

Life is beautiful.
It's about giving.
It's about family.

-Walt Disney

MEET

Amanda, Matt & Chase



Thank you for taking the time to consider us for this important decision. We admire your strength and respect the incredible gift you are giving. We hope you can get to know us through our book. We hope you can feel the love we have for the special family and friends we are so fortunate to have in our lives.

About Matt



Growing up in the '90s, Matt couldn't get enough MTV. He had no idea that his first job out of college would send him to New York City to work in those same offices. Working in a big city for a big network led to many great experiences that helped shape his life.

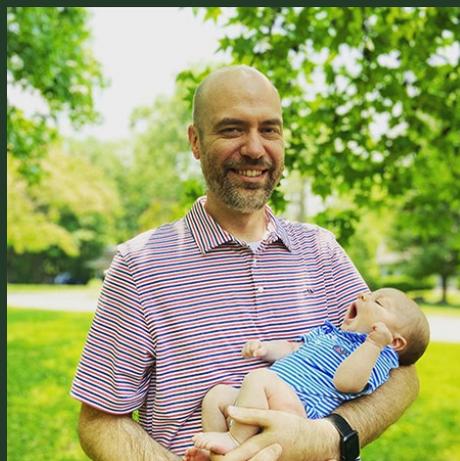
Matt has produced/edited videos for 17 years. It allows him to have fun earning a living, meet his heroes, and maintain a flexible schedule that allows him to spend time with his family.

Matt loves sports and entertainment, so going to baseball games and movies are near the top of his list of favorite things. He also enjoys bowling and golf, and he tries to take a long walk every day. It's a great way to clear the mind and spend time with the family and dogs.

When Matt was growing up, it pained him to see people feeling left out. So, he always tried to be as inclusive as possible.

Sometimes that meant cramming 15 or more friends into his parents' basement to hang out. His parents never protested. They liked his friends and enjoyed knowing they were having fun in a safe environment.

Matt tries to carry that kindness and inclusive spirit everywhere he goes, and he hopes to provide a safe space for his kids and all of their friends someday.



MATT'S HOBBIES

- Bowling • Golf
- Nonfiction books
- Philadelphia sports
- St. Louis sports
- Fantasy football
- Video games • Grilling

About Amanda

Mandy works as an audiologist and professor. She spends her life empowering others to break through their physical/emotional barriers and live well. Her students and patients know anything is possible because she has overcome many of these challenges herself.

She enjoys spending time with her family, whether taking a walk, cooking a meal, watching TV on the couch, cheering at a baseball game, or visiting a new city for work or pleasure.

Mandy is focused on serving and empowering others. She is a wonderful mother and partner. She has a way of bringing out the best in others and always motivates people around her to be better.



AMANDA'S HOBBIES

- Cross-stitching
- Rom Com Movies
- Finding the perfect cookbook and making its recipes
- Visiting the animals at Grant's Farm (the kids love it, too!)
- Crafting • Collecting Bicentennial quarters
- Collecting Jadeite dishes



OUR JOURNEY



When Matt turned 25, he traveled from New York to Pennsylvania to celebrate with his family and friends. “Devon is bringing a friend,” his mother told him when they picked him up at the bus station. He had no idea that friend was someone he would never want to be without, and years later, Matt and Mandy would build a life together better than anything they ever imagined as kids.

Our time as a family has included constructing a new home, completing educational degrees, new and exciting career paths, a small petting zoo of dogs and cats, and - the most amazing part of all - our son, Chase. After years of trying to conceive, we became a family of three and have enjoyed every adventure that has come with it. We are looking forward to growing our family through adoption.

WHAT ADOPTION *Means to Us*

Adoption is a way to grow our family and to love unconditionally. We have always known that we wanted to adopt children and be a part of the incredible team that loves, nurtures, raises, and supports a child. You are the biggest part of this team as you have given life and immediate love to this child. We want to help raise your child, and offer as many opportunities as we can.



Family

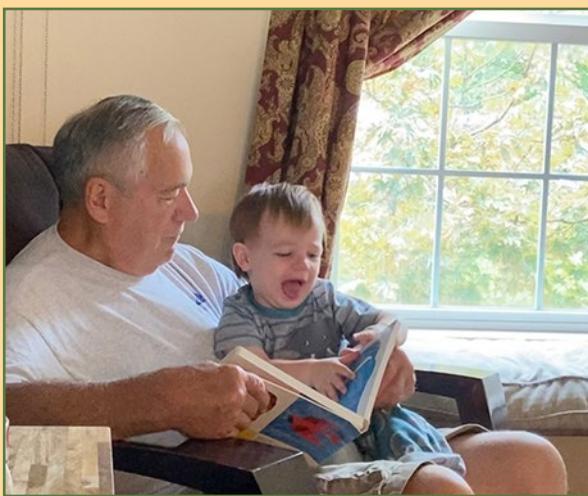
Family is very important to us. We are both very close to our parents, siblings, aunts/uncles, and cousins. The more the merrier!

Matt's family live outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents are both teachers and have been married for 45 years. While Matt is an only child, he is extremely close with his two cousins Josh and Andrew and their families. In 2020, there were 3 babies in the family, making get-togethers very fun and chaotic. Matt and Mandy visit Pennsylvania several times a year to visit with everyone.



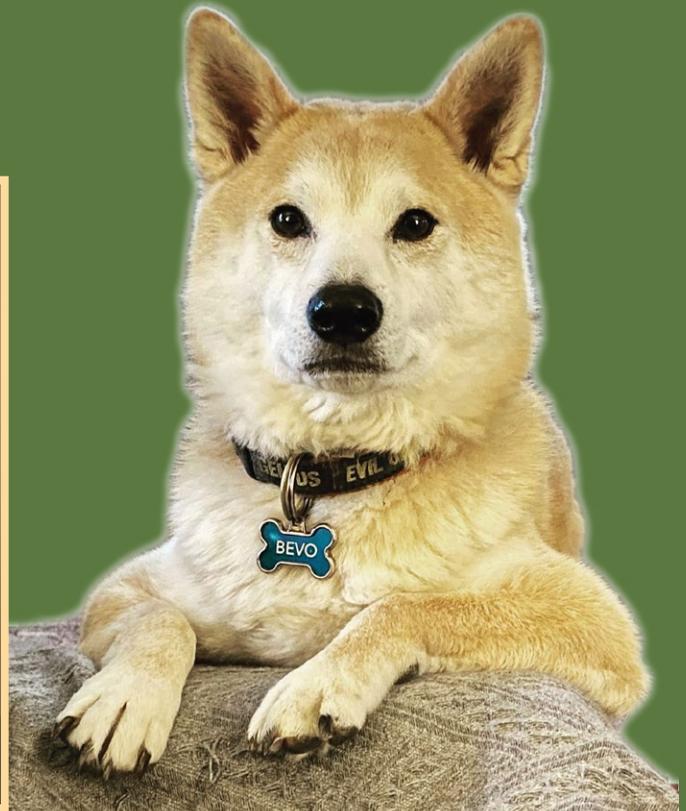
love makes a family

Mandy's family lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Her father and now brother own a construction business, so she grew up around tools, projects, and remodels. Mandy's parents will be married 50 years in 2022! She has two older siblings: Matt and Emmy. They are both married with families of 3 children each. Mandy's family all live within a 10-mile radius and are very close. We are known to drop by for visits frequently.



HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a fantastic neighborhood with parks, restaurants, and more. We love our home and plan to stay here for the long haul. We have two dogs and three cats who all get along and are incredibly loving. Everyone who visits remarks on the parade of friendly animals that greet them at the door!



Matt and Mandy have many friends in St. Louis and across the United States. In addition, many of our friends have young kids that are perfect for our son Chase and a future child. We love to socialize with our friends, going to baseball games, having playdates in the park, or just going out to dinner.

FRIENDS

There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family.

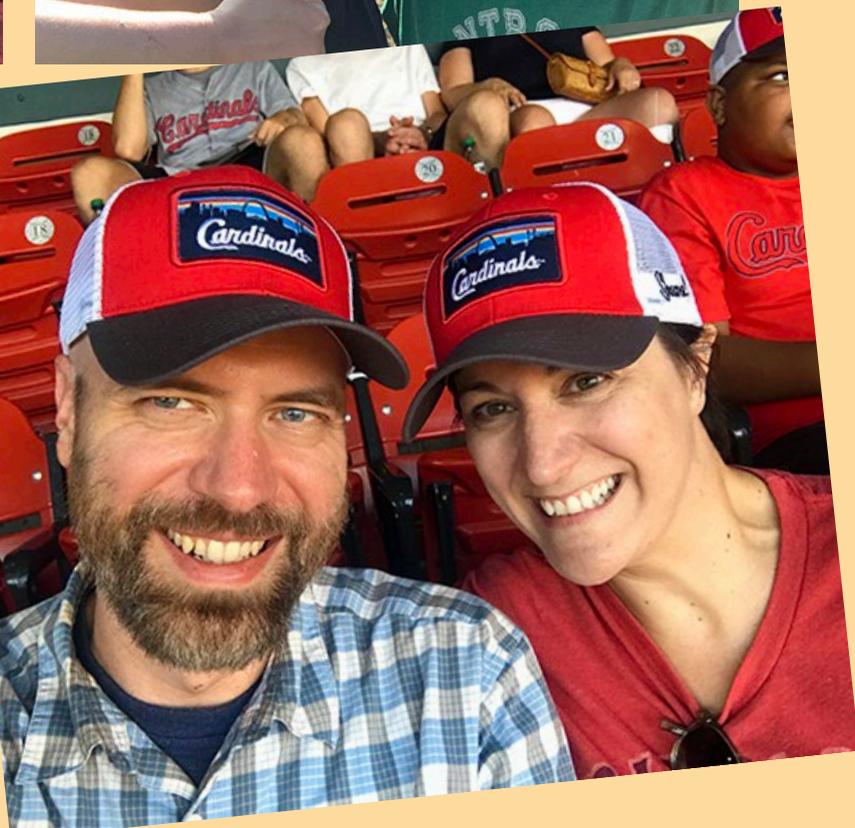


life together

Some things we enjoy together:

Long walks with dogs/family • Weekend Getaways • Trying new restaurants/
visiting old favorites • Sci-Fi/Fantasy books • Going to baseball games •
Movies (love theater movies but have a HUGE collection)





DEAR BIRTHPARENT(S)

Thank you for considering us to help raise your child. We promise that we will provide both love and support as well as fun and adventure for your little one. We will take them on travels, enroll them in activities that interest them, and encourage them to be curious and learn. We welcome communication as they grow up. We are all in this together. Thank you as you are helping us achieve our lifelong dreams of growing our family.



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