

JULIE

Growing my family



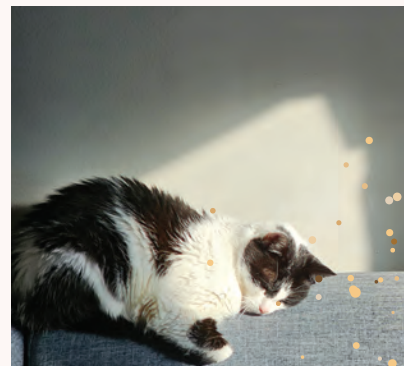
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about me

I'm often outgoing, but I also love spending time at home relaxing. I love a simple life with family, my cat, and friends. I work as a therapist, which I think is the best job ever, and it allows me to run my own business. I love being a therapist because it's an interactive, dynamic, and authentic connection with another person who is trying to create positive change. I usually spend time reading, watching TV, or tending to my plant collection when I'm not out with friends. I'm interested in learning new things, science, hiking, meeting new people, and painting or other arts (though maybe not that artistic). I'm generally an easygoing, loyal person who is also down to earth. I always try to be the best version of myself while allowing myself grace.



my home and pet

I live in the greater DC area in a three-bedroom townhouse. I love this area because it's very walkable and in a great family neighborhood with playgrounds, a library, and a community center. It's a great place to put down roots. I've lived in this area for over a decade and intend to keep living here for many years. The local schools have a good reputation. I have a cat, who I got when I was in the Peace Corps. She's 15 now!

what led me to adoption

I want to adopt because I feel that is the route toward parenting that life has presented me. I was previously a foster parent and decided I want an enduring, deep, stable connection with a child. I want them to be able to grow, be loved, and have all the opportunities they can, and I think I can be a great parent. My sister is adopted, and I have seen the chances she was given because of that. I also know I loved my sister from the day I met her, and I can share that love with a child. We were shown a lot of love from our parents, and I want to pass that on.



MY PHOTOS





more about
JULIE

OCCUPATION: Therapist

EDUCATION: Master's

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Jewish

SPORT: Swimming

FOOD: Chocolate, coffee

HOBBY: Hiking, reading, art

TRADITION: Passover seder

MUSICAL GROUP: Paul Simon

MOVIE: Good Will Hunting

DREAM VACATION: Trans-Siberian Railway

HOLIDAY: Hanukkah

TV SHOW: Transplant, 911 Lone Star

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Psychology

BOOK: The Grapes of Wrath

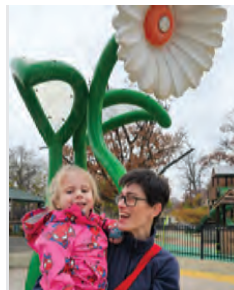


MY FAMILY

I grew up with a sister, mom, and dad. My mom passed away, but I feel adoption is a way to continue her legacy. I stay in touch with my dad and sister, and I have a good relationship with my aunt, uncle, and cousins. I have also added people to my family by choice: three sisters, a mom and dad, and neighbors. I also am involved in my local community and consider them social supports. I enjoy spending holidays with my family members, especially religious and national holidays. I am happy my family involves people from all walks of life.

I think having a diverse group of family members allows me to be the best person and adoptive parent I can be. I have learned and grown a lot since I started building a family by choice.

AND TRADITIONS





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

I know this is probably one of the hardest decisions anyone can make, and I honor your courage and strength in considering it. It's not a decision you'll make lightly...and I am so humbled and grateful you're doing so. Choosing me would give me the chance to be a forever parent and for your child to have all the opportunities and love I can give them.

Please know that if you choose me, your baby would grow up surrounded by community and support; he or she would know of you as their birthmom. Adoption means so much to me; my sister was adopted, and that was a huge joy in my life. At the same time, I recognize it was a life-changing event for her birth family (and for her). As a family, we acknowledged the complexities of a multiracial family. We made sure she maintained roots in terms of her language, culture, adult role models, and friends. This approach would be the same for any child I am blessed to love, raise, and support as part of how to best prepare them for the world we actually live in. It would also honor your brave gift and resolution.

Adoption is a beautiful process and one that doesn't come without complexities and heartbreak. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity you are considering me for, the strength you have shown, and the love you demonstrate for your baby through this decision.

With Love,

Julie



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