



AMY



FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME

Hello! I am Amy.

You are a very courageous and selfless individual. You are giving the greatest gift to someone else; this is an act of bravery and strength.

You deserve to be a part of your child's life and they deserve to know you. Thank you for your most generous gift.

THINGS I WILL TEACH MY CHILDREN

- **Help others in need and to be a strong example for others.**
- **Understand and appreciate different people and cultures.**
- **Make ethical choices; to make ethical choices even when no one else is watching.**
- **Be confident and believe in themselves. To appreciate their own unique abilities and characteristics.**
- **Be honest, kind, and accepting to all people. To treat themselves and others with compassion and respect.**

GROWING UP



For the majority of my childhood, I was raised by my single mother with my younger brother, who is three years younger than me as my parents divorced when I was six years old. We were so fortunate to have our loving, wonderful grandparents and aunts for close support, and they lived in the same town. These visits were filled with special traditions and foods. I was the oldest cousin and loved taking care of my younger cousins- dressing them up, doing ornate hairstyles and braids for them, putting on plays together with costumes, and practicing lines and dances. I love big families and family gatherings, and this is a main reason why I would like to add children to my own family.

WHY I HAVE CHOSEN *adoption*

I have always wanted to have at least 3 to 4 children in our family. My two daughters are the product of embryos using my eggs and donor sperm as a single parent. My other embryo transfers failed due to uterine problems. The last transfer was successful, but tragically ended in neonatal loss. Two different couples offered their embryos to me through embryo adoption, but I am no longer able to carry a child due to uterine surgeries and complications. I love all children and being genetically related does not make a family. I would love to have another child and an open adoption, if that is something you are comfortable with. If I had been able to use the donated embryos from those families, those families and I had already planned to maintain frequent visits and foster an honest, open relationship.

MEET AMY

OCCUPATION...First grade Bilingual Spanish teacher

DEGREES: Master of Teaching in Education;
Bachelor of Science in Economics

SIBLING...1 younger brother

HOBBIES/INTERESTS...Traveling, exploring new places, reading, walking, running, bike riding, swimming, taking my children to different places (the zoo, splash pads, museums, etc.,)

SILLY OBSESSION...All things Italian, learning languages, and meeting people from different parts of the world.

PERSONALITY...Empathetic, friendly, hardworking, honest, organized, patient, and trustworthy.

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT ME

- I served in the US Peace Corps in Nicaragua and lived with a host family there.
- I am obsessed with watching the Olympics, especially the summer Olympics!
- I worked with children ages 3-7, as an instructor at a children's art camp, working on a variety of painting projects, weaving, theater, potter, jewelry-making.
- I am fluent in Spanish due to my language instruction and serving/living in Nicaragua.
- I love adventure! I have travelled on my own to many parts of the world- Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, Spain, Morocco, Italy, Portugal, the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, and many others.



**HANGING OUT
WITH A FRIEND**



AT WORK

Season: Summer
Candy: Twix & KitKat
Food: Italian & Mexican
Ice Cream: Daiquiri Ice
Color: Turquoise & aqua green
Vacation: Italy, Spain, Panama

SOME OF MY FAVORITES THINGS

Exercise: Running outside
Cartoon Character: Minnie Mouse
Time of Day: Anytime it's sunny!
Snack: Nacho Cheese Doritos
Holiday: Christmas & Easter
Music: Journey & Billy Joel

MEET MY CHILDREN

SOFIA



THINGS THAT SOFIA LOVES

- ❖ Art, creating projects, making jewelry
- ❖ Writing letters, drawing, the violin
- ❖ Makeup, nails, stuffed animals

Sofia is very confident and independent, very social. She is a real leader and has never been shy. She has always taken care of her little sister from the very beginning and also loves to be around little children at her daycare. She is very smart and is doing so well in writing in Spanish, reading, and in math. She has a great group of close friends. She is very athletic and loves gymnastics, bike-riding, K-Pop Demon Hunters, and Zootopia 2. She likes Shakira and other songs by Spanish artists as well as likes watching cooking competitions. Her favorite foods are spaghetti, shrimp, and sushi, chips, root beer, and ice cream.

THINGS THAT ADRIANA LOVES

- ❖ School, dancing, playing with her friends
- ❖ Singing songs, art, drawing, coloring
- ❖ Jumping on the trampoline

Adriana is more of a calmer soul, although can definitely be silly and feisty at times. She loves dressing up and also playing with her sister. She is very helpful and almost always smiling and happy. She likes staying up and telling stories. She is very athletic and is strong in gymnastics and swinging on the bars. She is very observant and has an excellent memory. She loves math in school and practicing sounds and words in Spanish. Her favorite movie is Lyle the Crocodile, and she likes Curious George and Daniel Tiger. Her favorite foods are hamburgers and lasagna, milk, and orange juice. She loves candy and ice cream and asks Santa for them every Christmas.

ADRIANA



Sofia and Adriana are so excited at the possibility of having another sibling! They had their little brother for a very short time, very sadly. They are both very motherly and in school and daycare always seem to help the littler ones there. They love little babies and toddlers and are ready to have another brother and/or sister! They already spend a great deal of time with their cousins and children of friends.

MY FAMILY

ONE OF MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORIES...is the time I spent with my grandparents and cousins. I grew up in a close-knit family, and my grandparents were truly wonderful. Since they lived in the same town, we spent many summer days together, helping in their garden and tending to their flowers. They also took us on trips around the world. I loved spending time with my younger cousins as well—we would create and plan plays for our family, complete with costumes, props, and rehearsed songs and lines.



MY MOM & MY DAUGHTERS



**MY DAUGHTERS WITH
THEIR AUNT & COUSINS**



**MY BROTHER &
MY DAUGHTERS**

TOP 5 THINGS I HAVE ENJOYED BEING A MOM

- ❖ Enjoying holiday traditions together! I love watching my girls' excitement on Christmas morning, Easter, and fireworks on 4th of July!
- ❖ Sharing my interests with my kids- attending cultural festivals, traveling and exploring new places, attending events with friends and family, sharing my love of reading, and exploring the outdoors.
- ❖ Being a source of comfort to my kids; being there for them during their times of sadness, fear, happiness, and excitement.
- ❖ The unconditional love I have for them and the joy and enrichment they bring to my life.
- ❖ I love all of the extended groups of people we have met and welcomed into our inner circle; some of these people are related to us by blood and some are the special "family" we would have never known had it not been for the connections with my children.

MY HOME

We live in Oregon. My city is noted for having one of the greatest number of parks and natural areas per square mile. There are an abundance of parks, playgrounds, and miles of trails that we can walk to from our home. We have multiple libraries to visit to check out books and attend fun family community events; the Oregon zoo is a short drive away, as well as the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry with tons of hands-on exhibits and exploration.

We also attend cultural events all around the city, including the Indian Festival, World Beat Festival, Slavic Festival, Middle Eastern Festival, Chinese New Year, among many others. We are in close distance to the different Country fairgrounds. We are about 1.5 hours from the beautiful Oregon Coast, close to the mountains for a drive, and we have family in Central Oregon High Desert.

Our family also goes to the Gilbert House Children's museum with hands-on exhibits for kids and the Discovery Museum, learning around world forests and taking rides around different forests of the world.



MY FRIENDS

My friends are a strong source of support for me and my children. My closest friend is someone I've known since high school, and she has supported me through every stage of life. She is very supportive of my plans to adopt and excited for our family.

My children's godmother is also one of my closest friends. We met when I taught her oldest child in kindergarten, who is now about to graduate high school. She has four children, and I always feel my kids are safe, comfortable, and well cared for with her family. She is someone we can always rely on.



Many of my other close friends are current or former colleagues who are very supportive of adoption. They have strong values and are open and accepting of all people, and many are native or fluent Spanish speakers.

Another close friend, who is also an assistant teacher in my classroom, is like family to us. She is a "tía" to my daughters and is always there with kindness and support.

I also have a close friend who served in the Peace Corps in Bolivia and is now a bilingual Spanish teacher. She and her family are a big part of our lives. She has supported me in many ways, including helping prepare for my children when they were born and caring for them when I needed help.



RAISING A CHILD

One of my main educational goals for my current and future children is for them to have a bilingual education. Being bilingual provides so many opportunities and also enriches our lives by knowing people of other cultures and backgrounds. I want for my children to enjoy learning, enjoy books, exploring science, and any subject that interests them.

As a parent, my rules and responsibilities include always being honest, being kind and respectful to others, cleaning up after themselves, and contributing to the family by helping in age-appropriate activities and chores. I have routines and structure, but I will always make time for fun, too. The daily routines and expectations help with behavior and in ensuring my children feel comfortable knowing what is expected of them.

As a parent, I want my children to know no matter that, no matter what, I love them unconditionally, and that will never change no matter their actions or under any circumstances. We are a family that always gives hugs and my children know that we are very open and they feel comfortable coming to me to talk about any problems, worries, joys, or accomplishments.,



I PROMISE THAT MY CHILD WILL...

- Always know the love of their biological mother and have them in their life.
- Know that they are loved unconditionally and that they are a valuable, integral part of our family.
- Be encouraged to do what they love in life, to explore their interests, and to find their place in this world.
- Feel safe and secure in my home and family, feel comforted in times of sadness, and lifted up in times of joy
- Know and be enriched with the understanding of their cultural background and roots and that this will be a source of pride for our family.

-----THANK YOU-----

I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THE TIME TO READ *my profile*

Thank you for considering me to raise your child. You are an incredible individual; you have a selfless and generous heart. Your actions are nothing short of courageous, and I cannot thank you enough for your bravery. Please know that you will always be an inspiration to me and my family and that your child will know you and your sacrifices. You will be a part of your child's life and a part of our family. For all that you have done and all that you are, we hold you in the highest regard and in a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Amy

