Hello I am... Georgeanna





Hopes and Dreams...

I am writing this letter to hopefully communicate who I am and why I want to adopt a child. I can't say that I understand what this process has been like for you, because I have never had to face this kind of decision. I can tell you that I wish you the best in making your decision. I pray you will have a peace in your heart knowing that you have made an amazing dream come true for another person.

I was diagnosed with endometriosis when I was 21 years old. I was advised by my physician that becoming pregnant may be very difficult for me. This news was very frightening but I was not at a point in my life where I was ready to try to become pregnant. Over the past 16 years I have had four surgeries for my endometriosis and two failed invitro-fertilization cycles.

I had given a tremendous amount of thought to adoption and I have prayed that the opportunity to become a mother would be presented to me. I have always loved children and knew that I wanted to have children of my own. I truly believe that you do not have to give birth to a child to be a wonderful mother. A heart full of love for your child is what makes you a mother.

I adore my sister's children and I am very involved in their lives. However, I think that there is another child in this world who needs me to bring them home and love them with all my heart. This letter to you is the beginning of my journey to find my child. I promise to be completely honest with you. I give you my word that I will love them with all my heart. I will guide and direct them to make moral decisions. I will provide them with a stable and happy home and the encouragement they need to achieve their goals.

God Bless,

Georgeanna





Values and beliefs as a parent...

I have a tremendous amount of love and stability to offer a child. Life for an adoptive child in our family would be full of traditions and never-ending love. My child will know how I became their mother, they will know every day how special I feel they are, and they will know of the everlasting joy that they have brought to my life. I can't wait to be Santa Clause, the Easter bunny and tooth fairy. I want to buy Halloween costumes and take my child trick-or-treating. I want to make birthday cakes and see the joy in their eyes when they blow out the candles. I want to record all the milestones of first words and steps. I have such excitement about compiling the memories that I will make with my child.

I was raised attending church and I feel it is very important to have a church home. I am currently looking for a church to attend regularly. I hope to find a church with a strong youth program and other members that are close to my age with children.

I feel that a good education is very important. I have always encouraged my nieces to work hard to keep their grades up and focus on learning. I buy them something fun for birthdays and Christmas, but I also get them something that encourages development of decision making skills or enhances what they are learning in their school system.

I think it is important to encourage a child to strive to reach their goals. I also think it is important to teach children to think independently and not be afraid to stand by their decisions. I was so proud of my niece when she made a decision not to go to a dance with her academic teammates despite an extreme amount of peer pressure that was placed upon her to change her mind. I made sure she knew that if she wanted to go it was alright but if she didn't want to go that I was proud of her for not giving into peer pressure.



My home...

My work brought me to this community over eleven years ago. My neighborhood is very quiet yet close to all the city has to offer. I am only 2 miles from the hospital so I'm always close to home.

There are good schools and a wonderful park close by and there are many activities that children can participate in both physically and educationally. There are soccer leagues, dance classes, T-Ball leagues, swim teams and every-thing in between.

I have been a nurse for sixteen years, including positions as a staff nurse, charge nurse, nurse manager, and department director. My current position allows me the opportunity to be with both patients and families which is a wonderful blessing.

A little more about me...

• Non-smoker

HOBBIES:

Cooking, reading, outdoor activities, travel, scrapbooking, exercising, spending time with my nieces, travel, Sunday meals at my grandmother's.

PROFESSION:

Adoptive Mother: Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, licensed as a Nurse Practitioner, part-time flight nurse

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Masters Degree

I also have a part-time job as a flight nurse which I enjoy; however, it is a job that I plan to let go when I become a mother as it requires I be away from home 12-24 hours at a time. I want to be able to get to my child when needed and be there to tuck them in at night and read bedtime stories that my mother read to me.

Recently I traveled to Guatemala for a medical mission trip. It was one of the most amazing experiences I have had in my life. The Guatemalans are such hard working individuals and they rarely complain of physical pain despite their dependence on manual labor. I bonded with many of the individuals I met and there are some that I still communicate with. I have often felt since my return home from Guatemala that the people of that country helped me more than I helped them. They gave me such an appreciation of the blessings and opportunities I have been granted in my life. I want to teach my child this same appreciation for life and love of family.

My family...

Family is very important to me. We are very close and have always offered support to each other. My parents are retired and live one hour away from me in the same town where they both grew up. My family has a strong faith in God and is very spiritual. I also come from a family of musical talent. My mother can play any instrument she puts in her hands and she is always providing opportunities for my nieces to pursue their musical talents. When my family gets together it is not uncommon for everyone to gather round and play guitars and sing together.



Communication is strong within my family and my parents and I talk at least four times a week. My parents, aunts, uncles and cousins gather at my grandmother's home every Sunday and we have a big family meal together. We pull out my grandmother's old photo albums and read letters from her 12 brothers and sisters who live in other parts of the country.

I am also very involved in the lives of my nieces, Roslin and Morgan. I was present in the delivery room when Roslin was born and I was the first person to ever hold her as I carried her to the nursery. I attend all of her field trips and academic competitions; we've traveled to Washington DC, New York, Michigan, and Wisconsin together. I have enjoyed starting traditions with both of them - like attending the Nut Cracker Ballet at Christmas and decorating my tree. They each have their own Easter baskets and Christmas stockings that I keep at my home. They look forward to those traditions every year.

One of my favorite family traditions is one that my grandmother started. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas she makes over a hundred fried apple pies from scratch. My entire family starts looking for them as soon as they walk in the house. My grandmother taught me the recipe and several years ago, when she had pneumonia over the holidays, I was called upon to carry on this tradition. It is something I will treasure for the rest of my life and a tradition I will pass on.

My family is very aware of my desire to be a mother and they know that adoption is a blessing - I have a cousin who is also adopted. My family is very excited that I have made this decision. My grandmother always crochets a blanket for her grandchildren and she has the yarn ready for this child and eager to get started. My mother and my father are



also very supportive and they can't wait to hold their new grandchild. My mother has a photo album that is dedicated to this grandchild and is eagerly awaiting first photos.

Lastly, I want to assure you that although I may be a single mother, this child will have all the love, encouragement, and support from me that any two parents could offer together. I also want to ensure you that any person I consider as a future husband will have the same love for this child that I would expect him to have for me. The possibility that I may soon be a mother absolutely warms my heart and makes me smile. You will never know the amazing gift you have given to me.