




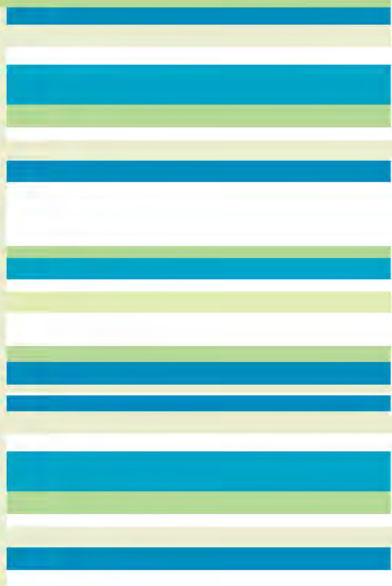
Hi,

I'm Elizabeth



Thank you for taking the time to view my profile and for considering me in your search for a family for your child. I can only imagine what an emotional and difficult time this must be for you. I admire the courage and strength it takes to move forward with an adoption plan and I wish you a sense of peace and comfort with your decisions.

I hope in the next few pages you will gain an understanding of the type of life I would provide for your child. I envision a home filled with unconditional love, security, fun, laughter and support whenever he or she needs it.



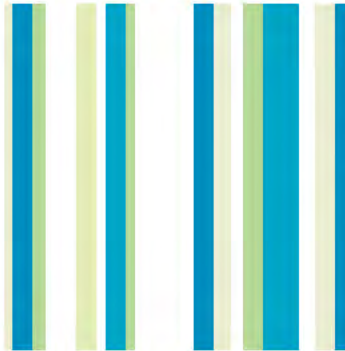
# Why Adoption?



For as long as I can remember, I have pictured myself as a mom one day. I am hoping to fulfill my wish of becoming a mom through adoption. After much thought, reflection and time spend learning about adoption and single parenthood, I feel that my path to motherhood is through adoption.



Having fun with my cousin's kids.



Out for Tea with my Mom and Dad to celebrate my Mom's Birthday. (They cannot wait to be grandparents!)

I have great memories of my childhood growing up in a suburban neighborhood, riding my bike with a group of friends up and down our street, roller skating every chance I had, and playing on the same softball team as my friend next door.



# My Childhood



I remember countless hours of making up dance routines with friends, getting dirty in the backyard or playing board games inside. One favorite memory of my childhood is coming in from playing in the snow with my friends. We would settle in to play games in the living room because it had a wood burning stove and we would warm up there. My mom was always there with a snack and hot chocolate for us. I look forward to creating memories like these with my child.



# Parenting



Playing with my Godson and his new toys on his 3rd birthday!

Besides being ready to share traditions and the love, joy and challenges of parenthood, I am also ready in practical ways. I have a "9 to 5" job with flexible work hours and the freedom to work at home one or two days a week. My job is stable and I am financially secure. I own a home that is just waiting to be filled with the laughter of a child.



Holding my friend's baby just hours after his birth



My hope is to create a home where my child will always feel love and comfort. I look forward to family dinners every night and quiet time before bed reading a book. I imagine holidays full of Easter egg hunts, Christmas tree decorating and family.



With my Godson and his parents on his Baptism day

I also look forward to raising my child in the Catholic faith. I am Catholic, as is my extended family. I believe that religion can give a child (and adults) support and a place to look for help in tough times as well as guidance throughout one's life.



At the waterfront by my house with my parents





# Family



My Mom and Dad at a football game



Grandma and Me

My parents live only 10 minutes away from me, which means they are close enough to lend a helping hand when needed and can also get in lots of grandma and grandpa play time! I also have an extended loving family filled with cousins, aunts, uncles and "a great-grandmother to be" ready and excited to welcome a little one into the family!



My Mom, Aunt, Cousin with Me at a family wedding



With some cousins



# Friends



Me and my good friend Scott



Picnic with high school and college friends



Relaxing with my friend's baby daughter

I also have a large network of friends outside my neighborhood. Some are just a few miles away and others are spread across the United States. I have built lasting and trusting relationships with many good friends, some I have known since childhood

and high school. I also have the honor of being Godmother to a friend from high school's two children.



On vacation with friends



# Hobbies & Activities



Biking in Death Valley



Biker Chicks!  
Biking with my cousin



Fun in the snow with a friend!



Ski trip with friends

I enjoy all kinds of hobbies and sports. Some of my favorites are dancing, skiing, softball and cake decorating. When I was a child I played the piano and saxophone, played on the school and league softball teams and learned tap, ballet and jazz dance. I still like to play the piano once in a while, bike with friends, ski or go tubing and decorate cakes.

After high school, I continued to dance throughout the years. In law school I learned to country line dance and would go out with my cousin and friends almost every weekend. Later, I learned to swing dance and took classes with two friends at a local ballroom in town.





Getting ready to go snow tubing with friends

I look forward to finding out what talents and interests my child has and I look forward to helping him or her pursue those talents and interests.



Horseback riding in the desert!



Parasailing in Hawaii



# Me & Grandma



This is a picture of me and my grandma trying to save a snowman cake that was supposed to stand-up! My grandma has taught me how to make traditional Polish dishes like pierogies from scratch, and holiday sweet treats. Whenever I cook or bake, I often call her for advice (or to help me save whatever I've almost ruined)!!





# Traditions

When I was a kid, I was always so excited for Christmas! Coming from a Polish background we celebrated and continue to celebrate with a (somewhat) traditional Polish meal every Christmas Eve that includes fish, pierogies and a dish with mushrooms. Everyone--even those in our family who are not Polish--enjoy this Christmas Eve tradition! I look forward to sharing this tradition with my child, and creating new traditions with him or her. Some other family traditions include decorating Easter eggs every Easter, birthday dinners and family reunions.



My Mom and Dad at Easter with Buster



Dad at Christmastime



Weekend Family Dinner  
Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle and Cousins





# Community

I live in a tree-lined neighborhood with brick homes. What I love about my community is that people are always walking around outside either strolling or jogging with a dog or pushing a baby stroller. People are friendly here and almost always stop and chat with you on their walks. The elementary school is only a block away and it has a playground. A few more blocks away there is a bigger playground with swings and slides. My friend who lives about 10 minutes away makes special trips to this larger playground instead of walking to the one in her neighborhood because her boys like it so much. Also, the public school system here is very good. A community pool is just steps away from my house. We have our own Fourth of July parade here, where the kids, parents and pets dress up in patriotic clothes and strut down the street after the fire trucks. We also have community yard sales and holiday events. There is even a softball field, basketball court, tennis courts and a community center here!



# Thank You!



Thank you for considering me in your search for a family for your child. I cannot wait to become a mom and share my life with a child. I hope the last few pages have shown you how loved and cared for a child will be in my home and with my extended family.