

Matt + Christopher





SUMMER POOL PARTIES AT MIMI AND PAPA'S. DECORATING SUGAR COOKIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE. CAMPFIRES IN THE BACKYARD WITH FRIENDS. DINNER WITH GRANDMA AND THE KIDS AROUND THE BIG KITCHEN ISLAND. SUNDAY BRUNCH AT OUR FAVORITE DINER WITH CHICKEN FRIED STEAK OF COURSE!

We are Matt and Christopher; these are some of our favorite things to do as a family. They are part of what makes us who we are. We would be so grateful if you would consider giving us the opportunity to make them part of your child's life.

Family is so important to us. We both grew up surrounded by family. Our extended families are quite large and incredibly close. Your child will know the value of family and will grow up surrounded with cousins to play with, loving grandparents and amazing aunts and uncles. From family Easter egg hunts, to 4th of July fireworks

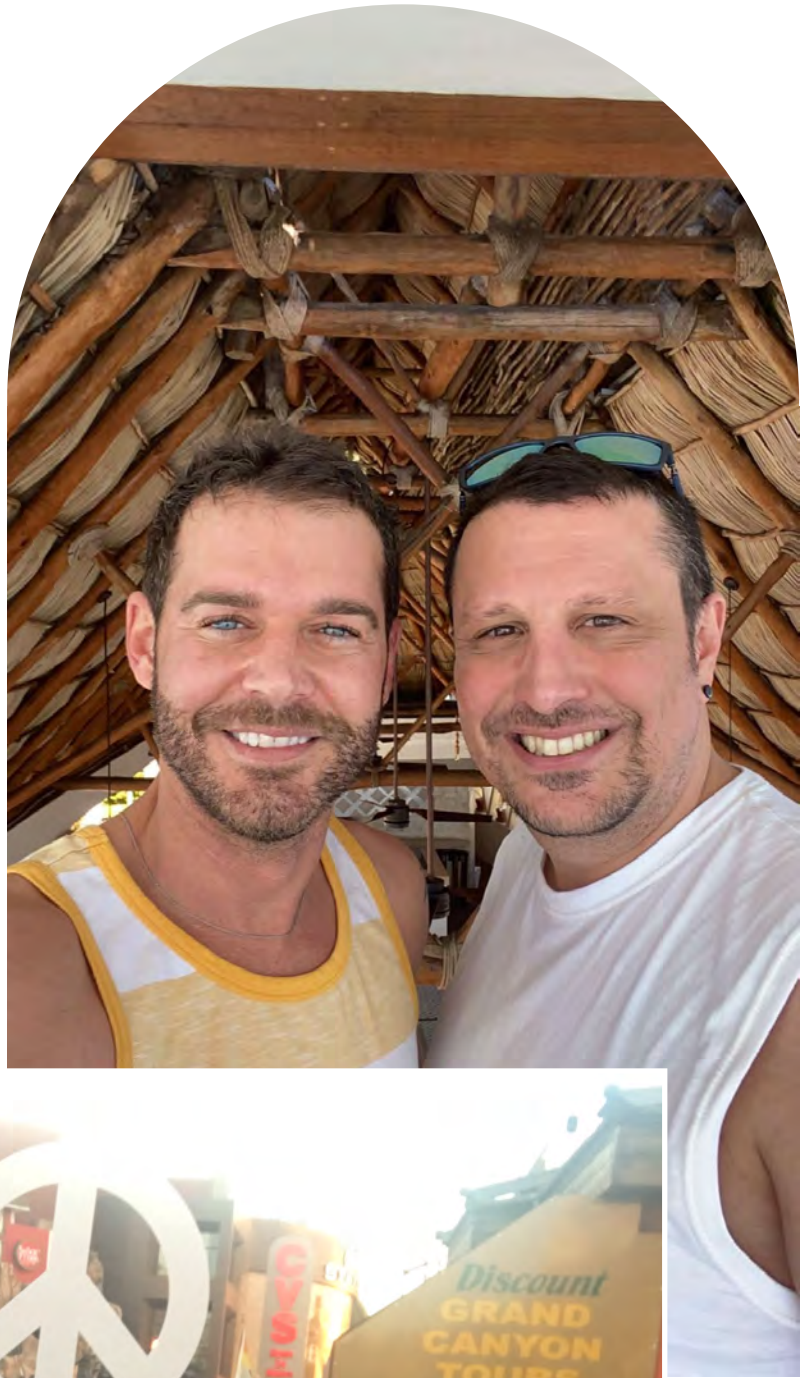
and BBQs, to annual pajama Christmas eve gifts, we have so many traditions we cannot wait to share with this little one. Our family has been so excited to hear any news and so supportive every step of the way as we explore creating a family.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and who we are. We know you are facing one of the most difficult decisions in your life. We hope this helps provide a glimpse into who we truly are. Your child will know who you are and where they came from. We want you to be sure the decision you're making is right for both you and your baby.

OUR Story

We met in January of 2015 online and quickly found out we had a strong connection. Our first date was a mystery midnight hike to hot springs near the Hoover Dam. It was a whirlwind of a year: trips to Disney, vacations with family and friends, falling for each other, and making a life together.

In 2016 we bought our first home together near all of Christopher's immediate family as family is our everything. We spend holidays together and take a yearly family trip, sometimes more than one. ***"Any excuse to celebrate" is our motto.*** We love to have everyone over to our house or go over to the parents to enjoy a day by the pool catching some sun.





In September 2016 at the Burning Man festival, Matt asked Christopher to marry him in TuTus on TuTu Tuesday (as it would be) in a dust storm on top of an art car made to look like a giant sheep. The festival embodies the inner free spirit of us all and we'd love to bring our children there someday.

We married in June of 2017 in a big beautiful wedding with all our friends and family. ***There's nothing like having your special day with all of your people in the same space.*** Christopher put a lot of time and effort into designing the event and Matt sang with the live band during the reception.





HI, I'M *Matt*

I grew up in a small town outside of Manchester, NH in a farmhouse built in 1763 with my mom and my youngest brother Jason as my other two brothers were much older and no longer lived at home. My parents divorced when I was 5 and my dad moved to south Florida where I would visit him and my new stepmom every summer and during some school vacations.

In 6th grade I decided I wanted to become a computer engineer and spent most of my high school years working hard at my academics and participating in extracurricular activities like choir, math club, campus ministry and trivia club. Junior year of high school I started Project Connect, a non-profit organization of high school students that provided computers to senior living complexes and ran classes to teach the

residents how to use them. I was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and graduated in 2005 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with one bachelor's degree in software engineering and another in business management. I moved to the west coast for work in 2006. I am an enterprise software architect, a fancy term for a senior software engineer that designs large business systems and helps teams of engineers to build them. I work from my home office which will soon be in our casita so I'm only a few steps away from the house.

I love to sing. I sing daily and probably more than Christopher wishes sometimes. I have a deep bass voice and can sing lower than almost anyone. I was in the choir my entire youth, a member of an a capella group in college, and have been a member of the local men's chorus for more than 4 years. This year I became a professional vocalist for a local Christmas caroling company. I can't wait to share music with our children.

WHAT CHRISTOPHER LOVES BEST

Matthew, as I like to call him when he's misbehaving, is one of the world's kindest people. Matt chooses to see only the good in others in most situations. He has a childlike spirit, the intelligence level of a professor, and the wisdom of an old man. I can't wait to see what this combination inspires in a young mind.





Hey, I'm CHRISTOPHER

I grew up in a small community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the same town where my parents and grandparents were raised. My maternal family started moving to the west coast in the late 80s and in 2004, my parents moved as well. I moved from Oklahoma to New York city in 2004 and then joined my family in 2012. I make regular trips home to Tulsa to visit family and friends.

I've really enjoyed renovating our home over the last year and designing all of the different elements to make them right for us. My dad, John, and I have tackled a number of large household projects together including our barn and chicken coop. We have a great time together and I always end up learning something new. While John is not my biological father, he has played the role of "Dad" in my life since I was 6 and I have always felt like he was. I hope your child will one day feel the same about me.

Taking care of our home is one of my top priorities and I take a lot of pride in it. I love watching my favorite southern chef, a retired southern school teacher from Louisiana named Brenda Gant, and recreating the delicious food she makes online in my new custom kitchen. Being a homemaker means I will have the most quality time to spend with your child.

Family is the most important thing in my life. I spend time every day taking care of my grandma: going on walks, having meals, and just laughing about family stories. I regularly go to lunch with my best friends: my mom and my sister. As my brother passed away in 2018, I make a point to spend ample quality time with his children: my niece Jordan (age 14) and nephew Jet (6). My sister Ashley also just had a baby, Asher, so your new arrival would always have a cousin playmate their age.

WHAT MATT LOVES BEST

Christopher is a caregiver at heart. He spends most of his life thinking about the needs of others and the people he loves, sometimes to his own detriment. Our children will never lack love, affection or care. While I may have helped make our renovation a logistic reality, Christopher's designs and attention to detail is what truly made it our home. Christopher puts a lot of effort into his appearance, and cares about the image he portrays of himself and his family to the rest of the world. He has an eye for aesthetics and I know our children will learn that from him as well.





How we fill our days...

We love to go out to restaurants together, often with our friends and siblings. We love the theater and regularly attend both local and traveling performances. We have a small tight knit group of friends that we spend the majority of our time with outside of the house when not with family.

MATT:

I am an avid singer and a member of the local men's chorus and a professional Christmas caroller. The entire family (and most of our friends) come to every one of my three

performances a year, bringing a big section of cheering audience members. I can't wait to bring music into the life of your child. I promise they will grow up with music in their hearts.

CHRISTOPHER:

I love cooking, gardening and making our house a home. Eating healthy and staying active are important to me. Morning hikes with friends are one of my favorite things to do. I enjoy a tough workout with my sister, Ashley, and unwinding with a relaxing yoga session.



MAKING MEMORIES

(traditions + travel)

As a family, we love to go bowling and to the movies with Christopher's mom and dad, siblings and their kids. We also love to travel both domestically and internationally. Puerto Vallarta is especially dear to us as that's where we went on our honeymoon.





Holidays and birthdays with our families are always a time to celebrate, even the adults get to be treated on their birthdays. Christmas Eve at Mimi's (Christopher's Mom) is a classic tradition of making and decorating Christmas cookies, playing games, receiving the annual pair of Christmas pajamas, and spending time with the whole family.



Matt's FAMILY



I have 4 brothers: Paul (58) lives with his wife Beth in New Hampshire, James (53) lives with his son Jacob (16) in south Florida, and Jason (48) lives with his wife Jaime and two children Alex (13) and Theo (11) in Massachusetts. My mom, Carolyn, also lives in south Florida where my Dad and his wife, Carolyn, live as well.

My dad has late stage LBD (Lewy body dementia) and lives in a memory care facility. Christopher and I travel to south Florida multiple times a year to visit them. We also travel to New England to visit my other brothers during the holidays some years though I wish we could see them more often.

Christopher's FAMILY



My immediate family all lives within 5 miles of our home so we see a lot of everyone, usually multiple times a week. LuDell, my mom's mother, lives with Matt and me. My mom Misty and my dad John, live only a few blocks

from my sister, Ashley, brother-in-law Brian, and nephew Asher. My sister-in-law Amber and her children, my niece Jordan and my nephew Jet, also live nearby.

Our Home



We love our backyard!

We now live in a beautiful single story 4 (soon to be 5) bedroom and 3 (soon to be 4) bath home on a ½ acre in the rural area of the suburban desert. We live in a cul de sac with 3 other wonderful neighbors who have all lived here 20+ years. We have spent the last year designing and renovating this house with the hope that it will become our and our children's forever home. We have a barn, raised vegetable gardens, a lush lawn, a chicken coop with 7 egg laying chickens, a dog and a cat. Our home is just waiting for the arrival of children.

Christopher's grandmother, LuDell, lives with us and he is her primary caregiver. Though LuDell has vascular dimension and mobility issues, with her sharp wit and caring spirit, most people would never know. Her caregiver, Nina, is there full time to help with her daily needs. She can't wait to meet your new arrival.





MEET OUR PETS



Our Cat

Matt was given our cat Bella 17 years ago by his mom when he first moved to Las Vegas.

Our Dog

Mr Finn, our 6 year old Terrier, thinks he's our family's little protector.

The Ranch

We also have a whole barn-yard of animals: 10 chickens (named for actresses from Star Trek and Friends), 2 ducks (Della and Daisy), a goose (Lady Gaga) and two goats (Kate and Oliver).

Our Promise

& WHY WE HOPE TO ADOPT



When we met and first started dating, the topic of having children and creating a family was one of our primary shared values that helped connect us. There was never a discussion about "if" we were having kids, but "when". Since we've been married, our parents often can't help themselves asking us again 'when?'

In the time since we met, we've watched our niece Jordan grow from a small girl into a head strong adolescent and her little brother, Jet, grow from a new born baby to an opinionated lovable talkative toddler. We see them regularly and they love to

come over for sleepovers. They both help us to see how wonderful having children in a family can be and how we want them in our own journey.

Should you choose us, we promise to forever provide for your son or daughter in sickness and in health. We will always be on their team, in their corner cheering them on. We vow to be the best parents we can be for your baby. No matter how difficult the tough times get or how great the good times are, we will always take care of them, cherish and love them for who they are and hold them deep within our hearts.

BEFORE YOU GO...

In the five years since we've been married, we've experienced a lot of life lessons, both good and bad. The difficult times like the loss of Christopher's grandfather and younger brother, taught us how precious life is and has shown us how much value everyone has.

The good times have also proven to us how fortunate we are and how much love we have to give to our own children. We look towards the future and hope to honor their memories by living our lives to the fullest.

*Wishing you all the best,
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