



*Matt and Leanne*





Hi there!

WE ARE

Leanne *and* Matt

We have always known that our love was too big for just two people, and we want a large family to share in that love.



EVERY OBSTACLE IS

EASIER WHEN WE TACKLE

IT TOGETHER





**We are unbelievably excited for our dream of becoming parents to come true.**

*Thank You*  
for taking the time to  
learn about us!

We enter into open adoption with an open heart and an open mind, and with the commitment to give our future child every opportunity to grow and thrive. The goal of this booklet is to show you a life full of exciting experiences that we hope to create for your child. We are grateful for your courageous decision and for taking the time to learn more about us.

VISITING OUR FAVORITE SUMMER ICE CREAM SPOT



ADVENTURING ON SOME HIKING TRAILS AT OUR LOCAL PARK



ST MAARTEN WAS A NEW PLACE WE LOVED DISCOVERING



# A Closer Look

AT HOW TWO BECAME ONE

*Our Story*



OUR WEDDING WAS JUST THE START OF OUR ADVENTURE

CHEERING ON OUR FAVORITE NFL TEAM



TAKING THE PUPS ON A  
STROLL AROUND OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD

**We met in the way many modern love stories start... online!**

After our first date, we both knew that this was something special. Since that first time we met, we have never gone a day without talking to each other. We had an instant connection that grew into wonderful commitment filled with admiration and respect. **We have been together for 6 years and married for 4, and during that time we have built an amazing life together.**

**OUR DAYS ARE FULL OF ADVENTURES, LAUGHTER, AND LOVE AND WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE ALL OF THAT WITH OUR FUTURE CHILD.**

EXPLORING THE CLIFFS OF MOHER IN IRELAND



# Things that make us *Happy*

- Exploring a new city or country
- Summer BBQs with Matt at the grill and Leanne's famous pasta salad
- Pasta making nights with Leanne's Italian family
- Quiet nights at home watching a movie with the pups
- Visiting the new animals at Matt's brother's family farm

MEET OUR



## Furry Friends

**Rosie and Sparta are ten year old maltipoos who we affectionately refer to as "the puppies".**

They are the sweetest, gentlest pups with big personalities. We often say they are so sassy and opinionated they must not know they are actually dogs. They show us the meaning of unconditional love every day, and they are super excited to have a tiny human to call their own.

WE LOVE CURLING UP ON THE COUCH WITH ROSIE AND SPARTA



WE CELEBRATE PET BIRTHDAYS, TOO!



RAINY AFTERNOONS SPENT WITH OUR PUPS AND A PUZZLE





# Introducing *Matt*



MATT'S

*Favorite Things*

Trying a new recipe

-

Phish concerts with friends

Catching up with our niece and nephew

-

Working the grill at one of his restaurants

A long hike on a warm day

-

Challenging Leanne to a tennis match

Taste testing Philly Cheesesteaks in every new city he visits

-

The first grass cut of the season

LEANNE TALKS



about

Matt

**Matt is the most generous, hard-working man I have ever met.**

*Leanne*

At 15 years old, he started a job as a dishwasher in a restaurant and worked his way up to becoming the owner of that restaurant (and 5 others!). He has a team of dedicated workers who admire and trust him immensely, and being his own boss gives him the flexibility to prioritize family time.

**His energy fills up a room and his dimples make his smile contagious.** At 15 years old, he started a job as a dishwasher in a restaurant and worked his way up to becoming the owner of that restaurant (and 5 others!). He has a team of dedicated workers who admire and trust him immensely, and being his own boss gives him the flexibility to prioritize family time.

MATT LOVES

GETTING IN THE

KITCHEN AT HIS

RESTAURANTS



WE ALWAYS HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH FAMILY



MATT LOVES ADVENTURE & TRYING NEW THINGS



FUN AT THE LAKE WITH OUR NEPHEW



MATT CAN ALWAYS

BE FOUND WORKING

IN THE YARD

When he's not at work or with loved ones, you can find him in the yard. He has turned our backyard into a beautiful oasis that makes it feel like we are on vacation every day. Our first trip together to visit his niece and nephew reinforced he will definitely be not only a loving father, but SO fun too. He supports me through every dream, every goal, and every (sometimes crazy) idea I come up with. **HE IS AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST AND NO OBSTACLE IS TOO BIG TO TACKLE.** His unconditional love is unmatched, and I am so excited to watch him become the dad I know he is destined to be.





# Introducing *Leanne*



YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND

LEANNE WITH A BOOK

IN HER HAND

LEANNE'S

*Favorite Things*

Decorating for  
Christmas

Brownies right  
out of the oven

Checking out a  
musical or play

Cheering on  
LSU football

Chatting about her  
newest Book Club read

A day at the beach  
with Matt

Girl's nights at a  
new restaurant

Binge watching home  
improvement shows

MATT TALKS  
about  
**Leanne**

**Leanne's nickname is "Plan Leanne". She is always organizing and planning our next adventure.**

On our third date, she told me if I thought this would work out between us it was time to renew my passport. Of course, I started the process that week! **She introduced me to what means to have "wanderlust" and together we have explored so many new cities and countries.** At the same time, she could spend hours at home on our couch curled up with a good book or being the loudest one in the room watching her favorite sports team. She is an amazing decorator and has turned our house into a beautiful home that we both love coming back to at the end of the day.



LEANNE'S PARENTS ARE A BIG PART OF OUR LIFE!



LSU ALUM, LEANNE BLEEDS PURPLE & GOLD



CELEBRATING LEANNE'S BIRTHDAY!



CHECKING OFF A BUCKET LIST ITEM - VISITING MACHU PICCHU!

**ABOVE ALL, I ADMIRE HOW LOYAL, COMPASSIONATE, AND RESILIENT SHE IS.** She faces adversity with determination and commitment, and is never afraid to stand up for what is important. She has worked hard to earn the role of Human Resources Director at a company that encourages working from home and adapting her schedule to meet our family's needs. She challenges me to try new things, reach for goals I never thought possible, and has inspired me to work hard to be a better man. **I know she will be a fierce advocate for our future children and give them the support to chase their biggest dreams.**



# Our Home

AND

# Community

We live in a vibrant and diverse community filled with access to culture, sports, education, and the outdoors.



WE LOVE CHALLENGING EACH OTHER IN TENNIS



FAMILY BAKING NIGHTS ARE A FAVORITE

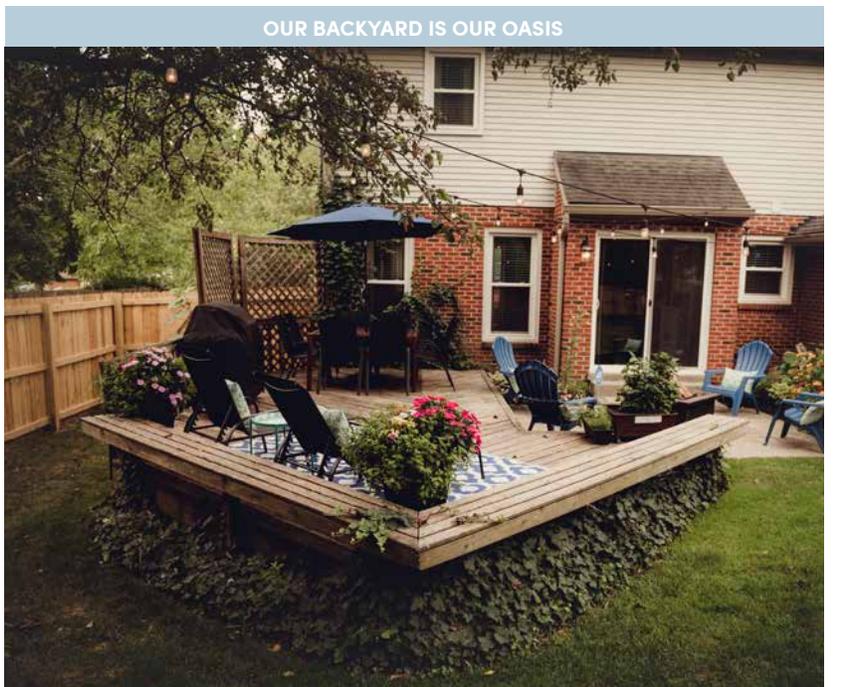


CHRISTMAS AT HOME IS MAGICAL

**Our city has the number two zoo in the country and is in the top ten for its local parks.**

It has a thriving arts community filled with theaters, music, and dance. Leanne even volunteers on the Board of Directors for the local children's theater and arts academy which is ranked as one of the best in the country.

**Our two story, 4 bedroom home is in a quiet neighborhood in the same suburb Leanne grew up in.** It has access to top-notch schools, and a sense of family that is brought to life through block parties, holiday celebrations, and the support of amazing neighbors. Our yard is perfect for building snowmen at Christmastime, swinging on a playset on the first warm day of spring, and running through the sprinkler on a hot afternoon.



OUR BACKYARD IS OUR OASIS



# Our Loved Ones

The people we love are the most important part of our lives. We are lucky to be surrounded by a tight-knit village of family and friends.

**Leanne's parents live in the same city, and we see them multiple times a week for family dinners or just to visit.** Leanne's brother and his wife live in New York City; so when they aren't visiting us, we take adventures to the big city to see them. **Matt's mom lives in Wisconsin, and his brother lives on a farm in Missouri.** Both places give us the opportunity to be surrounded by nature and wildlife.

**We are also so blessed to have friends who have become family.** Both of us have close circles with friendships spanning decades, most of whom live within a few miles of us. Our future child will be surrounded by lots of loving and fun grownups and become part of an instant crew of kids waiting for a new playmate.



FAMILY MAKES EVERY HOLIDAY MORE SPECIAL

OUR CHILD WILL BE PART OF AN INSTANT PLAYGROUP



FUN AT A BASEBALL GAME



WE LOVE GETTING DRESSED UP WITH FAMILY!



WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE VALUES OUR PARENTS INSTILLED IN US



WE HOPE TO CREATE LASTING MEMORIES WITH OUR OWN CHILDREN



LEANNE GOT THE TRAVEL BUG EARLY IN LIFE!



ONE LAST

Thank  
you!

**Raising a child will be the most important thing we ever do. We take the responsibility very seriously and commit to keeping our promises to you.**

We promise to give your child an incredible upbringing and shower them with affection.

We promise they will be welcomed into a warm family who celebrate what makes them uniquely special.

We promise to teach them to find joy and seek happiness.

We promise to cheer them on as they discover their passions.

We promise they will know you are the first page of their amazing story.

Together, we will plan the level of contact that feels right as we learn to navigate this unique relationship.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

