Hello! We are Matt and Maria Johnson and we are excited to share our story!

Thank you for taking a moment to view our profile and for considering us as prospective adoptive parents. We cannot imagine how you are feeling right now but we are so grateful for the love that you are demonstrating by considering an adoption plan for your child. We know that you want the best for your child and we can make a promise to you that we will devote our lives to love and care for him or her. We also want to assure you that we are sensitive to your needs and wants at this time and throughout this process. In these pages you can get a glimpse of all that we have to offer to your child.
A little about us...

Our life together officially started on May 7, 2011 when we stood in front of our family and friends to say “I Do”. Since then, our lives have been pretty good. We have jobs we love, a cozy home, and wonderful family and friends. We have been looking forward to growing our family for several years and although we struggle with infertility, we have always considered adoption. We anticipate that being parents will be a demanding yet fulfilling job and are looking forward to all it entails.

5 Things that make us happy

1. Family and Friends
2. Our Pets
3. Traveling
4. Shopping
5. Holidays
Our Pets

We currently have 2 pets; a dog named Scout and a cat named Winston. Scout and Winston are a big part of our lives! Winston was the first to join our family. We found him as a stray cat in our neighborhood. He quickly won our hearts with his silly yet loving ways. Our vet estimates that he is about 13 years old. You can usually find Winston lounging in his cat house watching the birds out our front window. We rescued Scout from the humane society in 2010. He was just 6 months old and a very sparky little puppy. Today Scout loves to go on car rides and cuddle. He is excellent with people including children.

Home is where the heart is...

WE LIVE IN A COZY ONE STORY HOME, LOCATED IN A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD, IN LA CROSSE WISCONSIN. IT IS CLOSE TO MANY EXCELLENT SCHOOLS, THE LIBRARY, PARKS, AND EVEN THE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM! WE HAVE VERY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS AND LOTS OF OTHER CHILDREN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE ARE ALSO FORTUNATE TO HAVE A LARGE FENCED IN YARD WITH LOTS OF ROOM TO PLAY AND EXPLORE.
Meet Maria
Written by Matt

Maria’s heart is as big and warm as her hugs! She has a gentle and loving nature about her that even a perfect stranger would recognize. Maria graduated from Viterbo University in La Crosse with a bachelor’s degree in Broad Field Social Studies and minors in History and Sociology. She has worked as a Member Service Representative at Gundersen Credit Union since 2009. When Maria has free time, you can find her reading a good book or spending quality time with her family. She loves to be around children and is going to make an outstanding mother to one lucky child.
Meet Matt
Written by Maria

Matt is a very loving, kind, and supportive husband and friend to many. He is someone that I trust and can always count on. In high school Matt was on the football and baseball team. Although he no longer plays on a team, his love for the sports has not faded. He is an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Twins. He works at his family owned company, Bakalars Sausage Company, as a supervisor since 2009. He is my rock and the protector of our family. Matt is going to make an amazing father!
**Matt's Favorites**

- Color – Blue
- Food – Italian, Chinese, & Mexican
- Movie – Star Wars
- Holiday – Christmas
- Football team – Vikings
- Baseball team – Twins
- Animal – Dog

**Maria's Favorites**

- Color – Purple
- Food – Cheese Cake
- Holiday – Christmas Season - Fall
- Movie – Love Actually
- Book – Safe Haven
- Animal – Horse

**We Love to Travel! Some of the places we have visited...**

- Disney World
- Las Vegas
- Virgin Islands
- Mexico
- Key West, FL

**Things we like to do together...**

- We have a close family and love to spend time with each other
- Going to Viking and Twin games
- Going out to dinner and movies
Our Spiritual Life...

Faith is an important part of our life. We attend church every Sunday at Bethany Evangelical Free Church. Our intentions will be to attend church, help teach, and support a strong spiritual life with our child.

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5 of our favorite family traditions

1. Decorating our Christmas tree and baking holiday treats
2. Trick or Treating with family on Halloween
3. Going to the Oktoberfest Parade and carnival
4. Grilling out and watching the firework show on the 4th of July
5. Our yearly trips to the apple orchards.
A special note...

We would like to thank you again for taking the time to get to know us! We welcome any questions that you may have and look forward to hearing back from you!

Matt & Maria Johnson

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We would love to hear from you!

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