



*This is our story*  
THE MCCOLLUM FAMILY



# Hello



Hi, we are Hali & Matt McCollum. We wanted to thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little. It is a dream for us to be parents. We would be honored to love, protect & nurture this child. Thank you for your bravery, compassion & strength.







We met the good ole fashion way, online! Matt was super busy with a new work project & Hali was a few days from starting her next semester in nursing school. We both were reluctant to even go on this date. We are so glad we did! We met at a coffee shop & discovered that although we came from very different backgrounds, Hali has a giant family, Matt a very small one, we also had so much in common. We both love travel & outdoor activities, we believe creating memories are more important than things. We share a love for animals, & both are wanting a family.

How  
We  
Met



# Getting TO KNOW HALI



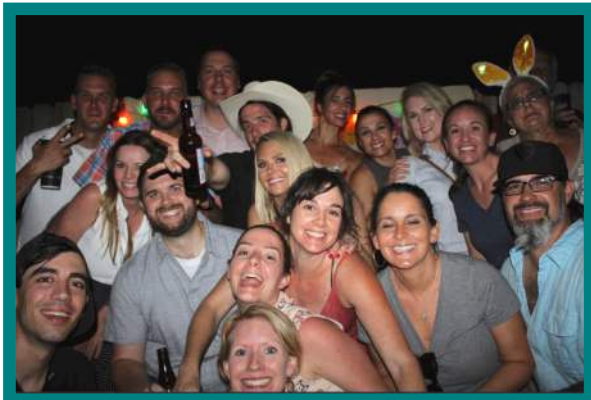


# Oklahoma

## WHERE IT BEGAN

I grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a giant family. I have 5 siblings, lots of little nieces & nephews, and my parents are still together. We have so many good memories growing up together. We spend all the holidays together & anything else we can think of to celebrate.

## OCKIE FAMILY & FRIENDS



## MY PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS



**Favorite movie:**  
Probably LEGEND from the early 80's, but I love supernatural thrillers & 80's anything

**Favorite Saturday night:** I love a good game night

**Favorite Holiday:** I'm torn between Halloween and Christmas, I love decorating for both!



# Getting TO KNOW HALI

## MOVING ALONG

I eventually moved from Tulsa & spent time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida getting a graphic art degree, Los Angeles, California pursuing an acting dream & now Austin, Texas where I became a nurse & met my husband.

First waitressing job on Fort Lauderdale Beach



California Friends, we reunite once a year!



Enjoying Malibu Beach



### **Favorite Food:**

Pizza! Although I only treat myself sometimes

### **Favorite Music Style:**

Don't have one. I love all kinds

### **Biggest Regret:**

not sticking with those guitar lessons when I was younger

**Voice over on American Dad**



**Gastroenterology nurse**



**Haunted Menger hotel**

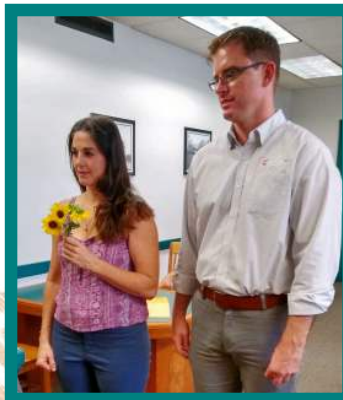


**Moving around has helped me grow and develop into who I am today. I met & made friends with many people from different cultures and belief systems. It has developed a love of travel in me & I love visiting new places. I became a nurse in Gastroenterology helping to combat colon cancer. When I'm not working I like outdoor activities, watching meteor showers, & learning new recipes. We do staycations in "haunted hotels" for fun & I enjoy Yoga & playing w my niece & nephew.**

**Price is Right w my bestie!**



**Justice of the Peace wedding**



**Headshot in my acting days**







*Getting* TO KNOW MATT





I grew up in Austin, Texas - the live music capital of the world, so of course my parents were folk musicians. As a child I remember them jamming on guitars around the kitchen table.



I have always loved being outdoors & really fond of animals & exploring nature.



My family is very small, but close. I have an older sister Jenny in California, we have a great relationship. My father passed when I was 27, but my mom had been remarried to Tom since I was 13 & he had stepped in as father. We see mom & Tom every weekend.



**Favorite Food:** Sushi  
**Favorite thing to do on the weekends:** Making a big breakfast & doing anything outside  
**Favorite animal:** DOG





## Getting TO KNOW MATT

Following high school I enlisted in the military reserves while attending Texas State University, where I would graduate Magna Cum Laude in 2005 with a degree in Finance. I have worked the last 13 years for a non-profit CDC that helps small businesses receive the financing they need to grow. I sincerely love what I do.

**I also love to travel, exercise & eat healthy. I read about nearly anything, and the occasional Netflix binge.**



**Favorite music:** Jazz  
**Favorite movie:** Gladiator  
**Favorite Book:** Anything non-fiction or history  
**Biggest regret:** NONE!



**Squiggy (sisters dog) & Gus  
snuggles**



**Gus & the golden hour**



**handsome Nanow**



**These boys are buddies**



**How old man Nenow spends most of the day**



## *Sweet pets*

**Gus** (Goose, Goose) is  
our dog.

**Nanow** is our cat.

Both are rescues.

They are hugely a part  
of our family.

They are very sweet,  
gentle & marvelous  
with everyone  
including kids. We  
just love them so  
much.





# Matthew

THROUGH HALI'S EYES

I truly believe I have met the **man with the biggest heart**. **Matt is my best friend** for many reasons. His kindness, intelligence, strength & childlike spirit make him so much fun to share this life with. I have people tell me that Matt is funniest person they know. **He really is hilarious** & he also keeps me on my toes. He is always playing, hiding in places, jumping out scaring me, wrestling...**this man needs a child!!** Matt is healthy and strong and is often compared to Clark Kent & **superman**. He is so kind, he never speaks ill will on anyone, he would rescue every animal on the planet if he could. Matt can tell if I am having a bad day & just does little things without saying a word to make things better. **He is his mother's only child** & goes above and beyond to make sure she is loved and protected. Matt is incredibly smart and it's impressive how he enjoys learning, he reads history books regularly because he loves the subjects. **He is adventurous**, having travelled to so many interesting places & then joining me on more travel adventures, we never want that to stop. He is always up for something new. If I suggest any fun thing to do, this man is by my side. **I won the lottery in spouses.**





# Hali



## THROUGH MATT'S EYES

**Hali is easily the most compassionate, thoughtful, considerate person I know**, so it's no surprise she decided to make nursing her profession. But she is also adventurous, hilarious, hard working, intelligent, **authentic, loving**, and I have the great fortune of getting to spend my days in her company. One of her qualities that I love most is that she is one of the very few people I have known who **will go out of her way to help those in need** - whether they be friends, family, or stray animals. It's not a decision she consciously makes, it's a compulsion she feels as a result of her **boundless empathy**. Even around the house, Hali is constantly nurturing something - whether it be the family dog, family cat, various house plants, or our doomed backyard (not her fault, blame the drought). Ever since I've known her, Hali has wanted more than anything to be a mom. Her friends, even from a young age, nicknamed her, "**the baby whisperer**" because of the ease with which she relates to children of all ages. All of her young nieces and nephews call her **Aunt Ha-Ha**, because she is so playful and always makes them laugh. She is energized in the presence of children, and children, in turn, clearly love being around her.



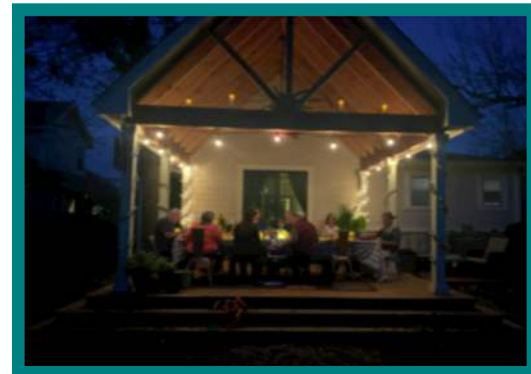


# Our home

## AND NEIGHBORHOOD



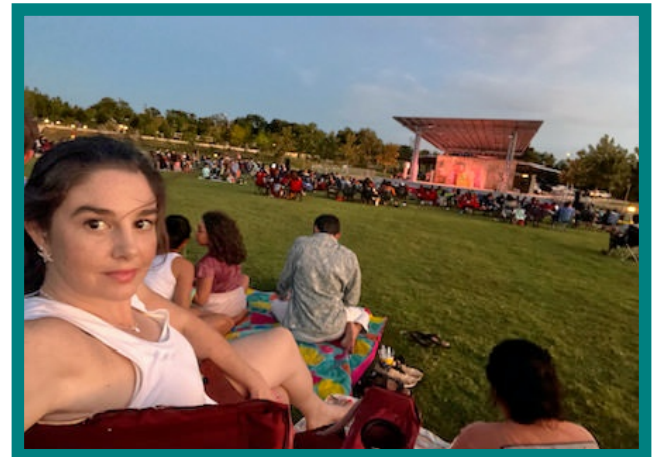
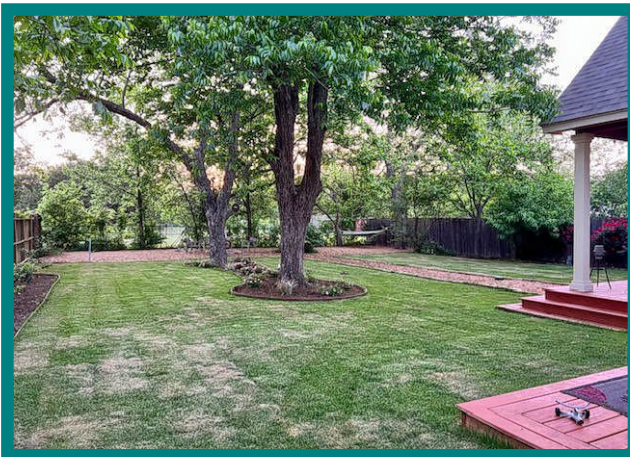
**Our home is warm & inviting with a beautiful big back yard. We have fun animal neighbors (& people) & we live just blocks away from downtown Buda filled with shops, restaurants. The Buda Amphitheater & City Park is at the end of our street always catering fun family activities.**







We live in a cute little 3 bedroom house in the historic district of Buda, Tx.





# OUR LIFE *Together*

We spend time with family & friends when we can. We do exciting things like going to festivals, horse back riding or even rafting!

Mostly though, we enjoy a nice walk or hike, bike ride or just relaxing at home with a movie.







# Making MEMORIES ALL OVER THE WORLD

There is no place like home, but when we aren't home, traveling is one of our most favorite things to do. We have been to many places in the world, but not nearly enough. We can't wait to share the world with the little one!

African Safari



Machu Picchu, Peru



Thailand



Cozumel Mexico







# Meet our Families

FAMILY IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE

## This is the Cironi's

Natali is Hali's sister. She is married to Ben, they have two kids. Sonni & Casper. The Cironi's live down the street from us, we spend a lot of time with this family. Ben was adopted too! Ben is thrilled for us & happy to have this in common with the little one.





# Gonni & Matt

This page is dedicated to how adorable Matt and Sonni's (our niece) relationship is. She is so fond of her uncle "Ma" & it couldn't be cuter.







# Brothers and Sisters

This is Zac Hali's fun, loving, younger brother. No.. we are not twins! He lives in Oklahoma.



Hud is Hali's older brother. Carolina is her sister in law & they have four adorable children. They all live in Oklahoma.

Jenni is Matt's older sister & Dylan is her son. (Matt's nephew). Jenni is in Northern California.



This is Janet & her son Jonah. Janet is Hali's best friend & considered a member of the family since the age of 4.



Josie  
Georgie  
Margie  
&  
Ambros







# THE TWINS!

Karli & Kati are Hali's younger twin sisters, both single parents



King & Preston are Karli & Kati's kiddos. Karli & King are in Florida. Kati & Preston are in Oklahoma. We love visiting & traveling with these families.





# Our Folks!

AND LOVED ONES



Mike and Liz are Hali's Parents, they live in Tulsa, we visit often. Donna and Tom are Matt's parents & live in Austin. We have brunch with them every weekend. Matt's uncle Gary and cousin Azley are some of our travel buddies. We also are so fortunate to have cousins and friends all around us.

Mike's Birthday



Liz



Donna & Hali





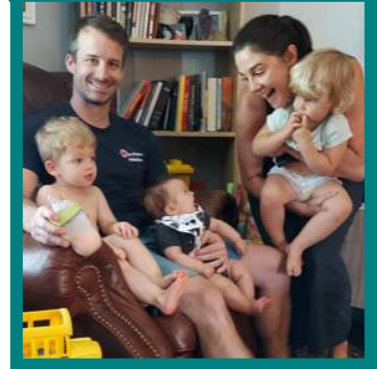
Gary and Azley



Matt's folks



Hali's cousin  
TR & kiddos



Cousins (Sonni  
& Kai)



Jenni & her  
grandson





# Thank You

We would like to take the opportunity, to acknowledge and show appreciation for what has to be a the most difficult decision of your life.

Despite its difficulty, it's a beautiful display of selflessness on your part. Now; understandably you want to choose a home life for your child that offers unconditional love, nurturing, and access to the kind of education and guidance that serve as an opportunity to a fulfilling life. We would be honored to provide that life for this child. Please know that we are more than adopting this child, but also becoming an extension to your family. We love you for considering us to be parents to your sweet baby & we promise we will love & protect this child's life with our own.





LOVE, HALI & MATT



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