

JULIE



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MY HOBBIES & PASSIONS

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 creates an interactive, dynamic, and authentic connection with someone who is trying to create positive change. When I'm not out with friends, I usually spend time reading, watching TV, or tending to my plant collection. I'm interested in learning new things, science, hiking, meeting new people, and exploring arts like painting (though I wouldn't call myself particularly 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 & NEIGHBORHOOD

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 whom I got when I was in the Peace Corps. She's 17 now!



ADOPTION IN MY LIFE

I come from a family touched by adoption, whether through my own sister, my dad's brothers, or being "adopted" by my family of choice. I learned a lot from my experience growing up in a family with multiple ethnicities, including my sister's Chinese heritage. I will do my best to ensure that a child has appropriate role models, proper hair and skincare, opportunities to learn their heritage language, and chances to celebrate holidays and special occasions associated with their ethnic background.







MORE ABOUT JULIE

Race: Caucasian

Occupation: Therapist

Education: Master's

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*



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 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 includes 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.



MY LETTER TO YOU,

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). Together, 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.

Thank You,

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