



BLAKE & MATTHEW



**OUR NOTE
TO YOU**

HELLO, it is wonderful to "meet" you.

Thank you for taking this moment to learn about us. It means the world to us that you might consider us worthy of raising your baby. We understand that no part of this process is easy for anyone involved and we admire your strength and courage.

We promise to respect your choices, to meet you where you're at, and to always do our best to prioritize your comfort with care.

After reviewing our profile, we know in our hearts that you will see how prepared we are... not only to help make the next steps easier for you, but also how excited and ready we are to become fathers!

With love & gratitude,
Blake & Matthew



OUR STORY

Our names are Blake and Matthew. We are two married men who live in the beautiful suburb of Marana, Arizona, just northwest of the sunny, vibrant, and multicultural community of Tucson. Blake grew up here while Matt was born and raised in Orange County, California. Both musicians, we met in 2016 through Instagram while both working in the music industry in California and began dating after attending an Ariana Grande concert together! We have lived together in Orange County, Nashville, and finally ended up here in 2018.

We got married in 2019, bought our first house in 2020 and finally **purchased our forever home (the perfect house to bring a baby home to!) in 2022!**

We are surrounded by friends and family in our community and never feel a lack of love and support and just know that our future baby/babies won't just be gaining the love of 2 dads, but the love of an entire village.

We have three dogs - two 12-year-old Chihuahua mixes and a 5-year-old Beagle/Lab mix - named Chandler, Monica, and Joey. Blake still works in the music industry as a Senior Licensing Manager for a non-profit organization called ASCAP that represents songwriters while Matt is the Marketing Manager for Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa, a wellness destination that focuses on mindfulness, meditation, and unplugging from technology and connecting with nature and yourself.

The two of us are best friends and the time we spend together is precious to us. There is no one we laugh more with than each other.

Adding little baby giggles to our family is something we've dreamed of for a long time and we can't wait for that day to come!



WHY WE'RE ADOPTING

We have both known how important fatherhood was to us for as long as we can remember. Blake has been an uncle since he was 12 and has an extraordinary and unique relationship with all of his nieces and nephews, while Matt has a huge family with dozens of aunts & uncles and even more cousins that have always been his closest friends!

We both have seen firsthand how non-traditional families are no different from the cookie-cutter versions in terms of how much love is shared, and both of us have also seen the benefits and joys of adoption with close members of our families. Both of us have various cultural backgrounds within our families and have watched as those ideals and traditions have evolved into the beautiful, diverse, and unique blended family that we share today.

These family dynamics have shown us both from an early age that family is the most important thing and that families can be formed in many different ways. This notion was solidified with the amount of love and support we felt by our families when we decided to get married.





We have our nursery all ready. We have a crib, a changing table, a gliding chair, a dresser full of onesies, and a bookshelf full of picture books and board books. We have swaddles and pacifiers and baby bottles. We have a stroller and a carseat in a box in the garage. We have everything we need except for a baby.

Our home is full of music, dancing, laughter, dogs, art, and of course, so much love. We are surrounded by friends and family who shower us with love, and we know they will do the same for our future kid(s).

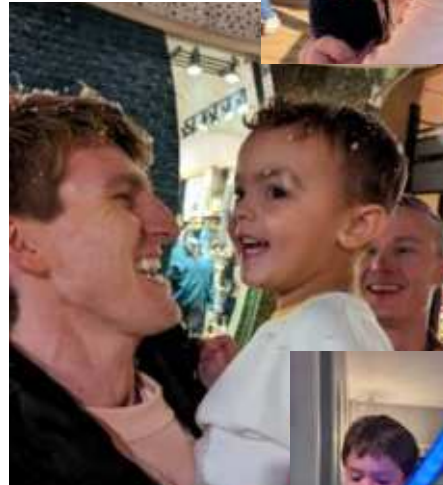
We are two men who love each other dearly, and we know that we have so much more love to give.



"Uncle Blake and Matt should get a baby because they love each other and family, they love babies, they take care of me when we visit and they will take great care of a baby too!"

- Leo Coelho (Age 4)





MEET BLAKE

FAVORITE POP STAR: Britney Spears forever

FAVORITE MOVIES: Clueless, Cruel Intentions, and SCREAM (90s kid here!)

FAVORITE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING: Hoodies... I love to be cozy!

FAVORITE DESSERT: Creme brûlée

WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: An Academy Award winning actor!

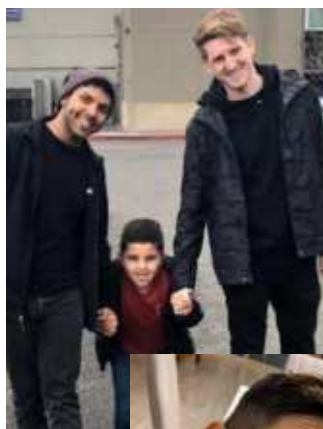
FAVORITE COMIC BOOK CHARACTER: Betty and Veronica, duh!

TENNIS SHOES OR SANDALS?: Sandals all the way! I'm a birkenstocks guy!

FAVORITE PLACE TO TRAVEL: Santorini, Greece is my favorite place I've ever been. But Palm Springs is my favorite go-to vacay spot.

FAVORITE SHOW GROWING UP: Sabrina the Teenage Witch & Boy Meets World (again...90s kid here!)

DRAMA OR COMEDY?: Comedy! I love a sitcom!



MEET MATTHEW

OCCUPATION: Marketing Manager

RACE: East Indian, Italian, German

RELIGION: Spiritual

FAVORITE SNACK: Peanut butter Puffins Cereal... I snack on it dry!

FAVORITE SPORTS ACTIVITY: Boxing/Kickboxing, F45 Fitness

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE DESSERT: Tiramisu

WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: A singer or an astronaut!

FAVORITE SHOWS GROWING UP: Boy Meets World, All That!, Rugrats, Ah! Real Monsters

ICE CREAM OR CAKE?: Both... can't have cake without ice cream!

THE PERFECT WEEKEND: A nice family lunch or dinner and a movie night at home!

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Halloween



"Blake is the most dependable person I have ever known. Aside from his incredible ability to create and maintain healthy, long-lasting relationships, he never fails to show up for his friends and family in all the ways that matter most."

"I am consistently impressed by and in awe of his natural ability to provide emotional support, sound guidance or advice in difficult situations, or simply to show up for anyone who needs an ear to listen. I know these qualities will make him the best dad. There is no one person I would choose to spend the rest of my life with, let alone raise children or start a family with."

BLAKE

IN MATTHEW'S WORDS



"Matt is the most caring and thoughtful person I have ever met. He is constantly thinking of others and how he can make their life easier or put a smile on their face. Whether it's someone he has just met or someone he has known his entire life, he will always go out of his way to do something special for another person."

"Matt is artistic, creative, passionate, imaginative, loyal, talented, driven, funny, loving, sensitive, and so many other things that make him an amazing partner, friend, son, brother, and hopefully soon... dad."

MATTHEW

IN BLAKE'S WORDS



OUR HOME



In 2022 we purchased our "forever home" in Marana, Arizona - a suburb northwest of Tucson. Marana is the perfect place to raise a family - lots of parks, hiking trails, great schools, shopping, food, and more... plus it's just a quick drive to Downtown Tucson to experience all of the culture and excitement of the city! **Our home is a single-story, 2300 square foot home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. It is open concept with lots of space in the main area, plus a great bonus room in between the two back bedrooms that will make a perfect playroom!** Our primary bedroom is near the other bedrooms. The backyard is completely fenced in and landscaped with turf.



Our neighborhood has multiple parks & playgrounds, walking paths, a clubhouse, splash pad and pool with events for kids like swim-up movie nights during the summer and “Food Truck Fridays” year-round. The streets are constantly filled with kids playing, riding their bikes, and selling lemonade or other homemade treats on the corner. During Halloween and Christmas, the entire neighborhood is aglow and neighbors compete in holiday decorating contests. On most weekends, hot air balloons fly directly overhead, making our gorgeous neighborhood surrounded by mountains feel even more picturesque. **It truly is a little slice of suburban paradise just outside of Tucson.**

OUR VILLAGE



The Drapers

Aunt Paige & Uncle Scott, Hannah, and Lindsay

"Blake and Matt are two of the best people I know. They are genuine and loving people who care about those around them. Blake is my Uncle, whom I've known my whole life. There is never a dull moment with him. When he brought Matt into our lives, I knew they were meant to be. Adoption had been brought up numerous times in family conversation, and I never doubted for a second that they would make great dads."

- Hannah Draper,
Cousin / Future Babysitter (Age 21)

Grandma & Papa

Bonnie & Mario Coelho

Grandma & Papa live a short 25 minute drive away in Oro Valley, Arizona.

Papa is known for his "insightful" stories and lectures filled with wisdom and life advice.

Grandma loves to shop and has taken all the grandkids to see their first movie!



Nana & Papa

Ron & Denyce Fernando

Nana and Papa live in Port Richey, Florida.

Nana loves to be crafty and bake cookies with her grandson, Jayden. She also loves to sew, so we'll have lots of homemade costumes and keepsakes!

Papa loves weekend morning drives, stopping for a breakfast treat, and discovering hidden treasures rummaging through garage sales!



The Coelho

Josh & Sasha, Teddy, Leo, and Jude

Josh is Blake's older brother, is a Marine, and coaches Teddy's baseball team! Sasha is a nurse who loves to teach the kids how to help out in the kitchen and in the garden!

The Coelho family love spending time at the beach, taking the kids snowboarding and skiing, and spending lots of time outdoors.

The Fernandos

Ronnie & Jessie

Ronnie is Matthew's older brother. He enjoys playing & coaching lacrosse and loves watching the Dallas Cowboys play football.

Jessie is an english teacher who enjoys writing poetry and discovering new music.

Ronnie & Jessie love going to concerts and spending time with their dog, Elliott!



Jayden

Jayden is our nephew from Matt's side!

Jayden lives in Salem, Oregon with his mom and extended family.

Our baby/babies will have so much fun learning about sports, video games, and Pokemon from their older cousin! Jayden is also following in his uncles' footsteps by singing in his school's recent Christmas production!



The McElroy-Kleins

Juan, Tyler, and Kent

"Blake and Matthew quickly became great friends with us and are highly requested hangouts from our 3 year old son! We trust them completely with the care and well being of our son. Blake and Matthew show kindness and patience and are quick to play a game with him and help him with anything he needs or asks for. From observing the way they interact with our child we know in our bones that they would both be excellent parents. Not only are they caring and positive individuals, but they are even better together and have a very loving marriage."

-Juan & Tyler

The Cordovas

Melissa, Negin, and Laylay

"We met Blake and Matthew in 2021 and became such great friends instantly. The energy they give off is just so welcoming and easy to be around. They also met our little girl when she was about 6 months and fell in love. The day these two become dads will be a precious moment that we will never forget because of how loving and deserving they are to have a little family of their own. We hope that 2023 is the year for them! We love them both so much and are so grateful for them!"

-Melissa & Negin



THANK YOU.

We're so grateful for the opportunity to share our journey with you.

Blake & Matthew

