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My Hopes & Dreams

I started considering adoption at the age of 20, more than a decade ago, when I was working in childcare. Back then, I learned that it was very easy for me to get attached to the children in my care. I really did love them so much, and because of my love for them the idea of adoption has always remained close to my heart. Now I want to adopt because I want to grow my family. While my first pregnancy went well, I knew from early on that I wanted to adopt my second child. This is a choice I made more than ten years ago and I am so excited to have finally started the process.

I like chaos and love children. I have one child, a two-year-old son, and would like one more because I don't feel like my family is complete. I grew up with a sibling close to my age and want that for my children too.

I hope to raise happy, confident, and kind children and provide a childhood full of adventure and amazing memories, both at home and out in the world. I had a great childhood, focused on excellence and academic achievement. This has had a lot of benefits I hope to pass on, such as a love of reading and the sciences, and an interest in other cultures. I also want to teach the type of resilience and confidence that is not taught in schools, simply put, self-love, self-care, and determination.

For you, you will be in my prayers every day. I hope that you feel respected and supported during this process. You deserve that! I hope that your life is full of opportunities and realized dreams, and that you have the peace knowing that your child is safe and loved unconditionally. If you select me to parent your child, I hope that you will remain in your child's life. You will always be your child's first mom.

Respectfully,

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Values & Beliefs as a Parent

FAITH - Faith comes first in my life. I have a passion for God, and as I always say while praying with my son, we are His hands on earth and it is our responsibility to show His grace and love to our neighbors. We attend church weekly and pray before meals and bedtime, we sing Happy Birthday to Him at Christmas and talk about His resurrection at Easter. I will teach my children to trust the word of God to guide our steps. I will continue to speak to and praise God in front of this child, so they too learn to rely on God's wisdom.



KINDNESS - Everything meaningful I do is done with kind intentions. Kindness is shown to oneself and to others. One of my favorite things to do is volunteer, particularly Meals on Wheels has been a favorite. At home, when something is broken, dropped, or a mistake is made, I immediately tell my son "it is okay" and help him understand how to learn from it. We don't need to be unkind to ourselves when we make a mistake, we can simply learn from it. My son helps clean up his own messes and helps with chores. He knows we are on the same team.

CONFIDENCE - I strongly believe that confident children are happy and successful. I was raised by parents that taught me how to care for myself, my home, and my goals, and I am very grateful for that. I teach my son to care for his toys, clean up at the end of the day, and even a little cooking! He loves to spray soapy water on messes and clean them up. Just like I do with him, we will stick with the things this child is good at and slowly build up confidence by learning new things. I motivate my son by telling him exactly what it is that he's doing right so that he knows how to succeed.



EDUCATION - I think that the best purpose of education as a child is to help "learn how to learn" and develop their ability to apply their efforts to tasks. Once a child is grown, education can be a vital steppingstone to having the life they want. I keep an eye on what my son shows interest in and teach him about the things he naturally gravitates to. For example, right now he wants to read and learn letters, so we work with letter flash cards, watch letter videos and sing songs about letters in the car. To keep him interested, we focus on the books and activities he likes most.



GENEROSITY - It is extremely important to my faith and to me as a person to be a joyful giver. I think raising children to be joyful givers sets them up to be happy adults who make the world a better place. I do my best to support and invest, with my time and money, in causes I think are important to a better and equitable society. I've worked on projects to reduce the amount of sugar beverages advertised in low-income areas due to the impact on dental and heart health. I believe that children learn by example, so I make sure my son sees me helping others, whether it is buying a hot cup of coffee for someone on a cold day or donating gently used clothes and items to others. I hope this will help my children grow up to respond to the needs of others.

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Home & Neighborhood

Our home is a place to recharge, reset, and relax. We take off all the worries and drop them at the door. It's a safe place to be ourselves; every version of ourselves is welcome. Most people say our home is peaceful. I feel the general vibe of my home is closer to "organized chaos."

My favorite room in the house is the library. There are blue walls, a floor-to-ceiling white bookcase and a Japanese floor couch. For me it's where I unwind and read, where my sister will borrow a book from when she comes to visit. For the kids it's where they play the electric piano and jump on the couch cushions. My son, Simon, and his cousin make mudpies outside and then run around the house.

There are a lot of little kids in the neighborhood. Simon and his best neighborhood friend have play dates at our house and theirs. The kids will play with our dogs, kick or throw a ball, play with their toys, and sometimes even read books together. We sometimes go on walks with their family in the evening on the paved trails around the pond. Simon likes to throw rocks in the water to see if he can make a big splash and then counts the ripples. We listen to the frogs and birds and count the stars until we get to 10 in English and Spanish.

I place a ton of value on time spent outside. Most of our yard is enclosed by a fence, but the garden is open to the rest of the neighborhood. From the garden we eat fresh strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and tomatoes, and make room spray from the fresh lavender. My garden is an amazing place to spend time, and I love to work up a sweat planting, fertilizing, and harvesting. We also have a bistro table and lights set up outside for coffee and outdoor meals. I even made a homemade water wall for my son, niece, and nephew to play with in the summer. There is a nature preserve close by where we go frequently for some exercise and exploring!

I value anytime we are making memories together. I specifically enjoy time at home preparing our meals. I cut and Simon stirs so he feels like he is helping. We live near downtown and love to go to the festivals on the weekends. It seems like there is always a festival, some of our favorites are Sugar Rush, which has tons of deserts covered in chocolate and peanut butter, and Harvest Festival with a large parade. We play giant connect four, spin the wheel games, get animal balloons, and pet the animals such as pigs, goats, and mini horses at the petting zoo.

We will continue doing all of the activities I enjoy with Simon but will make more time and space for the interests and needs of a second child as well. We will pick more books to read, expand our art corner, take turns with our meal activities, and free play will probably be much livelier. I grew up with a sibling close to my age, and I loved having someone to play games with and to be my partner in crime. I anticipate that when they are older their sibling bond will be strong enough that they can always rely on each other, and me, no matter what life brings.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, writing, cooking, gardening, singing, dog training, learning new things, home improvement projects, and travel. With my son we also hike, bake in the kitchen, learn Spanish, do art, dance, and explore

PROFESSION:

Adoptive Mother: Assistant Attorney General

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Law Degree

PLUS:

- One dog
- Non-smoker

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Family

When I was very young, my parents got my sister and me up early one Thanksgiving morning. They had collected all our old coats in the back of our van, and they drove us into downtown Atlanta. There, we handed all of the coats out to people waiting in line at a soup kitchen. My sister and I handed out children's coats. Although it was overwhelming for a child my age, it was one of the best moments of my childhood. Since then, service to others has been one of the things I enjoy most. I'm also okay with chaos that leads to good things!

My son Simon is two years old. He's a typical toddler. He loves to play with balls, jump, run, walk backwards, and dance. He also likes to just sit down with a book or his markers and have some quiet time to himself. He is sensitive, silly, and sweet. He loves to cuddle and play with his dog, and he has a ton of friends that he always talks about. He likes to ask, "are you okay?" to everything and everyone if he thinks they might be hurt. He's also a very good helper, and he loves to stir, shake, and pretend to cook. He also cleans his toys up every evening before bed and likes to help by feeding the dog and giving him water.

We are very close. Our strength as a family is in our attachment to each other, and I think that mine as a mother is in my ability not to take things too personally. I appreciate structure and schedules because they help build trust and security, but sometimes it's best to just go with plan B, C, or G. We do all kinds of things together! Besides reading, singing, dancing, and cooking, we like to explore the world together. I like taking him to farms and petting zoos because he loves animals. We went to a petting farm together for his second birthday and he made great friends with the goats because he thought they were dogs.

We enjoy traveling to see family and friends, he's already flown on several planes. We went to Denver with my mother, she took him to museums and water features for kids while I was at a work event. We go to Chicago to see friends and families, the kids play in the garden and learned how to harvest peas. This year we are going to Disney World with my mother, sister, brother-in-law, and both of his cousins. We will be going to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Harry Potter World, and Hollywood Studios so the kids can see Doc McStuffins.

We make a big deal about every holiday with decorations, books, music, and new recipes to try for each one. I want my children to enjoy the fun and learning opportunities that come with every holiday. On Valentine's Day, for instance, we make brownies or chocolate cookies and cut them into heart shapes, and we read about love. Christmas time, the show is on! I do everything I can to make the holiday special. We make sugar cookies, drink rich hot chocolate, drive around looking at Christmas lights, constantly listen to Christmas music, and decorate our Christmas tree. I also love to make elaborate coordinating Halloween costumes for us based on movies or TV shows. It's great when people can guess the character, this year we will go as characters from Disney's Lilo and Stitch.

My mom is moving here shortly. She is extremely excited to help with babysitting, reading to the children and doing art projects. My dad already lives close by and is always eager to spend time with his grandchildren, doing projects around the house and playing games together. I am looking forward to adding another child to love to our family.



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