

Hello, and thank you for looking through our family profile.

We are Jamie and Matt and we are a fun, love-filled family of five (three humans and two dogs), hoping to add another family member through adoption.

We met in the summer of 2009, and were married in 2012. Our wedding was a casual backyard event at Matt's family home with all of our friends and family.

We've always planned on having children, and in 2017 our son Henry joined our family through adoption, forever changing our titles to "Dad" (Matt) and "Papa" (Jamie).

We are excited and looking forward to expanding our family even more.



FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL



WEDDING 2012

BUG + TINK



A little bit about us:

Jamie is a Registered Nurse in the ER department within the Okanagan. He enjoys the fast paced and dynamic nature of his work. About eight years ago Jamie decided to shift careers and return to school, completing his nursing degree the same year that we adopted our son Henry.

After working for 14 years within the visual arts, Matt is now a full time parent. Matt spends his time renovating their home and tending to the yard and garden. He is currently working on renovating a pottery studio and art space within the garage.

Henry is the heart of our home and the life of the party. He is five years old and his favourite things are monster trucks, dinosaurs, and Lego. He's a real athlete and enjoys gymnastics and swimming. He loves his classmates and friends and he would love to have a little brother or sister.

As a family we love to spend as much time together as possible. Cooking and baking, board games, and movie nights are big activities we love.

We like to spend time outside as much as possible, tending to the yard, building tree houses. We live amongst beautiful orchards and farms and visit the neighbouring animals.

We love spending time with our family which includes grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who live nearby.

Goodbye 2020

It's obviously been a challenging period for everyone, and we know we are very fortunate to be able to continue to pursue our dreams of adding to our family. If this previous year has taught us anything, it is the importance of family and friendships, which have brightened our days and given us strength during these difficult times.

After such a challenging year, we are looking ahead with optimism and hope.



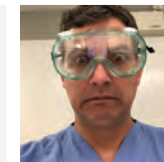
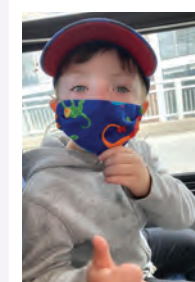
HALLOWEEN GHOULS + HENRY THE WIZARD



ROASTING MARSHMELLOWS WITH COUSINS



BASEBALL GAME WITH OUR BEST FRIENDS





Jamie is the youngest of three siblings, and Matt is the middle of three siblings. We are both very close to our families, and while we couldn't always share our space with them this year, having their friendship, support, and connection was amazing.

We want our children to not only be self-reliant and self-confident, but to grow up within a sibling group that shares a bond which will last through their adulthood.

We are purposefully looking to grow our family again through adoption, so that our children will be able to share this aspect of their identity and the experience of being adopted with each other.

We talk openly and honestly with Henry about his birth family, and will do the same for all children within our family. We know that as a family created through adoption, our family tree extends beyond simply having a "Dad" and "Papa" as parents, and we look forward to including biological parents in our childrens' life stories. We see adoption as an amazing opportunity, and hope to instill this with a sense of pride in our children. We celebrate and honour their own unique stories and connections to their heritage, as we know the immense value of children having a strong and healthy identity and self image.

As parents, there could be no greater reward than knowing that our child is happy and proud of who they are. Parenthood has been more gratifying than we ever could have imagined. Though challenging at times, becoming parents has absolutely completed our lives and given us a purpose we didn't previously realize we were without.

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We hope it gives you a sense of who we are as people, as parents, and how much we value love and family.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Matt

