects in School**  
History/Social Studies

**Subjects in School**  
Math/Chemistry

**Vacation Spot**  
Big Cities

**Vacation Spot**  
Beaches

**Children:**  
None

**About Us & Our Journey to Adoption**

We met seven years ago while we were both working at a small restaurant in our hometown. We got hired on the same day, became good friends, eventually started dating and two years later we were married. We always felt that fate brought us together. What are the chances that two people would apply for the same job, on the same day, and fall in love?

While we were working at this small restaurant, we were both attending college and working towards our Bachelor's degrees. Matt graduated with a degree in History and currently works for a large insurance company in their sales department. Jo Anna also graduated with a Bachelor's degree and is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at a small community hospital. We are so fortunate to have jobs that we love, and allow us flexibility. However, we cannot wait for the most important job of all; becoming parents. Once we are blessed with a child, we will be rearranging our schedules to fulfill the needs of a baby. Jo Anna will be taking three months off and Matt will also be changing his schedule to be able to spend more time at home.

About a year after we got married we decided it was the perfect time to start a family. However, God had a different plan for us. After almost two years of trying, unsuccessfully, to get pregnant, we knew we had to make a decision. Having family members going through fertility treatments, we immediately knew that was not a journey we wanted to take. From the beginning we always talked about and researched adoption. However, like most couples struggling with infertility, curiosity got the best of us and we decided to give in-vitro a try. Needless to say, the fertility treatments did not work. While we were devastated, we quickly picked ourselves up, because we knew we would love a child, regardless of how they came into our lives.

**How Adoption Has Touched Our Lives**

When we first decided we wanted to start a family, Jo Anna's sister and brother-in-law were in the middle of fertility treatments. After many years of trying to get pregnant, they felt adoption was the path they were meant to take. Shortly after, they were blessed with a baby girl, Mia. A year and half later they were once again blessed with a baby boy, Zak. Not only do Mia & Zak mean the world to them, they are a blessing for our entire family. Every time we see Zak smile, or hear Mia say "Matt" while pointing to every man in the room, we are reminded how great adoption is and why God has chosen this for us. We cannot describe how much love we have for them or how much we admire both of their birthmothers. Although we have never met them, we are always thinking about, and praying for them.

**Our House & Neighborhood**



We built our house in 2005, shortly after we got married. Our home is a two story, two bedroom and two bathroom cluster home, located in a large neighborhood. We chose the location of our home because it was close enough to a big city, while we were still able to enjoy the comforts of suburban life. We are in an area that has an excellent school district and are just a couple of minutes away from a park that has amazing play areas, consisting of baseball fields, jungle gyms and a pool.



**Our Home**

## Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Neighborhood Park

We are also members of our local recreation center, which offers many activities for children including indoor sports activities, an indoor and outdoor pool. Every year our town holds a summer street festival where they block off the main road and set up games, rides and food for the community to enjoy. We are also just minutes away from the local fairgrounds, which hosts many different events throughout the summer.

## Our Extended Family

Our families have been so supportive of us and our decision to adopt a baby. We could not have come this far without them. Jo Anna comes from a large Irish/Italian family that consists of her parents, who have been married for 37 years, three older sisters, three brothers-in-law, two nieces and four nephews. We love spending time with them and we attend at least one "Sunday pasta dinner" a month. This has been a family tradition since we were young and it's so great to see the next generation enjoying it too.

**Jo Anna** is very close with her sisters and considers them her best friends. Being the youngest of the four girls, Jo Anna has always looked up to them and knew they would be there when she needed advice or just someone to hang out with. Jo Anna could not have asked for better parents and they are now amazing grandparents too. Whenever one of the kids starts to cry while at their house, Jo Anna's mom immediately says, "there's no crying at Grandma's!" This is then usually followed up with, "you can have anything you want." They love spoiling them and are so excited to welcome another baby into the family.



Jo Anna's Family at Her Cousin's Wedding

**Matt** comes from a small, but close German/Irish family. Matt's parents have been married for 32 years and cannot wait to become grandparents. Every time we talk about bringing a baby home, they get so excited and tell us all the plans they have for a grandchild. Since they live right next to a park, we are sure there are going to be a lot of fun times at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Matt also has a younger sister, who is thrilled that she is going to be an aunt. It is always so nice when everyone gets together for a birthday or holidays. We all end up sitting around, talking for hours.



Matt's Family Celebrating His Grandpa's 80th Birthday

We love spending time with our nieces and nephews. Even though they may not know it, these kids are what made us keep our heads up when we were about to lose hope. It seems like every year we are adding another baby into our growing family. Each time a new baby

is born, we welcome them with a new Mickey Mouse stuffed animal from Aunt Jo Anna and Uncle Matt. We know that your child will have many happy memories of birthdays, holidays, and vacations with their cousins and will form lifelong friendships.



Our Dog Daisy

## Our Wonderful Companion

Daisy is our seven year old lab/collie mix. She has been a part of our family since a month after we got married. Everyone who meets Daisy always comments on what a nice dog she is, and we couldn't agree more. She loves playing fetch outside, going for walks and riding in the car. She was recently caught giving piggy-back rides to our nephew while he yelled "giddy-up, giddy-up." She is so calm and patient with all the children that she comes in contact with so we know she is going to be a great big sister.



Enjoying Time Together



Vacation with Friends in Punta Cana



Yearly Tradition -  
Baking Cookies

# Matt & Jo Anna



Merry Christmas



Meeting Our Nephew Zak  
for the First Time



Celebrating Matt's Birthday  
with His Cousins

## Dear Birthparent(s),

We would like to start by thanking you for taking the time to consider us as adoptive parents for your child. We know that this is probably the hardest decision you will ever make and we cannot stress how much respect we have for you for making an adoption plan for your child. We made this profile not only to give you a glimpse into our lives, but also to share with you what our hopes and dreams are for a child. We hope that they are your hopes and dreams as well.

We believe with all our hearts that God brings people together through adoption to create loving families. We plan on telling a child from a very early age about their adoption. We have already purchased several storybooks and are planning a life book. If it is okay with you we would also love to share as much information about you and your family as possible with your child. If the day should ever come where your child would like to meet you and you meet them, we would be in total support, as we feel there is no person that could ever have too many people love them. We plan on sharing letters and pictures with you and would be honored if you did the same.

We will always make sure your child knows that you love them more than words can ever say and that by making an adoption plan for him/her shows just how much love you have for them. We will always instill in them that adoption is a positive, beautiful way of building a family and that you are the wonderful, courageous person who gave us the greatest gift we have ever received.

If you choose to place your baby with us, you can be assured that we will be the best parents we could possibly be. We promise to show your child unconditional love, provide them with a strong education, and support them with their decisions throughout their life. We will be forever grateful for you, and we will never take a minute of your child's life for granted. Each night before we tuck them into bed, we will be sure to give them two kisses goodnight, one from us and one from you.

Once again, thank you for considering us as adoptive parents for you child. After reviewing our profile, we hope you agree that we can provide the loving family and happy home you've dreamed of for your child. We also hope that we have given you an insight of who we are and the kind of parents we will be. We would be honored to answer any questions you may have and look forward to talking with you and learning more about you and your hopes and dreams for your child. We pray that you will find peace and support in whichever decision you make.

With Love,

**Matt and Jo Anna**

