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Matthew

Heather

Job Description:

High School Special Education Teacher

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Education:

Masters in Education Administration

Masters of Education in Curriculum/Instruction in Literacy

Favorites:

Hobby
Tennis

Hobby
Tennis

Childhood Memory
Going to Baseball Games with Family

Childhood Memory
Swimming with Grandma During the Summer

Subject in School
History

Subject in School
Math

Sandwich
Chicken Salad

Sandwich
BLT

Movie
Unforgiven

Movie
You've Got Mail

Children:
None

Our Strengths As Individuals

Heather's strengths according to Matthew: Heather has a great sweetness about her. She is a great teacher, is extremely organized, has a great sense of humor, is extremely supportive, a great cook, is family oriented and thoughtful. Heather is consistently striving to become a better person.

Matthew's strengths according to Heather: Matthew is honest, supportive, loving, thoughtful, and unselfish. Matthew is always making sure that the needs of others are being met. Others enjoy approaching Matthew if they have problems going on in their lives. He is able to listen to what they have to say and help them with their problems.

Family Traditions We Are Looking Forward To Sharing With A Child

We both enjoy spending time with our extended families. Both families have similar traditions during the holiday season. Usually, for Christmas Eve, we will attend church and go out to dinner with Matthew's parents, brother, sister-in-law, and niece. After dinner, we all go to his parent's home and open presents. The following morning, his mother will make a big Christmas breakfast for all to enjoy. A little snowfall usually adds to the fun.

Just about when we get hungry again during the afternoon, we head over to Heather's parent's home. Here, we spend time with her brothers and their wives and children. Everyone enjoys a great dinner and the adults all have smiles on their faces watching the children open all of their presents.

These traditions are wonderful. We have started our own new tradition as well. In early September, both sides of the family come over to our house to watch the first NFL game of the year. Heather makes her famous BBQ meatballs in the crockpot and Matthew grills out hot dogs. This large gathering of both families is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. We are glad to have started this tradition.

Our House and Neighborhood



We have lived in our house for four years. Our home is across the street from a park with a large field for a neighborhood soccer game or baseball game. Within walking distance is an elementary school, middle school, the high school, the community recreation center, public library, and our church. One of our favorite things to hear is the marching band playing during the high school football games.



Our Home



Heather Preparing a Meal in Our Kitchen

House & Neighborhood, continued

We enjoy our location because we are close to rural parks, the downtown area, and the easy accessibility of what our community has to offer. Our Ohio school system was rated excellent in the state. Every summer, our city holds a carnival with games, food, and fun centered for kids. Our city also holds a German festival where they have traditional German dinners, desserts, and dancing.



With Heather's Family on Easter

Our Extended Family

Heather has two older brothers. Both of her brothers are married with two children and live five minutes from Heather and Matthew. Even though the family lives so close and sees each other often, the nieces and nephews still get excited every time they see Heather and Matthew. Heather's mother and step-father also live within five minutes of Heather and her brothers. Grandma and Papa absolutely love spending time with their grandchildren on a weekly basis. Whether they are picking them up from school, attending a soccer game, or just plain babysitting, the grandparents love being with their grandchildren.

Matthew is the oldest of 2 boys. Matthew and his brother grew up playing backyard baseball and basketball together. While growing up, his parents integrated their strong Catholic faith with his education. While he was always encouraged to pursue his dreams, he always believed that his strong faith would help mold who he is. Both Matthew and his brother live in separate cities from their parents, but that doesn't stop the many visits, phone calls, and emails. Though Matthew's parents do not live extremely close, they are only a short drive away. Matthew's parents are ready to become grandparents and can't wait to hear the words "grandma and grandpa."



With Matt and His Family in Michigan

Family is extremely important to both of us; and we love having the close relationships, the laughs, and the memories. Heather's mom is so excited to welcome another grandchild that she is starting to quilt a baby blanket. Meanwhile, in a different city, Matthew's mom is deciding which room to place the crib. No matter which grandparent, the child will be welcomed with love.



Our Friendly Dog, Joey,
With His Favorite Toy

Our Dog, Joey, Is Important In Our Lives

A few years ago we had an addition to our family. For years, Heather has wanted a dog. Matt never had a dog growing up and did not understand why people would ever want pets. After a few years of "gentle pressure" Matt decided to entertain the thought of getting a dog. While at the mall, Heather always visited a local pet store that specialized in rescues. There, sitting in a large crate lay a little Jack Russell shaking. Immediately taking him out of the crate, he was extremely affectionate, loving, and enjoyed the human interaction. Heather knew immediately that this is what everyone needed.

Reluctantly, Heather placed the dog back into the cage to let Matt know about the perfect match for our family. Matt was definitely apprehensive at first. After a few hours he immediately became attached to Joey; our dog.

Joey has brought so much joy to our home. Often when coming back from work, we can't wait to see him, take him out for our walks, and to receive those loving licks.



Enjoying Las Vegas, 2010



Spending Time with Our Nieces
and Nephew

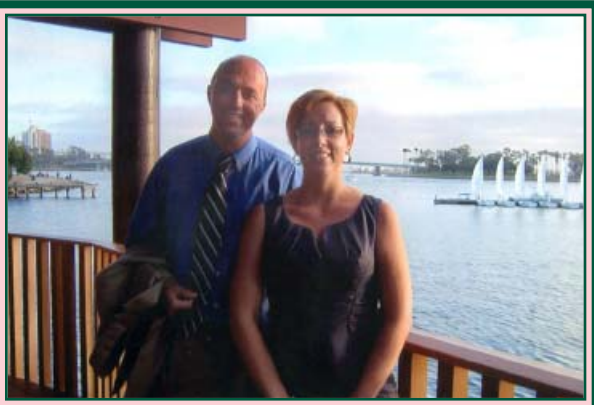
Matthew & Heather



Before a Tennis Match



A Night Out in Hawaii
On Our 5th Anniversary



Attending a Wedding in San Diego



Sight Seeing in Hawaii

Dear Birthparent(s),

Before we tell you a few things about us, we wanted to take the time to thank you. Thank you for bringing your baby into this world, and thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We can only imagine the stress that you are experiencing right now. Please know that we appreciate all that you have done during this time.

If you decide to give your baby up for adoption, we would hope that you would choose us for your child. We feel that we would make great parents. We have been happily married since 2005. We enjoy every day with each other and we feel that we have a strong marriage. A few years into our marriage, we decided that we wanted to start a family. Unfortunately, we have not been able to become pregnant and have a baby. This has been disappointing; however, we are looking at this as a blessing in disguise. We now feel that we have the wonderful opportunity of adopting a baby. We hope that we get that chance.

In our professional lives, we are around teenagers on a daily basis for nine months out of the year. We are both special education high school teachers. This job has taught us patience and given us the chance to help young people who have some difficulties in their lives. If we are lucky enough to adopt a baby, we will be able to maintain a similar schedule with the child once he or she begins school.

In our personal lives, we enjoy spending time with our families. We have three nieces and one nephew who live in the same town as us. Grandma and Grandpa also live in town. The whole family is excited about the possibility of having another grandchild to join in the family festivities. Some of these festivities include summer cook-outs, walks in the local parks, and large family dinners during the holiday season.

For fun, we enjoy various sporting activities. We both play tennis regularly and enjoy walking our dog. We are looking forward to the possibility of taking a baby in a stroller on our summer evening walks.

Once again, we wanted to thank you for taking the time to read our information. Please note that if you decide to give your baby up for adoption and we are fortunate enough to be chosen, we will send you monthly information and pictures. We want you to be able to see how happy your baby will be with us.

Sincerely,

Matthew & Heather

