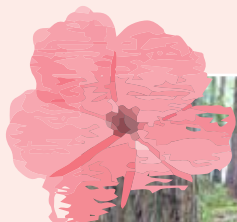


Heather



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About Me

Hello! My name is Heather. I am a very active 44-year-old single woman. My happy places are my home and being outdoors. I love taking walks, going hiking, riding my bike, playing tennis, doing projects around my house, and even doing yard work. I love traveling and experiencing new locations and adventures. I am very family oriented, with strong family and friend relationships. I have a big heart and care a lot, with a calm and patient demeanor. I am independent, with a mixture of silly and serious. I am a licensed social worker at the local VA medical center. In the last 22 years, I have worked with many populations, including families, children, adults with intellectual disabilities, the elderly, teenagers with behavioral concerns, and those in medical establishments.



My Home

I love my home and community. I have owned my home for four years and have lived in my town for most of my life. I live in northeastern Illinois. My parents live one mile away. I have moved away from my hometown twice, once for college and once for a new adventure on the West Coast, and I have always come back. My heart and soul belong here. I live in a quiet neighborhood between an elementary school and a high school. The town is walkable with paths, a lake, parks, a park district, schools, shops, and restaurants. It is a safe, great place for a child to grow up. There are many families with children who live in the community.



what led me to adoption

I first became interested in the miracle of adoption from reading a book when I was a teenager. I chose to become a social worker to work in the adoption field and completed a bachelor's-level internship in an adoption agency. In 2016 I got sick and needed surgeries and treatment. Due to the illness, I am unable to have children biologically. I always knew I wanted to become a mother one day, and at that time, I felt strongly that adoption would be in my future. At the present time, I have been in remission for almost eight years. I am happy and healthy and ready to welcome a baby into my life.



my photo album



More About

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RACE: Caucasian

OCCUPATION: Licensed Social Worker

EDUCATION: Master's in Social Work

RELIGION: Catholic/Spiritual

SPORT: Tennis, Baseball,
Football, Chicago Sports

FOOD: Garden Burgers, Tacos

HOBBY: Paddle Boarding, Kayaking,
Walking, Hiking, Listening to Music

HOLIDAY: 4th of July

TRADITION: Celebrating Birthdays &
Holidays with my Whole Family

MUSICAL GROUP: Taylor Swift,
Train, Lawrence the Band

MOVIE: *The Wizard of Oz*,
The Notebook, *Bridesmaids*

DREAM VACATION: Greece, Maldives, Hawaii

TV SHOW: *Grey's Anatomy*, *Friends*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English

BOOK: Anything by Nicholas Sparks,
I Am Malala, *Wild*



My Extended Family

I am a daughter, sister, cousin, niece, and granddaughter. I am lucky to still have one living grandparent. My grandmother is 89 years old. I have one brother, whom I have a close relationship with, and see him many times per month. I spend time with my parents multiple times per week. We have family dinner every Tuesday and often on the weekends too. I have many cousins and aunts and uncles. I have a cousin I am particularly close with. I was a nanny to her daughter for five years of her life, from the ages of four months to five years old. We have a very special relationship to this day and forever will.

My extended family is very close as well. We like to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays and holidays with family parties. Because there are many of us, family gatherings occur pretty frequently.

Dear
expectant mother



Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter. I am thinking about you and the difficult position you are in. It takes such a brave and selfless soul to make the decision to consider adoption for your baby. I cannot imagine what you are going through—and on top of that, reading letters from hopeful adoptive parents waiting for the best day of their lives while your heart is breaking. You are strong and you are loved.

I have wanted to become a mom for much of my life. I have seen my loved ones and my friends becoming mothers. It is such a gift and blessing. That is what you are to me. You and your baby are the gift and blessing I cannot do on my own. You and your baby are the ones who may make me a mother and allow my dream to come true. You and your baby may make my immediate family complete and whole. For that, I will be thankful and grateful forever. It is the best gift of all.

If chosen, I promise to always do my absolute best to be the best mother I can be for your baby. I will be loving, patient, tender, caring, gentle, kind, and strong. I will do so by honoring you, as without you, none of this is possible.

Take care of yourself, and take care of your heart.

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