

# AMY & MATT





# Dear Expectant PARENT'S

**Hello, we are *Amy and Matt!***

Thank you for taking the time to read our story and learn more about us as prospective parents while you contemplate difficult decisions concerning your path. We hope that you will be able to see the love we have for each other, our children, and potential future child.







## Our Story

We met at work when we were assigned to work on a team in 2008. When we realized we had a mutual interest in tennis (and each other!), we joined our company's "40-Love" tennis league and started dating after a few tennis outings. We became partners in running, traveling, and rental real estate. Through courtship, marriage in 2013, and two children later, our love for each other and our family has grown.



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AND RENTAL REAL ESTATE. ”



The happiest part of our life has been nurturing and experiencing life with our miracle twin girls, who were born in 2015. Despite being born very early, they are thriving and happy. We have always wanted more children, as we come from larger families, and because we have enjoyed our twins so much, want to share our love with more children. After many years of painful infertility challenges, we are now following an adoption path, as we strongly desire to share the love in our home with another child. We cannot imagine the challenges you are working through, and we appreciate your consideration as we hope for courage, strength, and peace for you throughout this process.



# Meet Amy through Matt's Eyes

Amy is simply an amazing person who inspires me. She is kind, strong, funny, and empathetic. These attributes make her a great mother, wife, and friend. When I first met her, she was simply the cute financial analyst who sat one aisle over from me in a cube farm at work. Today, I see her as a loving and supportive mother who tirelessly strives to provide the conditions for our kids' long-term happiness and success. I witnessed her love for children long before our own, as she has always gravitated towards her nieces and nephews during family gatherings.

Amy is also a great spouse – the small things she does make each day joyful. Whether grabbing me a glass of ice water after a run or truly listening when she asks how my workday was, I feel supported and heard. While day-to-day she enjoys outdoor activities, her deeper passion is traveling.



Amy at zoo in Arizona

Disney World has proven to be a yearly staple, and recently, Amy has organized trips for us to Aruba, Hawaii, and New Zealand. She loves lining up cool activities to get the most out of each day. When we are not traveling, we hike nearly every weekend and attend the girls' sports and functions.

While Amy used to be a financial analyst, since the girls were born, she has been a stay-at-home mom, a role that she plans to continue should we be fortunate enough to have an adopted child. She has more love to give and the time and energy to give it her all. She is an outstanding mother and would be outstanding for another child.



Amy at Niagara Falls with Daughters



Amy hiking in Tucson Arizona



# Meet Matt through Amy's Eyes



**Matt in UAE with camel**

I've have witnessed Matt grow from a carefree single adult to an amazing husband and a supportive and caring father. During our dating years, we spent a lot of time running and playing tennis together. He loves the outdoors and doing active things whenever he can. As a child, Matt was in a Boy Scout troop that frequently camped and hiked. He loves sharing these same types of adventures with our girls. Matt is a family man and loves to share each of the holidays with whichever relatives and friends are around.

**Matt at Taj Mahal**



**Matt at Sophia's school reading to class**

Family is a big part of his life and during get-togethers, he loves to spend time being a big kid with the younger family members.

Matt is an extrovert who loves to meet new people and listen to their stories. Matt enjoys being a father and takes every opportunity to help share his insight and knowledge with our girls. He works very hard to provide for us. When he's not working, he enjoys nothing more than spending time doing activities with our family. He is my best friend and I'm blessed to have him with me in life.



# Big Sisters **Sophia** and **Madison**



Sophia and Madison could not be more excited for a new sibling. At school, they know the little brothers and sisters of their classmates, and genuinely enjoy their presence. When we have playdates, the girls are inclusive and patient, and enjoy sharing with and teaching smaller children and getting them involved in games and play. Their favorite part of family get-togethers is playing with numerous cousins and letting loose. We've had many conversations about adoption with the girls, and they are just as excited as we are!



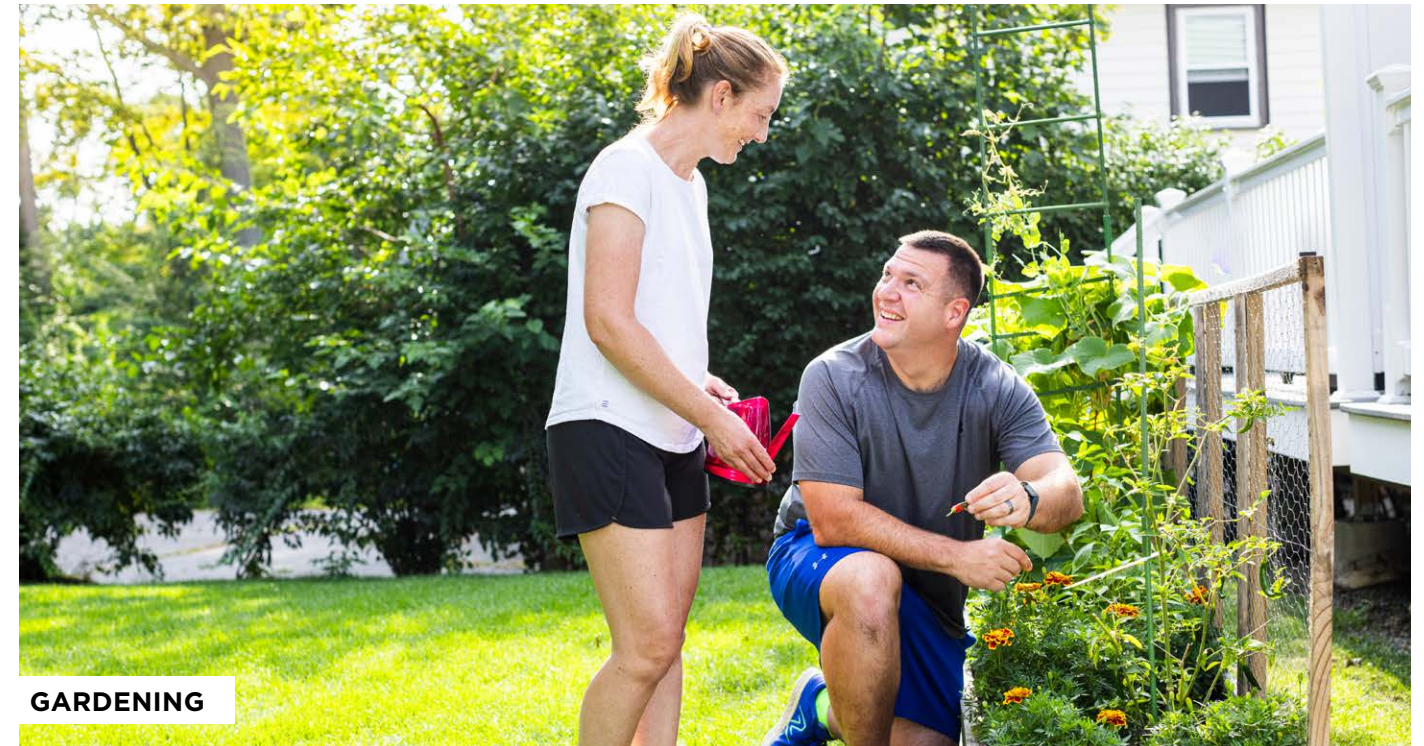


# Our Home

The house was constructed in 2019, and we are the original owners. We bought it with our growing family in mind, and there is an extra bedroom waiting for another child. Our backyard is partially fenced, and there is lush grass thanks to irrigation. We have two raised garden beds where we grow vegetables that we eat each summer and fall.



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**GARDENING**



**Amy and Matt with daughters coloring**

Our town provides us with an outstanding sense of community that we’ve never felt before. We live in a Boston suburb on a beautiful lake next to our town’s Common and large playground! The community is incredibly vibrant, with continuous activities at the library, on the Common, and even weekly 5k races around the lake. We are walking distance to the restaurants on Main Street, which includes an old-school 1950s-style ice cream parlor, and to a stop on the commuter rail that goes right into the heart of Boston. Some Fridays after school, we take the girls into the city to explore.



**Backyard BBQ 4th of July**



# Our Family



Hiking with extended family

We have strong bonds with our extended families, and most vacations generally involve traveling with and to them. Amy's mother and stepfather are less than an hour away and are a meaningful and weekly presence in our lives and incredibly helpful. Amy's father lives in Florida and we spend a couple weeks each year down there.

Matt's parents have been married for 54 years and live in Upstate NY.



Disney



Grandpa with Daughters

The 4th of July celebration in their town, including parade, games, and fireworks, is fun and we go to NY each year for several weeks.

Visits to Amy's siblings in Maine and Virginia and one of Matt's sisters in New Zealand provides a connection that can't be replicated through FaceTime and calls alone. Matt's other sister is 30-minutes away, and her home is where our families hang out on a routine basis. The cousins all have a blast together!



Daughter Sophia holding baby cousin's hand



# Traditions, Hobbies and Interests

**Family Tennis**

## Hiking

Growing up in Colorado in their earliest years, the girls associate hiking as the activity families do together. Despite moving from Colorado to Massachusetts, it is the primary activity we engage in as a family. Local high-peak mountains are our favorites and we pack a lunch to eat at the top. These adventures strengthen our family bond by talking and having silly conversations along the way.



**Amy & Matt Ithaca, NY**

## Physical Fitness

We value fitness as an enabler to a happier life. Physical activity brought us together before children and we've tried to instill that same enthusiasm in our girls. They swim and play soccer. Madison started Judo in 2022 and Sophia has been doing gymnastics since 2021. We love to go to the girls' practices and competitions to cheer them on. We would like nothing more than to nurture another member of our family on their own journey.

## Library

Our family loves to read. We have hundreds of books around the house. Weekly, we visit the town library, which has a great selection of books and fun, enriching child classes. We sign up for these activities whenever our schedule allows us.

**Baseball game**



## Traveling

We travel every year to visit family in Maine, New York, and Florida, or to bucket list destinations. We love taking flights and believe the journey is part of the adventure. Our 2023 trip to New Zealand to visit Matt's sister and her family was a great experience that brought our extended family closer. We make a point to include the girls in vacation destination decisions. We plan to do the same with a new little one.

“OUR FAMILY  
LOVES TO READ.”



**Matt & Amy Disney Marathon**



# Our Promises To You

We promise to provide your child with the love, support, and resources to achieve their dreams.

We promise to be open with you and share their growth and developments, to the level you're comfortable with.

We promise they will learn about where they came from because you are a critical part of their story.

We want you to know that we have the utmost respect for you and believe you are a brave and courageous woman, who is making a difficult decision about her life and the life of the child. We wish you peace on your journey.

“ WE BELIEVE YOU ARE A BRAVE  
AND COURAGEOUS WOMAN. ”







## BACKCOUNTRY VALANCHE DANGER

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2. Got the training?  
3. Got the gear?

SHOULD YOU CONTINUE TODAY?

New Zealand Government

Department of Conservation  
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**Kea Point** ↑ 1.7km / 30 min  
**Sealy Tarns** ↑ 2.5km / 2 hr  
Height gain 600 mtrs  
**Mueller Hut** ↑ 5.2km / 4-5 hr  
Height gain 1,000 mtrs

