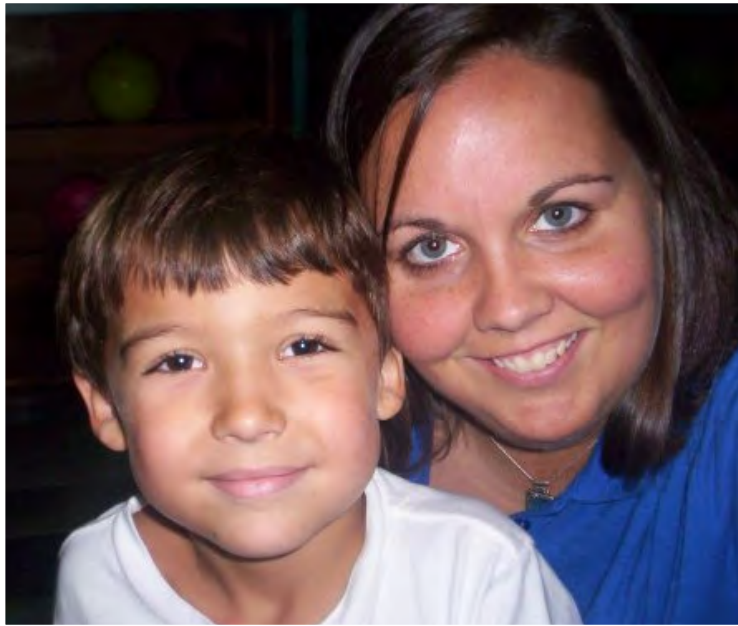


Hello I am...
Betsy





My Hopes and Dreams...

There is no way to know or understand the feelings or thoughts you are having at this time. Whatever decision you make, please know it is a brave one. You are a very strong and courageous woman to consider adoption. Allowing someone else to raise your child is a very selfless act. I am honored that you may consider me as a parent and family for your child.

I have always loved being with children. When I was a child and was asked “what do you want to be when you grow up?” my answer was always, “be a mom”. I played with dolls and loved to pretend to care for them as if they were real. As soon as I was old enough to babysit, I would spend my Friday and Saturday nights babysitting neighbor children, children from my church, or anyone else that might ask. Throughout my college years I babysat for a family that had two boys who were about 8 weeks old and 2 years old when I began watching them. I continued this job for 4 years. I tell you all this to show you how much I truly want to be a mother and love and care for a child.

Even as a young adult I always thought I would adopt. Of course the way you see things happening isn't always reality, I thought I would be married first. However, I feel like God is directing me down the path of adoption now. He has blessed me in so many ways, with love, financial stability, security and a close circle of family and friends; I want to share it all with a very special child. If you chose me to parent your child, not only will I dedicate my life to them, my extended family will love, guide, and protect them.

Although no words could possibly express my appreciation for you, I must say “thank you.” Thank you for taking the time to consider me as a parent for your child. And, while I don't know what you are going through at this time, I do pray that you are not alone. Please know that I think you are strong and courageous for the decision you are making for you and your child.

Warmest wishes,

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My values and beliefs as a parent...



The one belief that has guided me through my life is a strong belief and faith in God. Without this my life would be very different. My family and I always went to church together and still attend the same church. As a child, my parents made it a priority for us to be at church together as a family every time the doors were open. Now I am involved as a Sunday school teacher and in our youth group. The people in my church have become my friends and family that I love dearly, who will be a family to your child too. It's a great church with a wide range of activities for children including; summer Bible School, basketball camps, Easter egg hunts, Sunday school, game nights for families, classes, choir, and missions. I will raise my child to love God, and I will lead by example.



Being a teacher puts education as a top priority in my life. I believe a good education opens doors for success in so many different ways. I teach second grade in the elementary school where I attended school when I was a child. This is where my child will attend school also. It is a great environment for children to learn a wide range of information. I believe that education doesn't just include reading, math, and spelling, but includes learning how to be a good member of society. I will be supportive of any educational needs or assistance; I know that all children learn in many different ways.



I love to travel. I believe that seeing and experiencing places and things is more memorable than just reading about them. I have traveled to many places that have changed my outlook on life and have taught me many things. I have been to Israel, Washington DC, and most recently to Puerto Rico. Seeing these different areas has made me thankful for what I have. Every summer I visit my brother and his family for two weeks going to museums, the zoo, the pool, to make pottery, and best of all, going to the beach. Being a teacher and being off in the summer allows me the time to take these trips to explore and learn. I look forward to spending my summers with my child, visiting fun and educational places and seeing them smile as they make new discoveries.

As a child, I was encouraged to try different things to find what I enjoyed and was talented in. I took piano lessons, played in a hand bell choir at church, played the French horn in band, sang in choir, took gymnastics, played softball, basketball, and experimented in many other activities that just weren't a fit for me. Because my parents allowed me to try so many activities, I found that I was talented and loved being involved in team activities. I played softball and basketball as a young child, through middle school, high school, and also college. I continue to play softball today. I think everyone can learn skills from extracurricular activities that help them cope with life and survive in the real world. I will encourage my child to find the activities they love too!

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A little more about me...

- Non-smoker
- Family dog

HOBBIES:

- Being with family and friends
- Playing softball and basketball
- Watching movies
- Working in the yard and gardening
- Exercising
- Attending church activities
- Playing and walking with Brewster, my dog

PROFESSION:

Teacher

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Masters Degrees

My home...

My home is in a small neighborhood full of diverse families, diverse in age, race, and the make-up of their family. Because it is a fairly small neighborhood the streets are quiet. The area behind my house is open, thus a wonderful place to walk and ride bikes. The neighbors are always watching out for each other; this makes me feel safe and I know if I ever needed anything one of them would be happy to help.

My home has a new screened in porch where I love to sit and enjoy meals or just relax while my dog Brewster is playing in the large backyard. I might see a family of deer come through the field behind my house. I enjoy having family and friends over, sitting down at the table was always an important part of my childhood. I can remember sitting and discussing the day's happenings and news over a warm meal my mother had prepared.

Not only do I look forward to cooking for my child, I look forward to my child being in my every thought, every day. I look forward to the midnight feedings, dirty diapers and cleaning a dirty face. I look forward to hearing their sounds and playing with them on their swing set or with their buckets and shovels in their sandbox. And, I look forward to holding them as they close their eyes at night. I can't wait to welcome a child in and let them make their mark on our home.

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My family...

My definition of family is the most important people in a person's life. Family is responsible for making people feel loved, accepted, trusted, proud, and teach them how to love God and respect others. My family has done all these things for me and continues to be the most important people in my life. I remember as a young child spending weeks in the summer with my grandmother. I know my parents are excited about having another grandchild to do the many things I did with my grandmother, like planting flowers in the yard, having tea parties, reading books, and playing games.

My family lives close by and are in my daily life. Whether it's to watch a college football game, or celebrate a special occasion, we enjoy each other's company and always look forward to spending time together. We will gather at someone's home, eat, and then all cram on the couch, floor, and chairs to watch a college football game. Although we use the excuse of watching the game, we are there to simply enjoy our time as a family. Many times the game will get interrupted for a tickle fight or a chase through the house or a wrestling match. For birthdays our family tradition is to gather at my parents' home and eat a meal that is chosen by the birthday boy or girl. This was started when I was a young child and continues to be passed down to the grandchildren.

Although I can't wait to share my daily life with my child and all our family traditions, there is one that is very special to me. This tradition doesn't just include my immediate family but my friends and church family. On Christmas Eve our family always gathers at our church for a very special Christmas Eve candlelight service. After the service is dismissed, everyone wishes each other a merry Christmas with cards, smiles, and hugs and my immediate family heads home to eat pizza and get the last things ready for a big Christmas morning! I can't wait to hold my child that first Christmas Eve, sing Christmas carols, take communion, and celebrate the birth of Jesus.



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