

AMY

BUILDING MY FAMILY





ABOUT ME

Hi, my name is Amy. I'm a people person and love spending time with family and friends. I also love helping others. One thing about me that all my friends and colleagues know is that I love baking. I grew up spending my summers at my grandparent's farm learning how to bake from scratch, and I love trying new recipes and giving out my baked goods to others. I have traveled throughout Europe, as a student and later was fortunate enough to teach in Paris. I love learning new things, including other languages. My career journey began in the fashion industry as a clothing buyer, but I later pursued a Master's in Cybersecurity. I enjoy working in the cyber world, helping protect people's information. As a host parent through the IHP program at SIUE, I've met students from around the world, learned about their cultures, and built lasting connections.



MY HOME

I live on a quiet, dead-end street in Illinois, surrounded by wooded areas where deer often roam. My bungalow-style house has a small fenced front yard. I enjoy experimenting with flowers and vegetables in my garden each year. I'm conveniently located near a grade school, not far from the metro or shopping, and less than a mile from my best friend, who lives in a beautiful area with woods and trails. My immediate family is about 25-45 minutes away, and I'm close to a major city as well as my family's farm, which has been in the family since the late 1800s. Though I don't have pets, I occasionally puppy-sit for friends and family.



WHAT LED ME TO ADOPTION

I am extremely excited about adoption, a decision I didn't make lightly. Years ago, I lived with friends in NY who had 3 boys and adopted 4 more children. I saw firsthand how their blended family thrived, filled with love and compassion, and I knew I wanted that. My father came from a big family, and I had always hoped to have one of my own. I love big families, and kids are the best. I look forward to sharing family traditions and creating new ones with a special child of my own.

MY PHOTOS



MORE ABOUT AMY

Occupation: Cyber Security Engineer /
Mrg Cyber Growth/ Cyber CoP Lead

Education: BA - French; MS - Cyber
Security

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Spiritual

MY FAVORITE...

Sport: Volleyball

Food: Pizza

Hobby: Baking; Gardening; Travel; Spending
time with Family/Friends

Tradition: Family gatherings

Musical Group: Foo Fighters; Duran Duran;
Queen; Sarah Bareilles; Al Green

Movie: Classic films, Comedies, Rom-Com,
Avenger Movies

Dream Vacation: Bali, Ireland, Japan

Holiday: Thanksgiving; Easter

TV Show: *Big Bang Theory*

Subject in School: Art

Book: Anything by Patricia Briggs, or
Simone De Beauvoir



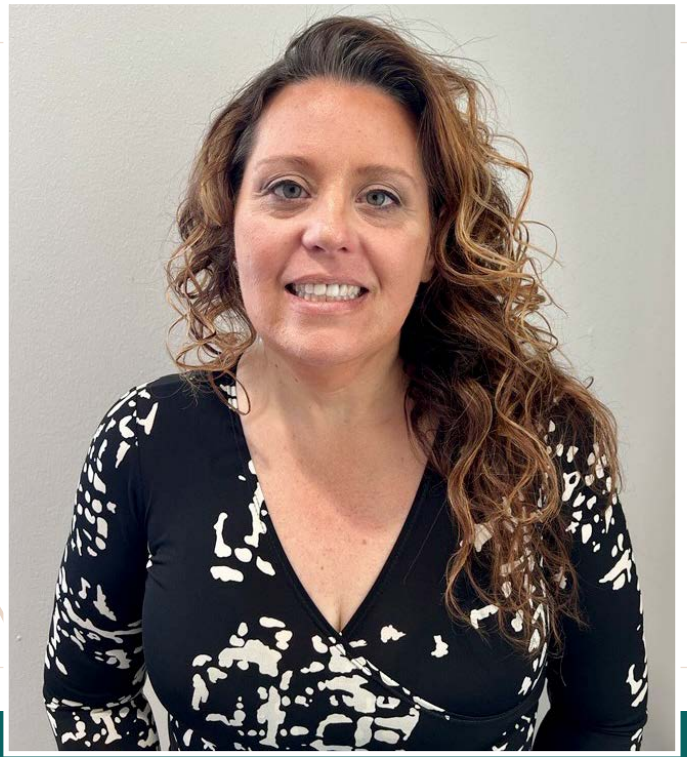


MY FAMILY + TRADITIONS

I have 1 older brother, and my mother; unfortunately, we lost my father a few years ago. I grew up spending most holidays with my dad's large family as well as splitting time with my mom's family, which is small. My immediate family was small, but my father was one of 6 siblings, with 15 grandchildren and now 25 great-grandchildren. I also have a bunch of second cousins that I see sometimes that live in KY, TX, and AZ. I consider close friends to be like family. I hope my profile shows how important family is to me.

I have hosted a family Easter a few times; I even rent a big giant bunny costume and have someone dress up for the kids, just seeing the excitement on their faces is worth it. I especially love spending time at our summer property in the country. I have so many fond memories growing up there, having family events. My big brother loves kids and they love him; he is like 6'4 and I swear he is like a big kid with them. Ultimately, my family has a lot of love to give and is welcoming of all.

DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER



First, I want to express my deep admiration for your strength and thoughtfulness as you consider adoption for your baby. I can only imagine the weight of the decision you're facing, and I truly respect the care you're putting into finding the best family for your child. Please know, if chosen, I will do everything in my power to give your baby the most loving, nurturing life possible. I have so much love to give and am committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for them.

I hope to raise this child in a home where they know they are loved unconditionally by a mom who is devoted to them. I want them to grow up with the confidence to explore, learn, and dream, knowing that the world is full of possibilities. We'll travel, embrace different cultures, and build a future filled with opportunities. Your baby will be surrounded by love, joy, and a close-knit, supportive community, including a proud grandma and uncle who will spoil them, along with an extensive extended family and friends who can't wait to be a part of their life. Together, we will create a life filled with laughter, learning, and love.

With love and admiration,

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