

Hello I am...

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My Hopes and Dreams...

I am perfectly content with my life except for one thing. I have a huge place in my heart for children. For as long as I can remember I have wanted children. I assumed I would grow up, go to college, get married and start a family. It hasn't happened in quite that order, but I have come to realize that just because that was my plan doesn't mean it was the right plan. For me, God has a different plan. I now know that if at some point in my life I meet a man and fall in love, he will have to be someone that accepts and cares for my child with the same feelings of unconditional love and the same devotion to their health, safety and stability as I do.

There is nothing more exciting for me to think about than having the opportunity to raise a child. I have so much love to give. I am patient, open-minded and honest. Each of these are very important when it comes to children. I am also quite laid back. I don't mind making a mess if the child is learning and having fun. The mess can be cleaned up, but the opportunity to learn at this precise moment may not come again.

My parents, grandparents and sisters are also so excited at the prospect of having a little one join our family through adoption. This will be their first grandchild, great grandchild and niece or nephew. You can be assured that your child will be showered with all the love and affection he or she needs, wants and deserves.

I understand this decision you are facing may be a difficult one. Please know that I truly admire and respect your strength, selflessness and extraordinary love for your child. I believe it is extremely important for a child to have a relationship with his/her birth parents to the extent you feel comfortable. He/she needs to know the incredible decision you made for them out of pure love.

If you decide that I might be the right adoptive mother for your child, know that I will love your child dearly and provide the best home possible to him or her. I will do my best to ensure that he or she grows into a young man or woman that you will be proud of.

Thank you for your consideration,

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My values and beliefs as a parent...



My faith is the center of my life. I am a Christian and I believe everything happens the way it is supposed to. To me, the basic principle of my faith is simple - treat others the best I can and take every opportunity to serve others. I volunteer a couple times a month and this is something that I will share with my child at the appropriate age. There are many opportunities in my community for kids to volunteer and serve with their parents. The best way to teach a child is through example. I will do my best to set a positive example and surround him/her with other encouraging people.



The most important people in my life are my family. I take every opportunity to spend time with my parents, sisters and grandparents. Our favorite time of the year is the holidays. I can't wait to have a child to share in these experiences with the whole family. We will spend lots of time at the lake in the summer and every Sunday will be spent at my parents' house with plenty of cousins, aunts and uncles to play with. My family eagerly and excitedly awaits the arrival of a child.



I live in a very diverse community and it is important to me that my child is exposed to and experiences other cultures. I have friends and family of many faiths, ethnicities and life styles. I believe this helps a child grow into a well-rounded adult and nurtures an open-minded, tolerant, loving attitude toward people who are different from themselves. I will teach my child that everyone has a unique story. No matter what that story may be, we need to show compassion and love.



My parents have always put a high priority on education and I am so thankful for that now. Education is an important and necessary part of growing up. I believe the greatest education a child receives is from day-to-day experiences and I will do my best to ensure that every experience is an opportunity to learn. I look forward to reading, coloring, cooking together and playing games with him/her. I will expect my child to do his/her best in school even if that isn't straight A's. I went to college and have reaped the benefits; however, college isn't for everyone. Just in case, I have already started a college fund for my son/daughter if they choose to go. I will do my best to raise an independent young man or woman who is capable of taking care of themselves as well as giving to others.

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My home...

I love my home. It is on a quiet street in a diverse, kid-friendly neighborhood. There are always kids playing and riding bikes. I have a fenced-in backyard with plenty of room to run and play. I would love to see a swing set in the yard in the near future! My house is close to many parks, hiking and biking trails, the zoo, museums, theaters, restaurants and an amusement park. I love visiting these places with family and friends and can't wait to have a child to share those experiences with.



My home is warm and inviting. I have lots of pictures of the people I love on the walls and on tables and countertops everywhere at my house. I love having company over and cooking dinner. There is nothing more enjoyable than eating and laughing with friends and family. I often have a house full of kids now as most of my friends have children already. More than anything, I look forward to the day-to-day life with my child - simply spending time together reading, playing, and prayer time. I have already started a collection of children's books for bedtime! The living room is where we would hang out most of the time. There is plenty of room to play, learn and grow.

A little more about me...

- Non-smoker

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Reading, hiking, cooking, working in yard, volunteering, spending time with family/friends, going to the lake/camping, family vacations, sporting events, plays.

Professions:

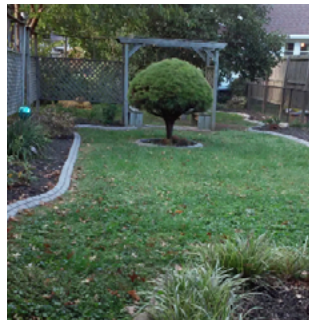
Adoptive Mother: Registered Nurse

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

My child will have their own bedroom next to mine. I have started to decorate the room a bit, but I'm waiting until I know their little personality to complete it. The walls are light gray and the furniture is white. With a little boy I plan to use a nautical theme, with blue and orange. With a little girl I plan to use an animal theme, with pink and green.

Regardless of when he/she arrives, my home and life is waiting to be filled with the love and laughter only a child can bring.



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My family...

I don't have a huge family, but it's a great one!

My sisters are my best friends and I spend several evenings a week with them. They can't wait to have a new niece or nephew. All three of them have already started shopping! I know how much I have enjoyed my siblings and can't imagine my life without them. There is no greater bond than between siblings and I want my child to experience that as well.



Not only are my parents awesome, I hit the jackpot with 2 amazing step-parents! They have both loved me unconditionally and raised me just like I was their own. Most family gatherings include both sets of my parents. At Christmas, my dad and stepmom join my mom's family to celebrate. I have always enjoyed this special time as everyone gets along wonderfully. I am grateful for this as I know it is rare.

It is a long-standing tradition to decorate the Christmas tree on Thanksgiving night while everyone is together. Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve with all of the extended family, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. On Christmas morning my sisters and I go to my mom's to exchange gifts and spend the day in our pajamas, playing games and watching movies. It is probably my favorite day of the year and I can't wait for this day to change and evolve with my child.

Halloween is always a good time as well. The family gathers at one house, usually my parents'. We eat and hand out candy. The kids dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating. In the summer, we spend almost every weekend at the lake. My parents have a house boat that everyone likes to gather on. We grill, swim and take boat rides. There tends to be tons of kids around and I can't wait until my own child becomes a part of this incredible family and fun.

My family has many traditions. We tend to make a big deal out of birthdays. The family will get together at one of our houses and have a meal or go out to a restaurant. If it is one of the kids' birthdays they will open gifts.



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