

JUSTIN & MATT





Hello!

— WE ARE —

JUSTIN, MATT & TUCKER

from the Chicago area



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ OUR PROFILE!



We feel so fortunate that we were able to grow our family through the adoption of our son, Tucker, and we are so excited to expand our family yet again. We are thankful for our ongoing relationship with Tucker's birth parents and we hope to have the opportunity to build a relationship with you.

We want to express our admiration for you and our hope that you're getting all the support you need.

We admire your strength and courage. If you choose our family, we promise that your child will always know of your love and sacrifice. This profile will give

you a chance to learn more about our family and our desire to fill a child's life with love, security, and stability.

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



We met over

17 YEARS

AGO AND QUICKLY
— BECAME —
INSEPARABLE.



People say that opposites attract, and this is certainly true for us.

Where Matt is organized, structured, and always planning for the future, Justin is spontaneous, free spirited, and lives in the moment.



Bustin' a move on our wedding day

While our personalities may differ, we complement each other in a way that makes us both better people and a stronger team. In 2013, we were married in a ceremony surrounded by family and friends. **Our desire to have a family and create shared experiences/traditions has always been a dream of ours.**



Having a blast learning to make pasta

— WE ENJOY —
TRAVELING & EXPLORING
— NEW PLACES —



Cave exploring on vacation

As a couple, we have had the opportunity to travel all over and experience different cultures and climates.

As parents, we strive to share our love for exploration, new adventures, and learning with our children.





Farm fun with Tucker

MEET JUSTIN

by Justin

I grew up in Wisconsin in a very active family; the youngest of three children.



My family spent summers at our cabin, going on nature walks, swimming, boating, and fishing. We would roast marshmallows, sing, and play games before crashing into the bunks at night. Now, I delight in watching Tucker share these same experiences with his cousins.

As a former performer and now kindergarten teacher, I love sharing my love for singing

and dancing with children. As a husband and father, my day would not be complete without a spontaneous dance party, sing-along, tickle-fest, and an exchange of laughter. I am a contagiously-optimistic person.

I enjoy the simple things in life and treasure experiences more than material things.

I LOVE TO LAUGH, SING, DANCE, AND BE SILLY.

I ALSO ENJOY COOKING, HIKING, TRAVELING AND SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Justin has a passion for performing



Justin loves his job as a teacher

FAVORITES

MUSICAL ARTIST:

■ Lake Street Dive

PLACE TO

TAKE A CHILD:

■ A nature hike

CHILDREN'S BOOK:

■ The Family Book by Todd Parr

ANIMAL:

■ Elephant

SEASONAL ACTIVITY:

■ Hockey/Ice skating

PERFECT DAY:

■ A beach day that ends with roasting marshmallows by the fire

ICE CREAM:

■ Anything that includes peanut butter, caramel, and/or chocolate

VACATION SPOT:

■ Clam Lake, Wisconsin





Vacationing in New York

MEET MATT

by Matt



Matt with his twin brother

I was born and raised in Upstate New York in a loving home with my parents and three siblings.

AS A LIFE-LONG EDUCATOR, I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE

COMPASSIONATE, LOVING, ORGANIZED, HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, DRIVEN, AND ACCEPTING.

I love being a father and husband. Some of my favorite family times are cooking breakfast together on the weekend, taking walks to the park, and playing in the yard. I also love creating lasting family traditions. In my downtime I enjoy running, biking, listening to music, drawing, and learning new things. I cannot wait to add another member to our family.

I have an identical twin brother who I am very close with. Growing up, I enjoyed playing sports with my brothers, playing outside with the neighborhood kids, and spending vacations and holidays with my cousins. **I grew up in a home with many family traditions and I enjoy creating similar traditions with my own family.** Christmas would not be complete without homemade cookies, a gingerbread house, reading "Twas The Night Before Christmas", and matching pajamas for the entire family.

Story time with Tucker



Enjoying time with our nephew

FAVORITES

ICE CREAM

FLAVOR:

■ Mint
chocolate chip

ACCESSORIES:

■ Watches and
sunglasses

HOBBY:

■ Running
and listening
to podcasts

PLACE TO

TAKE A CHILD:

■ Water park

ANIMAL:

■ Giraffe

DESSERT:

■ Peanut
butter pie

MUSICAL

INSTRUMENT:

■ Saxophone

PERFECT DAY:

■ Sleeping
in, yoga,
breakfast
with family,
hike, visit to
the beach,
cook out,
camp fire



Tucker can't wait to be a big brother!



Having fun at our 4th of July block party

Home sweet home



— OUR —
HOME &
COMMUNITY

Our home is in a safe, friendly neighborhood in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, with a great school district.



MEET TUCKER

Tucker is 2-years-old and joined our family through adoption.

We are grateful to have an open adoption with his birth parents and were blessed to be a part of his birth. Tucker loves to

laugh and be silly, and his giggle is truly contagious. He enjoys playing outside, going to the park, and trains. Luckily, we live a block from a commuter train so our daily walks are the highlight of his day. **Tucker loves any baby that he sees and is very excited to be a big brother.**



Our neighbors are also our friends, and they are part of our daily lives. The neighborhood has block parties, a 4th of July parade, a farmer's market, and concerts on the square. Our streets and local parks are overflowing with children. There are lots of restaurants, shopping, and community events just blocks away, along with a forest preserve. **With the train just two blocks away, we enjoy regular trips to downtown Chicago to enjoy all the city has to offer.**

— WE —
ABSOLUTELY LOVE
RAISING OUR FAMILY HERE!



Fun at the park

Meet

OUR LOVED ONES



Justin's family at the cabin

We feel lucky to have amazing and supportive families, and we spend as much time as possible with them.

We have four nieces (Lily, Tobi, Tessa, and Kinley) and three nephews (Khaya, Wyatt, and Logan).

We absolutely adore them and are seen as the fun and energetic uncles. Annual trips to our cabin with Justin's family and Lake Erie with Matt's family are always memorable. Tucker always looks forward to any family visit, especially with Nani and Papi, and Grandpa and Grandma. **Our entire family is eager to welcome a new baby.**



Our niece and nephew

Snow day with cousins



Matt's family in 80's outfits at the lake house



Matt's side of the family

— MEET RAINA —

Raina is a sweet 15-year-old lab mix. She enjoys going for walks, bathing in the sun, and kissing everyone in sight. **Raina is a wonderful companion for children.**



Best friends forever!

OUR
PROMISE
— TO —
YOU



- We will ensure that your child will always know **how much you love them.**
- We will fill your child's life with **love, laughter, and fun.**
- **We will support and protect your child** through all of life's joys and challenges.
- We will encourage your child to **follow their dreams.**
- We will nurture and **advocate for your child's education and learning.**
- We cannot wait to fulfill our dream of **growing our family.**
- We will provide your child with **stability, security, and opportunity.**



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WITH LOVE,
**JUSTIN, MATT
& TUCKER**