



# Margarita

*building my family*



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# about me



Hello! My name is Margarita. I like all types of extracurricular activities. I played several different sports throughout high school and during the summers. I am a driven individual with different interests. I may seem very serious at first glance, but I am actually easy-going and fun-loving. I like to joke around, even though my humor is very dry, lol. I am a retired veteran of the United States Army and served over 20 years. I experienced a broad range of cultures and visited many countries. Retirement, however, was not for me, so I began a career in a different path, quickly becoming quickly successful. I have always been aware of my health and physical fitness, so I began studying the topic as a certified personal trainer. I still stay active at the gym on a regular basis.

## *my home and pets*

After my retirement, I decided to move back to my hometown, where I would be closer to family members and my parents. The area I live in is a downtown area. There are grocery stores, restaurants, shopping malls, medical facilities, and other attractions—anything you need—within a 15-minute drive. There are all types of schools available, ranging from public to preparatory and private. The neighborhood I live in also has a dog park where I like to take my small, lovable dog to get some exercise. My baby boy, Che, is eight years old, and he is very spoiled. He is a mama's boy.

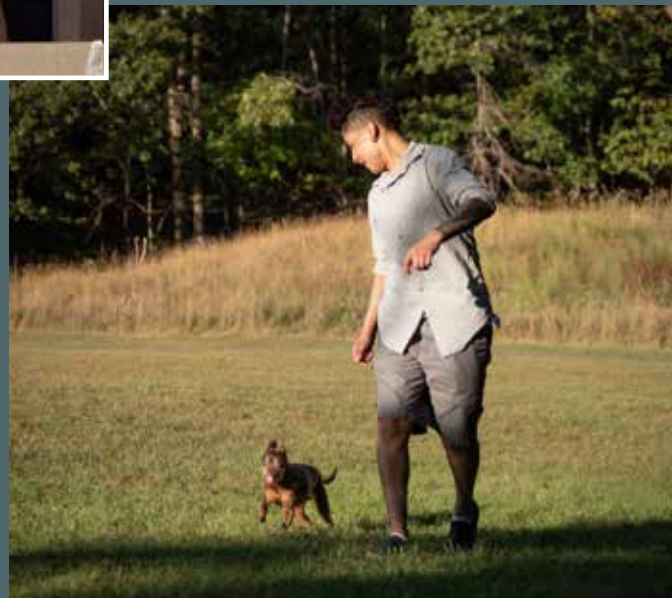
## *what led me to adoption*

I began my journey of parenthood in 2015, while I was still in the service. I was single but knew that I wanted to have children regardless. I sought out medical assistance through available military facilities. Between the numerous tests, exams, and medical procedures as well as changes of duty stations and deployments, my journey quickly became longer. Finally, in 2020 I was referred to a fertility clinic where I went through the Intrauterine Insemination process for approximately two years with no success. After my most recent move, I did some research on fertility clinics in the area and came across the LifeLong Adoptions website. What I read was exciting and gave me hope again.





# my photo album



*get to know*

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## OCCUPATION

Retired military

## EDUCATION

Community college

## RACE

Hispanic

## RELIGION

Catholic

## SPORT

Softball, NFL

## FOOD

Breakfast

## HOBBY

Physical training, YouTube DIY, baking

## TRADITION

Exaggerating holidays, NFL for family gatherings

## MUSICAL GROUP

Linkin Park, Taylor Swift

## MOVIE

*Deliver Us From Eva*

## DREAM VACATION

France, Italy, Spain, Greece

## HOLIDAY

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year

## TV SHOW

*The Connors*

## SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Multimedia (film production)



*my family*

## + traditions

A great majority of my extended family members still live in one general area. I moved back to Michigan after being away for most of my adulthood. I try to see my parents once a week for lunch or dinner on my day off from work. They are both retired and enjoy whatever time they get with their grandchildren. My father is still pretty active, staying occupied with yard work and fixing vehicles. My mother continues to work on the side in order to stay active and mentally stimulated.

I have an older brother who is single. He is less than one year older than I am. He doesn't have children of his own but absolutely adores his nieces and nephew. He works quite a bit but also enjoys whatever time he gets to himself. I also have a younger sister who has three children and lives with their father. Her older child is a three-year-old girl, and her two other children, a boy and a girl, are one-year-old twins.





# *dear* **expectant mother**

## **To a loving mother,**

You have found yourself in a pregnancy, and you are probably feeling a lot of different emotions. You may be scared, happy, nervous, confused, indecisive, overwhelmed, and more. You may also feel in awe and connected to the baby growing inside of you. I am assuming you are contemplating the alternatives of either parenting your baby or placing your baby for adoption. I cannot imagine how tough this decision is—one of the most important and life-altering decisions you will ever have to make.

You have the option to parent this child. Perhaps you will be a single mother. Maybe you have support from your baby's father, your family, and your friends. Regardless of the support, you probably wonder if you will be a good mother. You wonder if you will be able to juggle raising a baby with all the other things you have going on in your life. You also have the option to place your child for adoption. You wonder if you can go through with handing over the baby you have carried for nine months to another family to raise. You wonder how you will handle not being a part of your child's everyday life.

This is one of the hardest choices you will ever have to make. Whichever option you choose, you are already a good mother. The time, thought, and research you are putting into this decision make you a good mother. Worrying about your child's needs and future makes you a good mother. Loving the little life inside of you makes you a good mother.

**Warmly,**

*Margarita*



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