



Amanda



Hello.

I am Amanda and I am humbled that you have taken the time to get to know more about me and my family. I cannot imagine what you are going through or the complex decisions you are facing. **I pray you and your entire family have felt the presence of the Lord and that He continues to provide you all with a sense of comfort and peace throughout this season.**

My dream has always been to become a mother through adoption. I always thought I would be married and start the journey together with my husband but the Lord had other plans. I have prayerfully considered adoption and what it means to adopt as a single mother, and I am ready! I will not be perfect, but **I will set the best example I can for my future child and will continue to reach out to my compassionate and committed support system of friends and family!** I know one day, my husband will love my future child just as much as I already do!

I hope this book gives you a glimpse of the type of mother I will be to my future child and the support system that will be surrounding us.

With much love,
Amanda

Who am I?

My name is Amanda, but my family calls me Mandy, which I love. There's something special about having a family nickname. I am the youngest of two children. I have one older brother, who is married and has three children--two sons and one daughter. I cherish every minute of being their aunt. They have taught me so much and are truly my pride and joy. I am also blessed to be called "Aunt Mandy" by a close friend's daughter, whom she adopted domestically at birth.

My brother and I were raised by our parents and taught to value our family and our faith in God. Our parents have showed us the meaning of love, serving others, and the importance of our education and hard work by the way they live their lives. The examples they set in our lives made me who I am today. **I am a compassionate and dependable woman who loves God, family, and serving others.**



STRENGTHS FOR PARENTING

- A HUGGER
- DEPENDABLE
- ENCOURAGING
- TRUSTWORTHY
- FORGIVING
- A GREAT LISTENER
- AN ORGANIZED PLANNER
- HAVE A SERVANT'S HEART
- A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
- LOVE TO PLAY GAMES

HOBBIES

- SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY
- READING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- WALKING OR HIKING
- CROCHET

More About Me

MY JOB

I love being around children and working with our refugee community, but my day job is a senior accountant at a local corporate office. I have been employed with the same company for over 10 years. **The company is focused on establishing a great family and work life balance and offers a flexible work schedule. I work from home one and half days, and I am off every Friday afternoon.**



Serving with a local ministry

EDUCATION

- BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING
- GRADUATE COURSES IN AUTISM, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

FAVORITES

- COLOR - ORANGE
- HOLIDAY - CHRISTMAS
- FOOD - ITALIAN
- PLACE - MACKINAC ISLAND, MI
- SUMMER ACTIVITY - PICNICS
- WEEKEND ACTIVITY - ROAD TRIPS
- DISNEY CHARACTER - GOOFY
- PHONE APP - ANCESTRY
- SPORT - VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER
- MOVIE - ANY MADEA MOVIE
- ANIMAL - MY DOG, CHARLIE



A weekend trip to my favorite hotel of all times - The Christmas Inn in Gatlinburg, TN



With my dog, Charlie



Serving at a local park during United Way's Day of Caring



Teaching first grade girls during a local ministry's summer camp



Date Night with my friend's daughter



The cold December weather could not stop my mom and I from cheering my brother on in his first marathon!



Airplane rides and piggy back rides are my little 2nd cousin's favorite things!



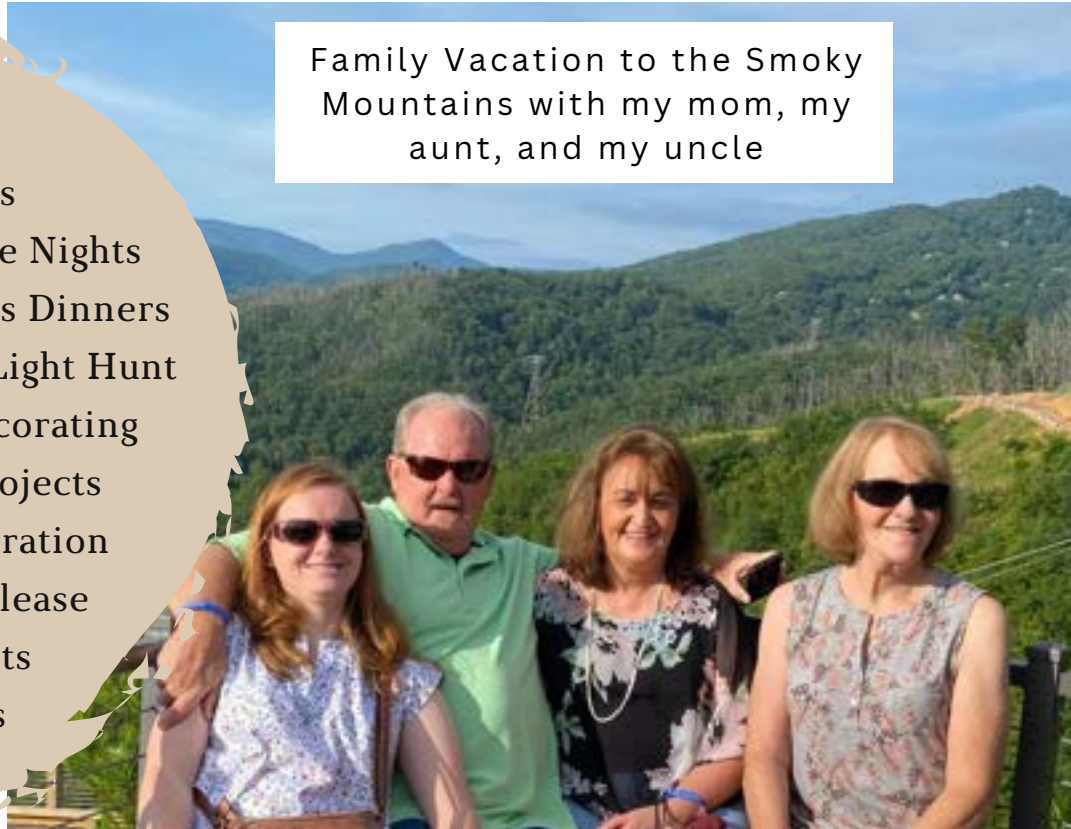
I will never be too old to play in the snow!

My Family

Traditions

Family Vacations
Unplugged Family Game Nights
Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners
Christmas Eve Midnight Light Hunt
Gingerbread House Decorating
Christmas Service Projects
New Year's Eve Celebration
Birthday Balloon Release
Family Date Nights
Summer Picnics

Family Vacation to the Smoky Mountains with my mom, my aunt, and my uncle



Playing UNO with my sister-in-law and one of my nephews



My family has always been close knit, and we love spending time together. My brother, my cousins, my parents, and my aunts and uncles all live within an hour of one another. Family time is very important to us - there is always lots of laughter any time we get together. We love family dinners, game nights, family vacations, serving together in the community, passing down family stories, and cheering one another on at various events. I look forward to sharing these traditions with my child, creating new traditions, and watching my child develop friendships with their cousins.

"The love in our family flows strong and deep, leaving us memories to treasure and keep."

- Unknown

Nana & Pop

My mom is a retired school teacher and has worked with children of all abilities and ages over the years. She is my best friend and the most involved grandparent ever! She is in good health and has already committed to playing an instrumental role in my child's life. **She has refused multiple times for my future child to go to daycare now that she is retired - she wants nothing more than to babysit.** She is dreaming of the memories she will make with her next grandchild.

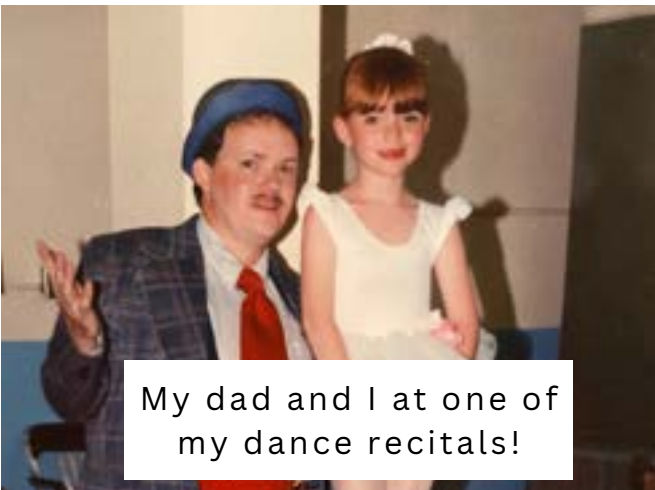


My mom with her great niece

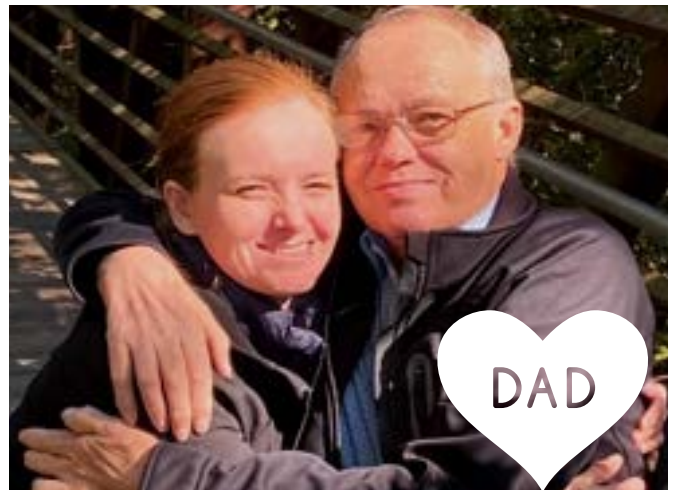


My mom and her grandchildren

My dad was the life of the party. Growing up, my dad performed magic and clowning shows and always took part in my dance recitals. He had a positive outlook on life and could always make me smile. He passed away just 6 months after I started the journey to motherhood and was super excited to welcome home a new grandchild. I miss my dad every day and cannot wait to share stories about my dad with my future child.



My dad and I at one of my dance recitals!



DAD

My Friends



My co-workers and I love to visit escape rooms on the weekends!

My support system not only includes my family, but also includes my friends from work and church. My friends and I enjoy serving together during our community's United Way Day of Caring and with a local street ministry. We also love to meet for dinner, take road trips, visit escape rooms, attend concerts, and get together for other various activities. **My friends are so excited about my plans to become a mother and are very supportive. They are committed to encouraging my child throughout their life and have been praying for you, your family, and your child.**



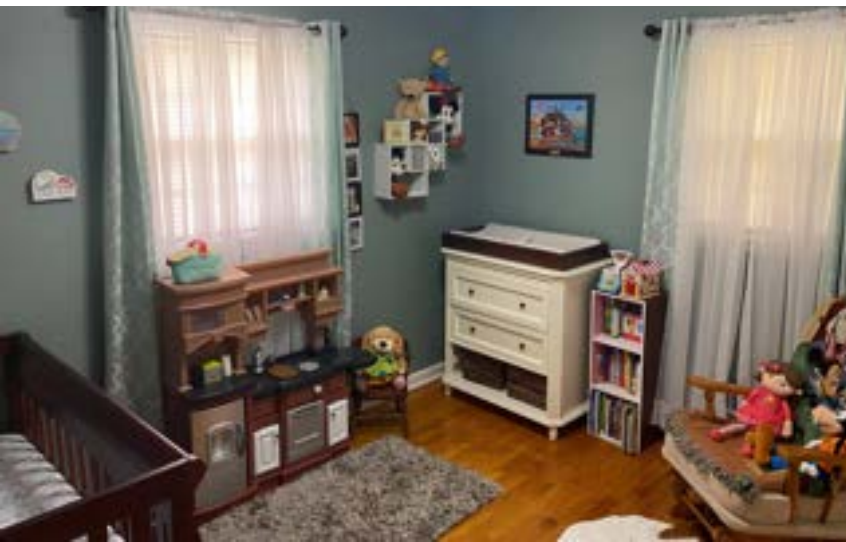
Mother Daughter Dinner with friends from church



With a friend at a Jamie Grace concert



Home Sweet Home



My home is a comfortable, three bedroom two bath house and is the perfect size for myself and my future children. **I love decorating and have been dreamed of the day I would become a mother. So of course, the first two rooms I decorated were rooms for my future children.** One room is the nursery and the spare room is designed for older children.



I really enjoy spending time outside. I love eating outside on the patio, making s'mores with family and friends, or just relaxing in my hammock, which is also my dog's favorite place to nap.



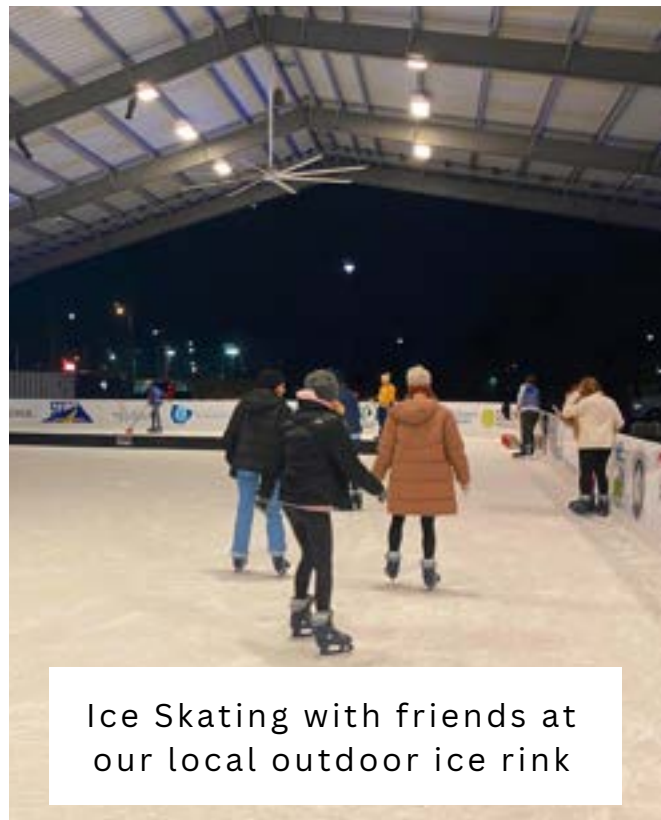
My dog, Charlie, is a spoiled, cocker spaniel poodle mix. He is great around children, loves to play, and has the best personality of any dog I have ever owned. **I know he is going to be a great playmate for my future child.**

SAFE FRIENDLY AND DIVERSE

MY COMMUNITY



My little 2nd cousin loved watching the turtle eat and getting to rub his shell at the zoo!



Ice Skating with friends at our local outdoor ice rink

My hometown is a safe, family-oriented, and diverse city. There are two great school districts with award winning schools, two private school settings, local sports teams and activities for all abilities and ages, and is within 100 miles to a few of the best children's hospitals. There are several local parks, lakes, nature trails, and caves to explore in my hometown. I also live within an hour or two of a couple zoos, orchards, theaters, ice rinks, museums, pools, sports arenas, and children's science museums.



My mom and I relaxing at one of the local pools after a day of swimming

Kind Words



We met Amanda about 8 years ago through a street ministry where we serve together. We were taken in by her beautiful heart for the children and quickly realized she is one of the most selfless and kind-hearted individuals we have ever met. We promise to support, mentor, encourage, and pray for Amanda throughout this journey and cannot wait to meet her future child.

-My friends, Vickie and Cathy, photo taken at church



Mandy and I have been best friends for life. I cannot wait for our children to have the same relationship. My family is looking forward to many playdates with Mandy's future child and our family vacations. I cannot wait to love on my little 2nd cousin the way Mandy loves on my girls.

-My cousin, Jake, pictured with his wife and their children



I have known Amanda for over 20 years now. I will forever be grateful to her for the part she played in helping me raise my boys. Amanda engaged with them, showed genuine interest in them, and didn't shy away from their antics. She attended their sporting activities and helped cheer them on in all their endeavors. I knew that she would do her best to meet their every need and she still does.

-- Tricia, my life-long friend (photo from one of the first times I babysat her boys)



I love hearing my grandkids shout, "Grandpa's here!" When Mandy's father passed away, I promised to step in. I am committed to encouraging and supporting her and her future child and being very involved in their life. I cannot wait to hear her future child shout, "Uncle Lemual's here!"

-My uncle, Lemual, pictured with one of his granddaughters



MY PROMISES



I will pray for you, your family, and your child.

I will provide your child with a safe, healthy, and nurturing home where we will share love, laughter, and cherished memories.

I will to give your child my attention, spend lots of quality time together, and set aside time for family date nights.

I will not be perfect, but I will strive to live a Godly life and set the best example I can for your child.

I will to surround your child with a village of love, support, and encouragement throughout his or her life.


I will ensure someone is always there to welcome your child home from school, even if I cannot be there.

I will make sure your child has educational opportunities and the chance to participate in activities within the community where their individual talents may flourish.

I will encourage your child to dream big and be one of their biggest fans.

I will join a local adoption support group at my church where my family and your child will have an opportunity to build relationships with other families who have adopted.

There will be open communication – no questions will ever be off limits. Your child will know their adoption story and how loved they always have been and will be by you and your family.



*Thank you for
reviewing my profile!*

*Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every
way. The Lord be with you all.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16

