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Hello, I'm Cara

Thank you for choosing adoption. It is a courageous decision that speaks of the love and hope you have for your baby. I believe that God has a deep love for both you and this child and He has a plan and a future for each of you. My prayer is that you find peace in choosing a loving home for your child. Your child is absolutely a gift from God and has a place in this world as someone's answered prayer. And like you, there is something special that this child alone can bring to this world. Thank you for choosing life for this baby! I am praying for you and this precious child that you are carrying.

I am a daughter, sister, aunt, and Godmother, but not yet a mother to my own children. I have a full and happy life, filled with family, friends, tennis, music, church and travel. But one of my lifelong dreams remains unrealized…to have a child. There has been no point in my life where I did not want to be a mom and to raise children. Rather than bear my own children, I have in my heart to adopt one that is in need of a loving, stable, joyful home.

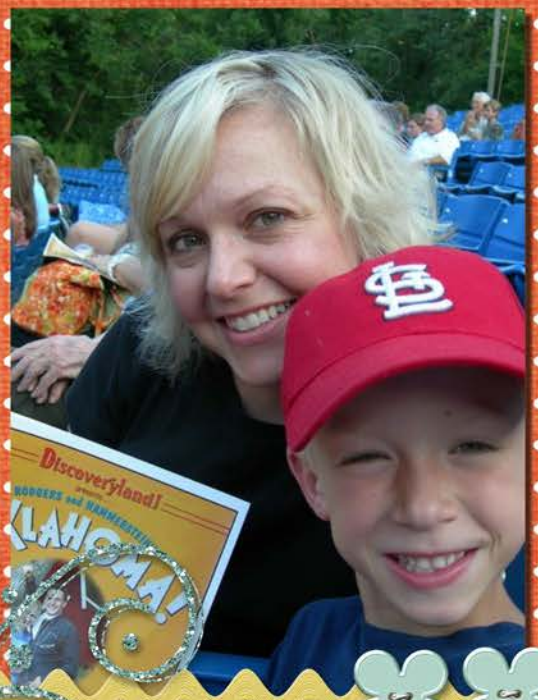
In my mid-thirties I began thinking about how I will build a family if I never marry and build it the traditional way. For me, adoption is the most honorable option. I could never get comfortable becoming a mother in another way, having biological children. Adoption is my choice to realize my dream of raising a family, with the amazing support of my extended family. My life-long dream has been to raise a family near my own family!

My Life

I enjoy all kinds of activities. I spend most of my free time with family, and friends who might as well be family. I love to do anything and everything concerning my "little people" which are my nephew & two nieces. I go to soccer games, volleyball tournaments, gymnastics meets, baseball games, birthday parties, and piano recitals. In fact, you can find pretty much my whole family cheering rowdily at every event. We are a family who loves sports and gets great joy out of watching each other play. My sport of choice is tennis. I play a lot (some might consider me a tennis junkie), and in fact, my dad came out this month to watch me play a match, once a cheering dad always a cheering dad! It's just a way of life for my family to cheer for each other in whatever we do, sports, academics, pursuing our dreams. I've not once in my life ever felt unsupported by my family in my pursuits, including the desire to adopt.

Other than sports, I love to travel. I usually travel to visit or with friends. There's a couple trips I take annually with college friends, usually to the same little beach house, or the city where one of us lives. I've been all over the US and even abroad. I'm so blessed to have friends abroad who welcome me to visit as well. Over the past 10 years I've checked off my travel 'bucket list' a whole lot of places. I'm looking forward to introducing a little one to the wonderful world outside of our home state.

Most people wouldn't consider their family a "hobby," but mine is. We do life together. From weekend waffle breakfasts and ping pong tournaments to a family cruise, or trip to Mexico and celebrating my parent's anniversary. You can find us together 3-4 times a week at a concert, a ball game, or just grilling out. They are my favorite 'hobby.'



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I'm a joyful, life-loving person. I get a kick out of life and people, and especially kids. I'm told that I'm funny, and indeed I even laugh at myself. There's rarely a sweeter sound to me than to hear my friends, family or co-workers laugh as I recount a story of my latest escapade. I'm fiercely loyal, practical, and responsible. I pride myself in being someone my friends and family know they can count on, for anything. People tell me I'm smart, but I think I got the standard issue intelligence plus a double dose of common sense and a strong work ethic. I am focused and passionate about my social, spiritual, and professional goals in life.

I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and work as a business consultant for several small businesses as a controller or Chief Financial Officer. The industries I work for vary from film companies, to furniture distributors, to churches/nonprofit organizations.

After the baby arrives, I plan on dropping back to part-time work. I have worked a long time and planned financially to be able to work only part time for the first several years of my child's life. I only plan on working outside the home for 2 days a week during the baby's first year and even longer if possible. I have lived below my means for many, many years so that I may have the privilege of being with my child during those first, very important formative years. I don't want to miss a thing in those precious first years!

When I do work, my mom will care for the baby. She did this for my brother and his wife's child as well. They have such a close relationship because of it. There is no one I'd trust more to love and nurture my baby than my mom! In addition to her being a loving, joyful caregiver who gets such delight out of spending time with her granddaughter, she's also a Registered Nurse (RN) who has been worked in a hospital's newborn nursery for almost 40 years! She knows a thing or two about all things baby and is usually the first call my friends make when they come home from the hospital with their new little ones. How great is that for me and my baby to have her!?!?!

A little more about me...

My friends and family

I am part of an amazingly close-knit family. I consider them my life's greatest blessings. My parents provided a stable, strong foundation for me and my two brothers while growing up. My parents gave us faithful, unconditional love, and opportunities to develop our character, our faith, and a sense of belonging. I would be doing well to follow their example in raising my own child. No week goes by without seeing my parents, or my younger brother and his wife and daughter, all of whom live near me. We are intricately involved in each other's lives and count each other as not just family, but best friends as well. What I have to offer a child is an extended family that loves children and are beside themselves in anticipation of having another child in the family to love.

My family's favorite activities are playing and watching sports, and having Saturday morning waffle breakfasts together. They are a long standing and famous family tradition---waffles with the works, pecans, whipped cream, maple syrup, berries and thick bacon from our local German meat market. We have one every holiday and pretty much every time we are all together. We also tend to move as a unit to whatever activity the little people are in that weekend, cheering each other on (to the extent that sometimes I apologize to those who have to stand near to us!) On my own, I also enjoy hanging out with friends, going to dinner, having dinner parties so we have an excuse to learn to be better cooks.

My Mom & Dad, still happily married after 46 years, live just a mile away from me. I have two brothers, Matt who lives just a few hours away and Andrew who lives a mile away from me. Both are married to their high school/college sweethearts. Matt & his wife Kristi, have two children: Ryan Matthew (12), and Lindsey Nicole (10). Andy & his wife LeighAnne have one daughter, Asa Kate who is 8. My brothers understand that their influence shapes their children's character and that their kids watch their every move and attitude. I cannot tell you the confidence it brings me knowing my brothers will be a father-figures in my child's life. It's a tremendous blessing!

I'd be remiss to not mention my "sisters" Wendy and Cristine. I don't have any real sisters, but I do have two friends that I claim as sisters and have known them for years. We have been the best of friends ever since 7th grade. We attended college together and now we traipse across the country each year to spend a week or so together, sometimes with their children, sometimes without. I consider their husbands my brother-in-laws, and their kids all refer to me as "Aunt Cara." I wear the title proudly!

My home & community

I own a sunny, newer home in a quiet suburban neighborhood near a large metropolitan city. It is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, full brick, one story. The house is on the edge of a cul-de-sac and has a great backyard. That backyard will easily fit a half dozen slip-n-slides The backyard is fenced in on one side, and I'm about to enclose the other side as well. My backyard neighbor is actually a farm! Needless to say, it's far from the city center and I like it that way. It's peaceful and close to my family. You'd think being only a mile from both my parents, and little brother and family would be close enough. But, I wouldn't mind moving a mile north to actually have a house in their neighborhood, but houses in their neighborhood don't go for sale very often. I'd jump on the chance to be neighbors with my younger brother, especially because they are such a support to me and it means my niece Asa Kate could come to my house anytime she wanted. And I'd love for my child to grow up literally as neighbors to Andy as a father figure, and Asa Kate like a sibling.

By way a paved path along a creek, my house is within walking distance of a great public elementary school, the church I attend, and my little brother Andy's house. Also, it's connected to two parks by way of a walking trail. One has trees and places to run, the other play equipment, baseball fields and a splash pad. It's a great community for families. There are lots of young families in my neighborhood in fact. I'm close friends with my next door neighbor, a single dad with two daughters. We've been neighbors for almost 7 years now. I think his daughters will make great babysitters for me someday!

My future

My plans for the future are to raise a family near my extended family. That has always been my goal. I have a great career, but I'm ready to put that on the backburner for awhile, it's time for me to have my own family. There is nothing I want more than to share the joy of my family with my children.

I plan to raise my children according to my Christian faith. If I can instill in my own children the values of faith, family and character, I will feel like a successful parent. I'll work on passing these things on in between the fun and laughing and cupcake baking, we will talk about things that matter: our faith, our family, and our character.

It is of utmost importance to me that my child has access to a good education from kindergarten through college. Recognizing that every child is unique, I want to ensure that I give my child the best possible education for their specific gifting; whether that be private or public school. I want to help my child (financially and emotionally) go on to higher education that bests suits their studies or their music, or whatever it is that God enables them to do.

Although I am single, I do have an incredible gift to offer a child: an entire, functional family of love. My child will have Grandparents who are actively and daily involved in their life and care. Not just one father figure, but three! Three men who are excellent God-fearing father and role models. My brothers happen to be some of my closest friends and have been for decades. I have the support and commitment of a family of five adults and three children who with open arms want to support me as I expand our family. I'm blessed beyond what I deserve and I hope a pray that you can see that I'm offering more than just myself as a mom, but I'm offering your sweet baby a whole amazing family and a future of being loved unconditionally.

I have such a respect for you and your choice for adoption. I pray that you will find peace and ease in your decision. The gratitude I feel towards you is so deep. You will always be a part of this child's story. Your decision to choose life for this baby will literally change not just your child's life but mine and my whole family! I pray that you will feel honored for your decision by me and eventually your child, and certainly by God. Whatever ongoing role you may or may not want to play in this child's life will be honored. Your child will always be reminded of your selfless act, an act of love.

God bless you, Cara

Happiness