



Melissa



hello!

Dear Sweet Mama,

You are incredible. I'm not sure if you feel like a hero right now but you are in every single way. Every person whose profile you view truly wants to be a parent and you can be the wonderful person who will make their dreams come true. Even as I try to understand how you feel through this life-changing decision, I can never fully comprehend your emotions and feelings because I am not walking in your shoes. All I can do is simply admire your courage, selflessness, and unconditional love you have for your baby.

The timing is right for me to enter this journey and I do so with an open heart and open mind. I'm ready to be a mom and am prepared to love your child unconditionally. I promise to always honor you as the incredible woman that you are and am looking forward to building a friendship with you. My hope is that as the years pass, both of us can share in the joy of watching this sweet baby grow up.

I have been praying for years to become a mom but if I am not a match for you, know that I wish God gives you wisdom, clarity and peace with your decision.

a glimpse INTO MY LIFE

I'm a dog mama, creative enthusiast, and natural caregiver who needs at least one Diet Coke to get through the day. I love watching episodes of Law & Order SVU and the Golden Girls and you can often find me spending time outdoors, browsing a consignment store, or enjoying some homemade goodies.

Family, friends, faith, financial security, and new adventures are things I value and I center my lifestyle around them. I am always down for spending time with loved ones, creating new memories, and laughing until my face hurts. I'm passionate about traveling and prefer adventures in the great outdoors where I can feel the sun on my face. For me, it's mountains over the beach, summer over winter, and being on the go over relaxing.



Being of service and volunteering are things I strive to do to live a joyful, fulfilled life. I look forward to sharing this lifestyle with your child and nurturing their innate generosity. My hope is for them to learn that they can make positive changes in the world by helping others.

My home is filled with life, laughter, music, forgiveness, stability, and compassion. Being in the kitchen is a favorite pastime and I find great pleasure in looking through cook books and trying new recipes. When I bake, I do so from scratch, and nothing beats sweet goodies baking in the oven. Licking batter off the spoon and eating cookies straight from the oven is a must for me.

This small town, traveling fool is all in on my adoption journey. I am here, I am ready, and I already love you. Becoming a parent will be my greatest honor and your child will know your courage, your love for them and that you are the first page of their amazing story!



why ADOPTION?

You're probably asking yourself why I chose adoption as a way to start my family. The simplest reason of all, is to become a mother. Motherhood has been a desire of mine for most of my adult life and caring for children is in my blood. It is something so deeply ingrained in me that I can't ignore it any longer.

After much thought, consideration, and the support of my friends and family I was led to adoption. Two of my cousins and their spouses have adopted seven children so I see adoption as a natural path to start a family. My experience with adoption has shown me that it is a very special way to create a family filled with unconditional love and support.



my FAMILY

My greatest joy is spending time with my family because they are a huge part of my life. They are awesome people and they are so supportive. We take every opportunity that we can to spend time together whether it is celebrating someone's birthday, hosting a holiday get together or for a random cookout on the weekend.

I am extremely fortunate to have an amazingly supportive mom, dad, and step-mom who have set beautiful examples of being kind, generous, and extremely loving. My mom lives within walking distance and my dad and stepmom live 10 minutes away and I'm pretty sure as soon as a child enters the picture, they will be at my house non-stop.

Every Sunday is our family day. It starts with us attending church and meeting for lunch afterward. I look forward to this lunch all week because we spend our time catch-





ing up on everyone's latest happenings. My family loves to celebrate my accomplishments and I love to celebrate theirs as well.

Over the years, my mom has become my best friend and I am so lucky that I grew up with her as my mother. She is compassionate and loves being around children. We teach Sunday school together at our church and seeing the joy in her eyes whenever she is around children solidifies to me why she is such a wonderful grandmother.

Raising your child surrounded by love and family is important to me, and as a single mom, having a superstar support system of family and friends will play an essential role in the upbringing of your child. Your child will be surrounded by lots of love and already has a crew of kids waiting for a new playmate. It takes a village and my village is ready to welcome your baby into our family!



FAMILY TRADITIONS

- Christmas Eve Church Service
- Making my grandmother's egg noodles for Thanksgiving
- Annual 4th of July family gathering
- Canning homemade jelly
- Baking Rollie Pollie, a sweet rolled treat, for family gatherings
- Annual girls trip with my Mom



I am deeply rooted in the same eastern Kansas community where I was raised. My home is in a small suburb outside the city limits that is bustling with zoos, museums, sporting events, and a wide variety of restaurants that will offer your child many activities to enjoy. My neighborhood is safe, secure, peaceful, and a great place to raise a family.

My home is a simple two bedroom house that has an open concept kitchen, living, and dining room. I describe my home as warm and inviting and I want everyone who visits to feel relaxed and right at home. To me, my home is more than a place to live, it is my sanctuary. A place where I can unwind and feel at ease when life becomes hard to handle. Time spent at home usually includes being in the kitchen making treats and yummy meals for friends and family when they visit or relaxing in the living room watching TV.

On cool summer nights, I spend time outside on my deck watching fireflies dance in the evening air and can't wait for the time when a child chases after them in hopes of catching one. I have a large fenced-in yard and have created a safe environment for your child to play whether they are playing on their swing set or enjoying a night game of Ghost in the Graveyard. My home is located on a quiet street where your child can learn to ride their bike, skateboard, or drive their Power Wheel Jeep.

my HOME



meet my pups

MAGGIE and NOEL

I love animals, especially my dogs Maggie and Noel. Anyone you meet will tell you that they are a huge part of my life and I enjoy spending time with them.

Maggie is my two year old Beagle who loves many things. Among these is to fetch sticks, play with her toys, and sit in the yard watching the squirrels. If she could, she would spend most of her time outside basking in the sun.

Noel is my eight year old West Highland Terrier mix. She is laid back, enjoys her daily treats and gets overly excited when we go on one of our walks. She has a “princess” personality and would rather spend time indoors lying on the couch.



My dogs are supreme cuddlers so we take time to snuggle on the couch each night. On the weekends, we head out for walks and we can't wait to incorporate the kiddie park into our weekend fun!

These tenderhearted, sweet, and loving pups are ready to be big sisters and are anxiously waiting for a new playmate.



I have visited 10 Countries

my ADVENTURES

Some would say I have a wandering soul because of my love of travel and adventure and, they're right. I would love to see every nook and cranny in the most remote places of the world, feel water splashing on my face as I ride the rapids of a river or gaze at the ocean from the Cliffs of Moher in awe of its natural beauty.

One of the most amazing trips of my life was embarking on a twenty-eight day solo adventure across Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Europe. It was an amazing experience and one I will never forget. I thrived by immersing myself in new cultures, meeting new people, tasting new foods and experiencing every adventure the destinations had to offer. In Gimmelwald Switzerland, I walked through the mountain village and made a stop at the Honesty Shop, an unattended self service shop, where I was able to quench my thirst and grab a snack. I road tripped across Ireland gazing at its natural beauty and encountered the friendliest people along the way. In Scotland, I couldn't take my eyes off the snow capped mountains and couldn't pass up the opportunity to hunt for Nessie in Loch Ness.

I love to travel and do so for my soul. When I return home from a trip, I bring back wonderful memories and a fuller, richer heart. It's the unplanned, spontaneous moments of connecting with people many miles from home that make my heart full.

My travel experiences have helped shape me into the person I am and I have an appreciation for each place I have visited. I have traveled to 10 countries, and there are several more adventures and destinations on my bucket list. I look forward to sharing my love of travel and exploration with your child. I'm excited to witness how their experiences and adventures give them a fuller, richer heart along with many wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

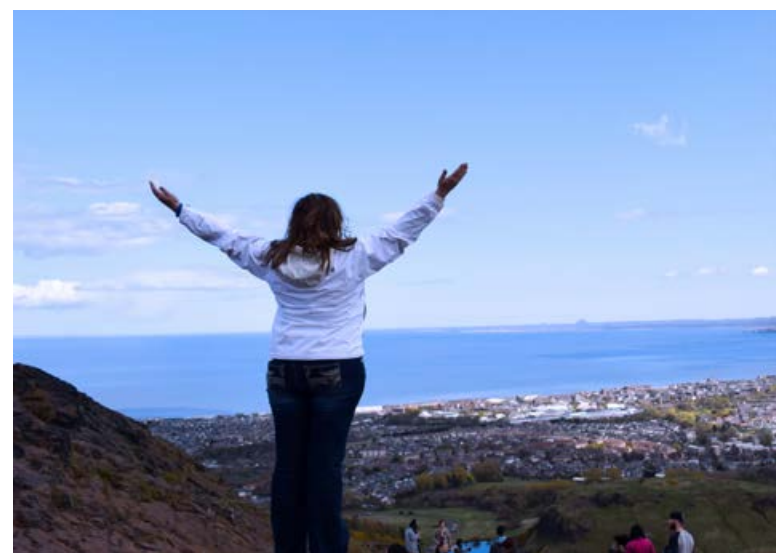
Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.



TOP ADVENTURES

Parasailing in the Bahamas
Horse Back riding in Montana
White water rafting
Hiking the Swiss Alps

Tipi glamping in Wyoming
Hiking to Arthur's Seat in Scotland
Seeing the Cliffs of Moher
Swimming with Sea Turtles





HOBBIES *and* INTERESTS

Although I have several hobbies, such as gardening and hiking, sewing has become my newest hobby. When I decided to pursue my dream of motherhood, I began browsing the baby section at every store I visited and quickly realized things were very expensive. I was determined to find a better solution so I purchased a sewing machine and taught myself how to sew. Thus far, I have made several baby blankets, burp cloths, and crib sheets for my nursery. My current sewing project is a nursery quilt and I can't wait to wrap it around your child to keep them warm on a cool fall night.

Reading and watching movies are other hobbies I enjoy. Thriller and mystery novels with several plot twists and turns are my favorite books because they keep me on the edge of my seat. Suspenseful and action-packed movies are a must for me and, like my books, I love one that keeps me on the edge of my seat and in suspense during the whole movie.



PROMISES

I promise to give your child hugs and kisses on a daily basis.

I promise that your child will know your courage, your deep love for them and that you are the first page of their amazing story.

I promise to reassure the following daily affirmations to your child: *You are kind. You are strong. You are smart. I am proud of you. I love you.*

I promise to provide your child a wonderful, loving upbringing that will lead them to become a confident and kind person.

I promise our home will be a place filled with laughter, love, compassion, and structure.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to learn about me. If I'm chosen to parent your child, I will love them unconditionally and with all of my heart. I am committed to telling them about their adoption story and I want them to know all they can about their birth family.

As mentioned earlier, I am here, I am ready, and I already love you. Becoming a parent will be the greatest honor and privilege in my life. If I am chosen as an adoptive parent, your child will know all about the first page of their amazing story, which will speak of your courage and deep love for them.

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