



About me



Dear Birth Mother,

It is with great respect that I write this letter to you. Your decision to create an adoption plan is a loving and courageous one. This child will be the first for me and may be the most anticipated among my family and friends.

I realize that you are making difficult decisions and I wish you peace and comfort in this process.

I hope this profile will give you a sense of who I am. I have a lot of love to give and hope you may consider me for your precious child.

Sincerely,

Lori



I am glad that you are taking the time to learn more about me and I am happy to share any information about my life. If I have not answered all of your questions here, please know that I am open to speaking to you. My name is Lori. I live in a quiet, culturally diverse town in New Jersey with my yellow lab, Sadie. I grew up in this area and am fortunate to be surrounded by family and friends. Sadie and I love children and are excited at the prospect of having a child come into our home. The minute I drove up to my house I knew it was for me. Everyone says that my home feels inviting - I like visitors to feel welcomed and at home. I am truly blessed to live on a quiet street surrounded by wonderful neighbors. Several of us meet for dinner at least twice a month. We look out for each other, whether it's shoveling the sidewalk, bringing in trash cans or just checking on another during a bad storm. We love to laugh and socialize. I don't think I could have found a better place to live.





Sadie is an 8 year old Labrador that I adopted from our local shelter several years ago. She loves walking around town and meeting the neighbors.

When we walk around the local lake she tries to swim with the geese. She loves kids.....mostly because they love to give her treats!

She's a great dog with lots of energy and love.





As a social worker, I currently work in the Perinatal tobacco field. In short, I am a tobacco counselor who educates health providers and supports pregnant women, mothers and their families who need help trying to quit.

I work for an agency designed to improve the health of mothers and children in South Jersey. I work with a great team who prides themselves on being helpful and not judgmental. My supervisor is very flexible when it comes to the staff in regards to their family.





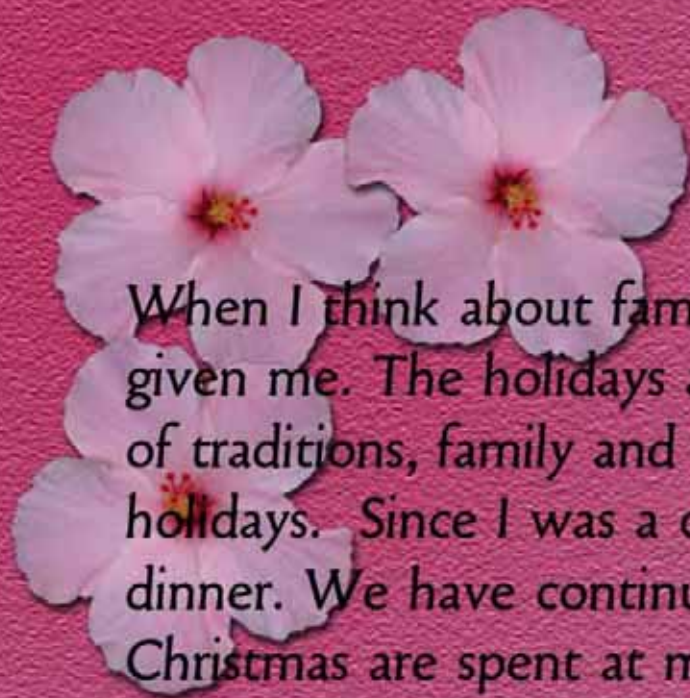
Family

I am the middle child of three girls. My sisters and I have different personalities, but that is what makes us fun! My older sister is named, Nina. She has four children – two teenage boys, Ryan and Kyle; and twin eight-year old girls, Emily and Audrey. Emily and Audrey are especially excited about the prospect of getting a new cousin! They will be mommy's little helpers for sure and surrogate siblings for the baby I am lucky enough to adopt.

My younger sister is named Daria. Daria and her husband, Dave, live a few miles from myself and are always near to lend a hand.



Both of my parents are deceased. While I miss them very much, they have certainly instilled in me the values and traditions that I hope to raise my family with. From my father, John, I learned what hard work was, responsibility, the ability to have fun, and of course my love of football! From my mother, Beatrice, I inherited all of our family traditions and my ability to appreciate what life has to offer. My sisters and I do our best to keep our parents alive through those traditions and family bonds that they created.



When I think about family I think about the different gifts they have given me. The holidays are an important time for me. They are a time of traditions, family and friends. My sisters and I get together for all holidays. Since I was a child, Easter has always meant going out to dinner. We have continued this through the years. Thanksgiving and Christmas are spent at my older sister's home for dinner and gift giving. Halloween is usually spent at my younger sister's home taking my nieces trick or treating. She makes a warm meal for everyone to enjoy after a night going door to door.

As you can see, most of the holidays are spent at my sisters' homes but with a child of my own, I get to change that.

Traditions do not end with family. Two weeks before Christmas my friend and I get together to write out cards. It's a night filled with laughter and lots of food. It is a tradition that I treasure dearly.



Almost as important as family is to me, are my friends. I am surrounded by many loving and giving friends that I consider to be extended family. The majority of my friends have children ranging in ages from 1 year to 24 years old. I have seen all stages of childhood from infancy to the teenage years and young adulthood and feel that I will certainly benefit from my friends' mistakes, triumphs and experiences raising their own children.



Fun facts

I sing to my dog.....and I think she likes it.

I love to cook and bake but I give the treats to my neighbors and coworkers so I don't eat it all.

My favorite movies are about baseball however I am a football fan.

I listen to music when I clean....it makes cleaning bearable.

I am a director for a local Miss America Pageant but I never watched it growing up.

On the weekends I drink my morning tea on my front porch.

When I was young, my father and I made banana sandwiches for snack.

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate. It should be one of the food groups

A photograph of a gondola ride through a Venetian-style canal at night. The gondola is dark and filled with several people, including a man in a striped shirt and a woman. The canal is illuminated by warm, golden lights reflecting on the water. The surrounding buildings are ornate and lit up, with a sign for 'PORT' visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is romantic and festive.

I definitely have learned throughout life that balance is important, which is why I enjoy my time away from work as well. I am a season ticket holder of the Philadelphia Eagles. I used to attend games with my father as a young girl and after he passed, I continue to attend the games with friends and family for my love of my father and the love of the Eagles! In the summer months, I also love to be outside. I go on vacation annually with my sister and her family to Ocean City, NJ. Ocean City is truly a family resort that any child would love. We fish, ride jet skis, visit the beach and boardwalk, and just relax and enjoy the atmosphere.



Looking from the back porch at the shore house we rent.



Another picture of Vegas



At the Eagles game with a friend.




Having fun on the jet ski with friends.



Playing in the water with my nieces and nephews



Vacation in Las Vegas. What a great show.



When the time comes for me to be a parent, I hope to raise my child in much the same way that I was raised. That means a love of God, family and friends as a strong foundation to build upon. This foundation will prepare and enable my child to enjoy life to its fullest mentally, physically and socially. The foundation that I was raised with has meant for me that life's trials and troubles have never seemed unconquerable. I am thankful to my family for helping me to build this foundation and I look forward to sharing this gift with a child.

In closing

It is my heartfelt desire to adopt a child. I have always known that I wanted to be a mother and traditional methods did not work for me. I am mentally and physically ready to take on the challenge of parenthood. My family and friends offer their support to me daily and I cannot wait for the day when I can tell them that I will indeed become a parent. I do consider myself a patient, loving, understanding person with so much to give a child. I am creative and could spend hours playing games, baking, reading or doing arts and crafts. I also love to be outdoors watching sports, riding jet skis or just working in the garden. Some of my happiest moments now come from babysitting my nieces or spending time with my friends' babies. I know in my heart that biology does not matter to me. I just want with all of my heart to be a mother and whether a child was born to me or I adopted, it would not change how happy I would be and the love in my heart for my new family.

I am so excited and owed by the opportunity to become a parent. I am grateful to you for making this decision and I hope that reading this profile has answered some of the many questions you must have. Please know that I will hold you gently in my thoughts over the coming weeks and months and wish you only the best.

Lori



"Family isn't about who you share blood with, it is about who you share love with"