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**Matt**

**Terry**

Job Description:

Need

Need

Education:

Need

Need

Favorites:

**Hobby**  
Golf

**Hobby**  
Reading

**Shopping Store**  
Brooks Brothers

**Shopping Store**  
Ann Taylor

**Sport to Play**  
Golf

**Sport to Play**  
Ski

**Subject in School**  
History

**Subject in School**  
English

**Quality About Spouse**  
Loyalty

**Quality About Spouse**  
Determination

Children:

Luke (Age 3)

**How Adoption Has Affected Us Personally**

We are fortunate to be a part of an amazing adoption experience. Fifty-six years ago my Father's Mother placed a set of twins, a boy and girl, for adoption. You might guess that back in those days adoption was a very hush-hush thing so my Father and his two younger brothers knew nothing of the birth of younger siblings let alone their being placed for adoption. My Father's Mother was foreign to the United States, barely established here from the Ukraine; they were financially strapped and could not afford to take care of two more children. My Father's Mother has since passed away, so we can only piece this story together through the twins and a few adoption records.

I received a call one day, from the twins, asking many probing questions about my family history, specifically my Father. He knew nothing about any adoption and was very skeptical, as you can imagine, about having any other siblings, than the brothers he grew up with. My Father spoke with the twins and sure enough; they are his youngest siblings. Their names are Jack and Jill and today we share a very special bond with them. Since our first meeting ten years ago; they have been a very intricate part of our family. My Father is overjoyed to have them in his life; he is grateful that he has the chance, now, to spend time with them. They mean so much to him and to our family and we cannot imagine life without them.

This entire experience has taught us so much; most importantly it will constantly remind us to make sure your child knows the amazing sacrifice you made out of your love for him or her and the importance of keeping an open relationship with you.

**Favorite Vacation Spots**

One of our fondest memories from growing up is family vacations. Terry's family loved to travel and Matt's family would always spend part of the summer at the Jersey shore. Since vacation was such an enjoyable memory for our families growing up, both of our parents decided to make investments with their grandchildren in mind.

Matt's parents now reside at the beach and it's an open invitation to the family all summer long. Our son Luke enjoys going down to Nana and Pop's beach house and his days are always filled with adventures and excursions. He not only spends time on the beach, but he also goes crabbing, plays mini-golf, goes to the play parks, and there is even a water park that has a section for toddlers. He mostly enjoys spending the weekend in the presence of his cousins.



**Luke and Daddy Playing Baseball on the Beach**

Terry's parents invested in time shares for the family to enjoy. We are fortunate that one of the time shares is in Disney World. It's always a treat to spend a week with Mickey, Mini and let's not forget about Donald Duck. The best part of the trip is to see all the children get excited as we enter the park. All the cousins will race from ride to ride and spend the evening debating over the best part of the day.

Terry's parents also, recently, bought a beach house in the same town as Matt's parents, so Nana and Pop's house and Grandma and Pop Pop's house will be only a short ride down the road!

## What We Like Most About Being Parents

There is nothing greater as parents than the love of a child. We love to be able to see the excitement through our child's eyes. Luke is a happy, loving and adventurous three-year-old who loves to get the most out of his day. Terry has always desired to be a stay-at-home mom and due to a company merger last year, she was afforded this opportunity. Luke goes to preschool in the mornings and the rest of the day is a whirlwind of activity. From the second Luke climbs into the car at pickup, he excitedly asks "what are our plans today?", "where are we going?", or "who can I play with?" Terry and Luke fill their afternoons with neighborhood play dates, library story time, Little Gym sports class, and most recently he asked to go back to his soccer class! Luke enjoys story time at Barnes and Noble which is followed by a craft and a visit to the infamous Thomas the Tank train table. The evenings are "wind down" time. Luke loves to sit on his bed with Mommy and Daddy and read one or two of his favorite bedtime stories. Weekends are filled with family activities, whether it is a trip to the beach or an outing to one of the cousin's sporting events- one thing is for sure, it is always a blast!



Visiting the Pumpkin Patch with Luke



Breakfast at Disney with Donald Duck

We look forward to sharing these same special moments with your child. We will provide them with the same strong morals and values that were modeled into us by our parents. We believe that a strong education is of the utmost importance and we will ensure that your child has the skills necessary to be a success at whatever they want to be!

## Our Extended Families



Church Event with Terry's Family



Our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl with Matt's Family

We chose to live in Northern New Jersey so that we could both be close to our families. Terry is one of three children whose parents live less than 2 miles from our house. Terry's brother and his family live about a half a mile from our house and Terry's sister is only a 35 minute drive away. We often get together for family dinners at Terry's parents who the grand-kids refer to as "Grandma and Pop Pop." Luke and his cousins love to organize a game of soccer or baseball in the big backyard or just run around and play hide and seek.

Matt is one of five children. Matt's siblings all live within a 25 mile radius of our house with two of his siblings living within a 10 minute drive from our house. Matt's only sister lives right in our town so our children are in the same school system which is fun. Matt's parents live at the beach so our summers are spent vacationing at their house.

The summers are always event filled with much of our time being spent with family at the beach. We are fortunate that both of our parents have beach houses so Luke spends these weekends with his many cousins, he is one of 11! He enjoys learning to play sports from his older cousins and likes to be a big boy helper to his new baby cousin! We love to take the kids out for an afternoon on the boat which often goes along with a fishing or crabbing tournament amongst the cousins. This is typically followed up by a family barbeque and a competitive match of horseshoes.

Fall is also an exciting time as Matt's family hosts an annual Turkey Day Bowl. This is a fun filled family event in which all generations participate in a flag football game. Nana patiently watches the younger children as they cheer for their favorite team. Afterward, we gather together at Aunt Patrice and Uncle Kyle's house for an award ceremony-the kids love this!

We were both raised in Catholic families and are blessed with parents who have modeled what it means to be married. Terry's parents have been married for 44 years and Matt's parents have been married for 45 years. Our parents and siblings get along well and we often celebrate holidays with both sides of the family. They are all anxiously awaiting the newest addition to our family and are thrilled with our decision to adopt.



**Our Home**

**Our House & Neighborhood**



We moved to the suburbs seven years ago with the intention of starting our family. Our home is located in Northern New Jersey, just 30 minutes outside of New York City. We live in a spacious home with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a living room, dining room and oversized family room. We recently converted one of the bedrooms into a large playroom- it is decorated with trucks and blocks and we must admit we are anxious to see tea pots and baby dolls in the mix of Luke's toys. We have a spacious deck off the back of the house that looks out over the backyard.

We live in a community with many young families and our school district is rated amongst the best in the state. Our home is nestled on a quiet neighborhood street that is comprised of families with young children and numerous neighbors have babies on the way! Everyone looks out for each other and our kids regularly get together in one of the yards to play. When the weather starts to get warmer, the neighbors often gather together for outdoor barbecues and a game of baseball or horseshoes. Once a year all of the neighbors get together for our annual block party. The kids love the bounce house and face painting and the adults love to catch up with one another.

We chose the town that we live in with children in mind. Our town sponsors numerous family events throughout the year such as town fairs, pancake breakfasts, movie nights and the yearly breakfast with Santa, which is always a big hit! We are surrounded by beautiful parks and playgrounds which is a big meeting area for the families to get together. We are conveniently located about 1 1/2 hours from the beach and only thirty minutes from New York City.



**Helicopter Tour of Hawaii**

**Matt & Terry**



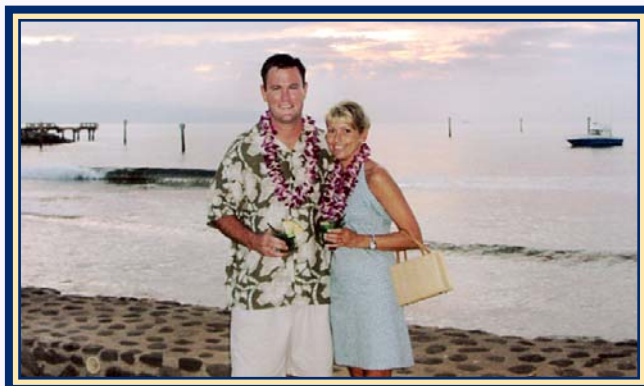
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**Cooling Off**



**Vacationing in Hawaii**

## Dear Birthparent(s),

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We love being parents and feel our personal strengths as individuals, fostered by our loving families, have made us the individuals we are today. Terry's sense of humor makes her incredible at dispelling a simple temper tantrum to being the brunt of anyone's joke; she is the first to diffuse the situation and the first to laugh at her self. She has a strong commitment and love towards family, making her fiercely loyal to ensuring the welfare of our family; she is bar none a terrific Mother and wife. Matt is one of the most loyal, honest, and hardworking individuals I have ever met! His work ethic, love for learning and ability to get the job done, is unparalleled, but he has a warm and sensitive side, making him perfect for hugs when a day just didn't go so well. His closeness to family is what I love most about him and I couldn't have asked for a better Father to our children or better husband.

Our family is beyond excited about the opportunity of hope that adoption brings to us. There hasn't been a day that has gone by that our three year old son Luke hasn't asked when his baby sister is coming home. We are fortunate enough to live in a development of young families where Luke is surrounded by friends, all of which have younger siblings or ones on the way. Luke constantly asks when he can be an older brother like his friends.

We enjoy life and share our love as a couple with family and friends. We look forward to all of the excitement that another member of our family will bring and will treat each day with your daughter as a gift from God. She will understand the loving sacrifice that you made and will always know just how much you love her. We look forward to sharing pictures and stories with you and can only hope that we fulfill all of things you want for your daughter throughout her lifetime.

The fall is filled with trips to the apple orchard, pumpkin picking, jumping into leave piles and the annual family Thanksgiving flag football tradition- The Turkey Bowl. Winters are fun too; we love sleigh riding, skiing and an occasional good old fashion snow ball fight with the cousins.

We were both raised to understand what an important role God plays in our lives and attend church on Sunday to give thanks. We will encourage our children to learn about Christianity and will share with them what an important role it has played in our lives. We also believe a good education and positive reinforcement play such an important role in a child's life. We both view our parents as role models and have committed ourselves to being the same for our children as well.

We can't thank you enough for taking the time to read our profile and wish you nothing but peace in your decision. Should we be fortunate enough to receive your consideration we look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

May God bless and keep you,

**Matt and Terry**



## **Comments from Angie at the agency:**

Hi guys! This looks great. I only have a few minor suggestions. Looks wonderful!

**Page One: Need Job Description and Education for both.**

**Page One: How Adoption Has Affected Us Personally:**

Not sure which one of you this is from. I would put that it is either written by Matt or by Terry.

**Page Four: Birth Parent Letter:**

it would be great to hear a bit about you two as a couple. how did you meet? how long have you been together? Also, although we do not want you to focus on infertility...it is helpful to birth mothers to know what brought you to adoption. I feel that should be added to the letter.

You can email any changes to [dgs@kclive.com](mailto:dgs@kclive.com)