



**Matt**

**Kari**

**Job Description:**

Vice President of Finance  
for a Hospital

Director of Physician  
Relations for a hospital

**Education:**

Masters Degree in  
Business Administration

Bachelors Degree in  
Healthcare Administration

**Favorites:**

**Classic Movie**  
Caddyshack

**Classic Movie**  
Wizard of Oz

**Family Activity**  
Cook-Outs

**Family Activity**  
Zoo

**Leisure Activity**  
Watching Sports

**Leisure Activity**  
Shopping

**Quality About My Spouse**  
Humor

**Quality About My Spouse**  
Intelligence

**Junk Food**  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Junk Food**  
Jelly Belly's

**Children:**

Dylan

We are excitedly waiting to complete our family by adding a precious newborn with which we can share our hearts. Like many others, we have faced the issue of infertility. When we were married ten years ago, we knew that we wanted children to be part of our future. We have already been blessed with an adopted son, whom we truly adore, and would like to complete our family with a second child. Love and family are the most important gifts we could ever give and receive. We are eager to fulfill our dream.

**What it Means to Be Parents and Our Strengths**

We were both fortunate to be raised in loving, secure families who modeled tremendous parenting skills for us to replicate with our son and this newborn. We feel learning through example is the best way to be taught life experiences. Our strengths are based on the positive expectations, standards and support we experienced in our own childhoods. We want this child to feel the same way we did growing up in a devoted family environment. We will share and embrace many precious memories by always being by this child's side. We will encourage him/her to be happy and follow their dreams.

We promise this child that we will always: \* Have open and honest communication. \* Be there through the good times and the bad times. \* Be a parent first and a friend later. \* Be open-minded. \* Reinforce "you can do anything you set your mind to." \* Live a well-balanced life. \* Set priorities. \* Remember family comes first. \* Foster high self-esteem. \* Make him/her feel secure in the world. \* Teach him/her to love oneself. \* Learn from mistakes. \* Remind him/her that love is all one needs in life. \* Make sacrifices to make his/her life opportunities as bright as possible.

**Our Family is Our Priority**

Family, above all else, is what matters to us most in life. We were blessed with an adorable son not too long ago who we know will make the best big brother! This newborn will have a sibling and best friend who will experience everything in life together hand in hand. They will serve as a rock for each other to lean on whenever it is needed. We will explain to both of them from day one how having a sibling is one of the most precious relationships to cherish. In this fast paced world, this newborn will have someone to look up to and learn from everyday. Sharing toys and stories will start their adventure together. Talking, laughing and playing will consume the majority of their childhood years. What will be constant and grow with time are trust, honesty and willingness to confide in one another. Support, protection and comfort, all encompassing love without limits, is what this newborn will share with his/her older brother. This chain of love is our priority in life.

**Our House and Neighborhood**



We bought a newly built, four-bedroom home several years ago that we love. The area we live in has so much to offer to young families. Our safe, suburban neighborhood is filled with children, creating an atmosphere where future friendships could easily flourish. When the weather is nice, we always enjoy grilling out in the driveway while catching up on how all of our friendly neighbors are doing.

Our development has a large, outdoor pool that is very convenient when we need to take a break to cool off and relax in the summer. The pool is fenced in with lifeguards to enhance safety. A separate baby pool is also available as well as a playground that we have enjoyed with our son, niece and nephew. Along with a clubhouse that is offered for us to use for parties, bicycle and costume parades for the children is an annual event for our entire neighborhood to appreciate. There is a quiet walking path that we try to take advantage of as much as we can with the whole development offering side walks which creates a safe atmosphere.



**Our Home**

## Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Clubhouse

The school district we live in has had the best rating in the state for many years in a row. We are fortunate to have our community fire station and a new community center just down the road from us that offers a large outdoor recreation area for children to play. Having a local park system nearby is great, as well as a delicious ice cream shop which we can never pass up. Picking which flavor of ice cream to try next is always a hard decision!

## Our Extended Families



Kari's Sister & Brother-in-Law

We both were raised by very supportive, loving families. We feel so lucky to have such solid relationships in our lives, spending almost every weekend together. Our families go above and beyond expressing how excited they are to add this child to their world.

**Kari's** mom was a stay-at-home mom and the most giving, affectionate and loving person you could find. Kari is proud to have become like her mother in many ways and continues to do so everyday. Kari's dad is now retired working at part-time jobs that he enjoys. He was a school teacher, driver's education teacher and a coach of many different sports.

Kari and her older sister are very close and support each other unequivocally. They talk to each other at least five times a day. She has a brother-in-law she loves and a precious niece and nephew she adores. She has followed in her sister's footsteps throughout her childhood, and continues to learn from her everyday.

Kari was very close to her grandmother and great-aunt. Her grandma was a wonderful cook and seamstress who made everything with love, and her great-aunt taught her how to dress-up and wear makeup. Kari is grateful for the time she was able to spend with them.

**Matt's** Matt's mom worked part-time at a bank while Matt was growing up and decided to work full time when he started attending school. She has recently retired and enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and friends. Matt's dad worked in a front office at a printing company his whole career and is now semi-retired. He currently enjoys working at jobs that are more like a hobby to him. Being avid sport fans, Matt and his older brother enjoy watching football together. They can talk forever about how their favorite teams will do this year. His sister-in-law and nephew enjoy watching her parent's horse run around in their backyard. By having a close relationship with his extended family, Matt has grown up and spent many weekends together with his aunts, uncles and cousins. He was close to his Grandfathers and is so lucky to still have both of his Grandmothers by his side.



Matt's Family

## What We Look Forward to Sharing With This Child



Ready to Watch a Movie

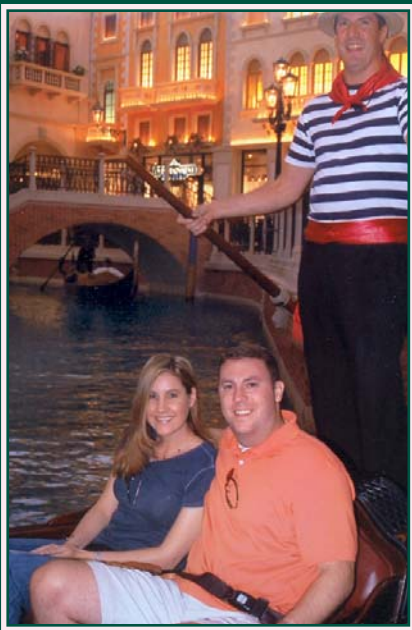
We, as well as our families, are ecstatic at the thought of having another child to share all of our life events. Traditional celebrations, such as holidays, birthdays and family parties will be filled with more excitement observing this child interact with our son, niece and nephews. Seeing this newborn grow-up and teaching him/her to walk, talk and write, among many other firsts in life, will be so rewarding. Then, watching this child develop into his/her own person with an individual personality will be gratifying. With us planning many fun events, for example going to shows, large playgrounds and picnics at the park, this child will learn quickly by watching his/her older brother. Proudly taking this child along to gatherings will be an event for the whole family. We will also love just hanging out at home, being with each other, reading books and playing.

We are excited to fill our house again with more bibs and rattles. Trips to the amusement parks and vacations to Disney are events we will look forward to sharing with this child in the many years to come.



Relaxing During the Holidays

# Matt & Kari



Taking a Gondola Ride  
on Vacation



Our Family Photo



Dylan



Eating Fondue at a Party



Hanging Out with  
My Cousins

## Dear Birthparent(s),

When we met sixteen years ago, we both knew we would call each other husband and wife someday, and not too long after, be called Mommy and Daddy. After trying to conceive on our own and undergoing many unsuccessful infertility treatments, we came to realize adoption was meant for us. Then, we adopted our son which was the most wonderful experience we could have ever wished!

We are so grateful to have such wonderful families by our side. We know having that gift gives us so much more to offer this newborn. We were both raised in extremely loving environments; one being small and as close as can be, and the other being large, receiving love in all directions. We reminisce about fond childhood memories such as Christmas mornings, our moms' helping out with the school PTA parties and participating in our church programs. We can't wait to repeat these memories with this child. Being around children is a part of our past, present and future. Kari babysat so much throughout her life, and Matt grew up with so many younger cousins. Today, we love being parents! We are also a proud aunt and uncle. We both are amazed at how much our son, niece and nephews teach us about life.

Because of our individual childhood memories and the experiences we have shared together, we know that we are the best parents that we can be to our son and this newborn. The older we get, the more we enjoy spending time with family more than anything else. Holidays, celebrations and weekends are what we look forward to the most. Weekends are always spent with family and friends centered on different activities and trips to the zoo, parks and gatherings. We have even started a few traditions of our own, such as having a yearly football party and celebrating Thanksgiving at our house.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful families who are so excited for us to grow our own family through adoption. They can't wait to embrace this second experience with us.

With each day we are taking steps to prepare for a second baby. It is an exciting time. We are lucky to have flexible work schedules and family members willing and ready to be there whenever help is needed. Our promise and commitment to this newborn, like our son, is a life filled with love, laughter, hugs, kisses and endless opportunities.

We will give unconditional care, guidance, happiness and provide a safe environment to all children bestowed upon us. Communication is both of our strengths. Being open and honest about his/her adoption, as well as all other life experiences he/she will encounter, will be a commitment we hold together. We both know how important it is for a child to grow up in a home that makes him/her feel accepted and loved in order to become confident and secure in the world.

We have so much to give, we have so much to share, and we are now waiting for another gift that we have dreamed about for so long. Thank you for your consideration and help in making our dreams of continuing our family come true.

We trust that this profile has given you a picture of our lives together and our commitment towards parenthood. If you choose us as parents, we would gladly share letters and pictures.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. Our thoughts are with you as you consider this very important decision in your life.

From our hearts,

**Matt and Kari**

