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MY STORY



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## ABOUT ME

I'm a fun-loving person who loves nothing more than laughing with friends. I grew up in a loving, close-knit family in South Carolina and then went to college in Louisiana, where I met a group of girls who became sisters to me. In 2008 I moved to the Washington, D.C., area and have been here ever since. I love living in a place where there are people from all over the U.S. and the world. I love to travel, read, go on hikes, and spend as much time as I can with friends and family. I often have friends over for brunch or book club. My career at the journalism non-profit where I work is really important to me. I've been there almost 15 years, and it's given me the opportunity to visit over 30 countries.

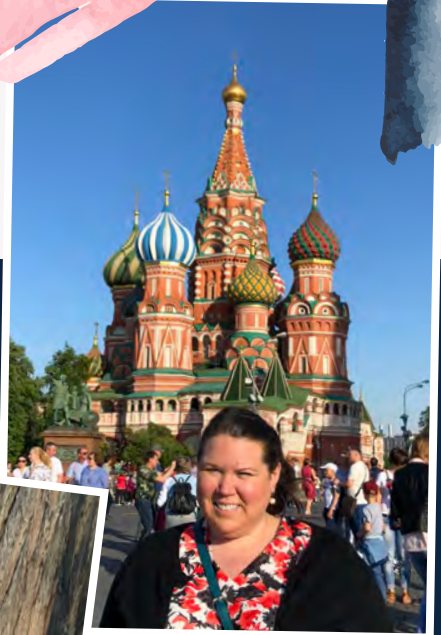
## MY HOME & PETS

I bought a townhome in Northern Virginia to make room for a little one. My house is in a wonderful neighborhood with families from all corners of the globe. It's really important to me to raise a child in an area with lots of diversity. My home is in a great school district with an elementary, middle, and high school all close by. There are tons of fun restaurants and shops nearby. There are also some great walking trails and a beautiful library. Our neighborhood even has two playgrounds! My house is truly made a home by its two furriest residents: my cat, Susie (7), and my mom's cat, Ashe (1). Sus loves treats, exploring the backyard, and sleeping in the sun. Ashe loves boxes, eating, and playing with his toys.

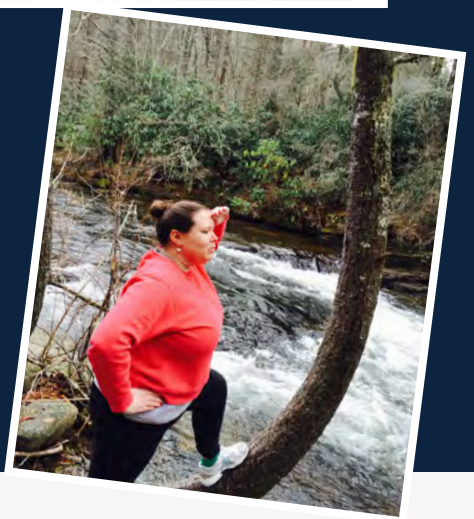


## WHAT LED ME TO ADOPTION

I have wanted to be a mom for as long as I can remember, and adoption has long been the way that I've wanted to grow my family. While I thought by this point in my life I would have met a partner, it's okay that it hasn't happened. I don't want to wait any longer to become a mom, and I know I'm in a place where I can fully love and support a child. One of my closest friends was adopted as a baby, and his relationship with his adoptive parents has been an inspiration. I look forward to the opportunity to give all the love I can to a child and welcome the opportunity to have an open relationship with their birth family if that's something they want.



my photos



MORE ABOUT

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OCCUPATION: Journalism non-profit

EDUCATION: Master's degree in journalism

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian/spiritual

SPORT: Football, swimming

FOOD: Mexican

HOBBY: Traveling

TRADITION: Baking Christmas cookies with my mom

MUSICAL GROUP: Anything from a Broadway show

MOVIE: Almost Famous

DREAM VACATION: African safari

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving

TV SHOW: The Office

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Tuck Everlasting

# my family AND traditions



I'm incredibly fortunate to come from a very loving and supportive family. I'm an only child and am super close with both of my parents. My parents were married for 50 years before deciding to separate in early 2022. I'm so happy to say they have remained good friends, and they both can't wait to become grandparents!

My mom now lives with me and will be my child's caregiver while I'm working. I can't imagine anyone I trust more to help me raise a child than my own mom! We enjoy traveling together, visiting antique stores, and finding TV shows we both enjoy. My dad lives in North Carolina, and we visit as much as possible. We love to cook together (we make the world's best gumbo), go on hikes, and fish.

When you're an only child, your friends truly become your family. I don't know how I got so lucky to meet the greatest people in the world and get to call them my friends, but I do know that I value my friendships and work hard to keep in touch, even with those who live far away. Many of my closest friends have children, and I absolutely love being their "Aunt Emily."



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EXPECTANT MOTHER,



Thank you again for taking the time to look through my book. I am so excited to build my family through adoption! I can't imagine the difficult decision you have to make, and I promise to raise your child with a deep appreciation for you and the decision you are making.

More than anything, I want you to know I promise to love your child unconditionally, protect them, laugh with them, and encourage them to never stop learning. I promise to do my very best to be a positive role model and raise a thoughtful and respectful child. I promise your baby will be surrounded by love and welcomed with open arms by adoring grandparents and more "aunts," "uncles," and "cousins" than I can count.

I look forward to having an open relationship with you, if that is something you desire. I am excited to share letters, pictures, and videos while building our open relationship in a way that makes you comfortable.

I've said many times on this journey that the more people who love a child, the better. No matter what level of openness we establish, you will always hold a special place in my heart and in the life of your child.

I wish you comfort and peace.

With Love,  
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