

ANGELA & MATT



Dear Birthmother,

Hello, we are Angela and Matt from Northern Virginia. Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter and to consider open adoption. We are excited to get to know you and form a relationship with you. We know open adoption is right for our family because our child will grow up knowing you! We want you to know that we are looking forward to providing a loving, nurturing, and positive home for your baby. We hope you enjoy reading our letter and we look forward to hearing from you!

Warmest Wishes,

Angela and Matt Bernier

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Our Story

As soon as we met in college, we knew that we had a strong bond and were meant to be together. After dating for five years, we were married on a beautiful June day in 2005. We are each others' confidants, cheerleaders, and best friends. We have a warm, nurturing relationship that is based upon open communication. We have devoted our lives to each other and are excited to dedicate our love and lives to our child.

Interests

Matt has been drawn to sports throughout his life as a player and a fan. He enjoys coaching volleyball for the local high school and looks forward to coaching our child's team to the championship! We look forward to taking our child to a variety of sporting events, especially college basketball and football. As dedicated football fans, our family will dress up in our favorite jerseys to root on the New York Giants football team. As an avid scrap-booker, Angela has a page already designed for the picture of our child wearing his or her first football jersey. We love to cook and as parents it will be amazing for us to have our child get his or her hands gooey rolling our family's favorite Italian meatball recipe or help him or her stir the sauce so it's just right. We also love to travel for family vacations. It will be so much fun exploring Disney World and having our child searching the park to find his or her favorite Disney characters to get autographs.



Our first date hiking at Great Falls National Park



Having fun on our vacation



Matt coaching his volleyball team during the first match of the season



One of our favorite places to visit, Universal Studios

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Family

We are so lucky to have a large, warm, and supportive family! They are so encouraging and can't wait to add a new addition to our family. We love to get together to share family dinners, birthdays and holidays. We are excited to share our Christmas tradition of a huge Italian style meal at Grandma's house in Rhode Island with our child. Nanny is thrilled to take her grandchild to the county fair and watch him or her enjoy the merry-go-round for the first time. Our child will get to enjoy regular trips to visit his or her cousins in Pennsylvania and California as well. It will be a special moment for us when we put our child in our laps and sled down the hill with our nephews following close behind. We consider our friends like family and look forward to having their children over for playdates, birthday parties and backyard summer cookouts.

Careers

Matt has a master's degree in physical therapy and loves his job as the director of physical therapy for an orthopedic surgeon. He is challenged every day to rehabilitate his patients so they can return to their daily activities. Angela has her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy and has her master's degree in special education. Angela treasures her job as a school-based occupational therapist and handwriting tutor. She finds it very fulfilling to see her students with special needs grow and develop their skills, so they may become more independent. Both of us feel education will be a strong background in our child's life and we plan to help him or her learn in and out of the classroom. Angela plans on taking time off of work when our child arrives and both of us have flexibility in our work schedules so we will be able to volunteer in our child's classroom or to go along on field trips.



Having a sledding race with our nephews Brandon and Jason



Getting ready to make a snowman with our nephew, Tyler



Angela reading with our friend, Ryan

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Home & Community

We are lucky to live in a neighborhood with many children for our child to play with. We can't wait to hear our child's laughter as he or she swings with friends on our swing set that is already built in our backyard or finds the best hiding space during a game of hide and seek.

We love where we live because we are a short drive or subway ride into Washington, DC. Our child will experience the amazement of standing underneath one of the last remaining supersonic jets when we visit the Air and Space Museum. We also look forward to learning about animals as a family and exploring the wonderful exhibits at the National Zoo, especially our favorites, the giant panda bears!

Our Pet

Parker is our loving and gentle Golden Retriever. Our friends' children love playing ball, running and getting kisses from him. We know our child and Parker will be the best of playmates, running around the backyard playing soccer with each other. Halloween is a holiday that will prove to be exciting as our child will be dressed up in his or her favorite costume with Parker tagging behind as "Spiderman."

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter! We would love to find out more about you and the dreams you have for your child.



Playing hide and seek at the park with our God-daughter, Kaylynn



Taking a tour of Washington, D.C. on Segways



Friends Sydney and Cole giving Parker hugs and kisses

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