



Julie

Everyone has a story, Welcome to mine.



Hello
Nice to "meet" you!

I want to thank you so much for your courage and bravery in your decision to consider adoption. I cannot even begin to understand how difficult the decision you are facing must be. I pray that you are surrounded by people who love, support and strengthen you through this time.

I want to thank you for taking time to look through my profile book. I hope that as you view these pages you see through the pictures and the words you get a sense of who I am. I hope that you are able to see the love I have for my family and friends. I have always wanted to be a family, to be a mom. For whatever reason, that didn't happen. I knew from early on, back in high school, that adoption was in my future. I am so excited to bring a child into my family. I hope that you will see that while I am single, I have a strong support system with my family and friends and that they are all excited to see my family grow. Ultimately, I am praying that you feel supported and at complete peace with whatever decision you choose for your baby.

With all my Love, Julie

My Story

I grew up in Michigan and have a large extended family with lots of aunts and uncles and cousins. I was married for only a short time and do not currently have any children. I have always wanted to be a mom. For whatever reason, having children didn't happen like I had thought it would. I knew when I was in high school that I would eventually adopt. It seems like this was the path I was always supposed to follow to become a mother.

I went to college directly out of high school and graduated with a degree in Child Development and a degree in Psychology. I earned my Masters degree in Art Education. I have always been creative and am an Elementary School Art Teacher.

When I was in high school, my parents sent me on a school trip to Europe. I have continued to spend my vacations traveling ever since. I have led humanitarian teams of students and adults to several countries in Europe, Kenya, Uganda, Thailand, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic. It is my dream to travel with my future family and I cannot wait to explore and learn together.





All About Julie

I am an artist and art teacher. I currently work in a public elementary school teaching art. I love encouraging children to be creative and express their ideas. Previously, I have worked in museums and community centers. It's important to me to be an active part of the community. During the summer, when school is not in session, I enjoy working with families as their local realtor. I earned my real estate license a couple years ago and love the opportunities it provides.

In my free time, I like to stay active and enjoy walking on nearby trails and swimming in the local pool. Every fall there is a local festival in my town that hosts a 5k and fun run for kids. It has become a great place to make memories with friends and family each year. School holidays provide a great opportunity to travel, whether that be Spring Break by the ocean or Christmas in Paris. My Mom and I stay at the same hotel in Paris, France each year and it has become a treasured family tradition.

Julie's close friend Chuck says:

"I think Julie is extremely patient and generous. She approaches her life each day as an opportunity to learn and grow as a person. Her openness to life would be a benefit to any child who was put under her care."

Julie's close friend Carol says:

"Julie is a loving, giving person. Since we met, she has talked about preparing to adopt. Julie will make a great Mom!"

Julie's Mom says:

"Julie is very caring and responsible in all that she does. She is used to dealing with children as she has been a teacher most of her adult life."

Julie's three-year-old cousin Merritt says:

"Julie will make a great Mom. She's nice and loves to color."





*I love a child,
I have yet to meet.*

Things I love.

1. **I love to read.** I've always been a big reader and already have a collection of children's books ready to read with your child.



3. **I love friends who've become like family.** Not all friends are like this, but those who are, are incredibly special.



2. **I love the first snow of the season.** Playing in the snow and building a snowman, followed by a cup of hot chocolate makes the perfect winter day!

My Home



I own a 3 bedroom home in a historic part of town. My home has both a front porch and back deck. The backyard is fenced in and a perfect place for a future sandbox. We have a library, community garden, playground, pharmacy, and community center in my neighborhood. Both an elementary and middle school are within walking distance to my home. Many families with children live nearby and my neighbor's daughter drew the above picture of my house.

Meet Rosie and Zeke

Both Rosie and Zeke are pugs and rescue dogs. Zeke is ten and Rosie is four years old. They are very friendly and incredibly sweet. They love to take naps and be snuggled. There are sidewalks throughout my neighborhood, and they both love to go for walks to the local coffee shop. I can imagine a child one day running and playing with them in the backyard.



I love my family.

My Mom is very excited about having a grandchild to love and spoil. She is a retired teacher and has always been a huge part of children's lives and I know that she will be a big part of your child's life. We have already talked about how we can't wait to go to Disneyland together as a family!

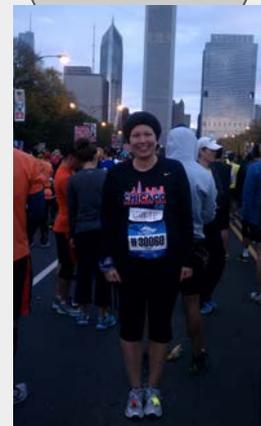
My extended family lives not too far away, so there are lots of cousins to get together with. We love to go to the park together and I can already imagine welcoming a new member to our loving group!

My family, when we all get together, can be quite large. We are a fun bunch that loves to laugh.





Enjoying this life!



Five Fun Facts About Me.

1. I completed the Chicago Marathon in 2012. After training for a year, I went from not being able to run a mile to running 26 in a row. I learned so much about myself while training and this is by far my greatest accomplishment.
2. I grew up on a lake and love to swim. The room I've set aside for my future child has a view of the nearby lake.

3. First my grandparents and then my parents owned a local Greek restaurant. I love making our family recipes. Spanikopita and strawberry cupcakes are my specialty!



4. I have been painting and drawing since I was very young. When I was 12, I won a coloring contest at *JC Penney* and had the chance to be a clown in the *Barnum and Bailey Circus*.

5. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I've started the tradition of putting my tree up around Thanksgiving together with friends and family. There is a gazebo in the village square where neighbors gather each year to go Christmas caroling. My Mom and I travel to Paris, France for Christmas day. Each year, we've had Christmas lunch on a boat in the River Seine. I am trying to learn to speak French for our next visit!



YOU MAY NOT HAVE MY EYES,

But you will have my heart.

My Friends



I feel lucky to have a great group of friends and neighbors. They have been really supportive of my desire to adopt. They are funny, encouraging, creative and a joy to spend time with. We love to get together for BBQ's or game nights. We also love to hike together on local trails and have even taken trips together. Traveling with friends creates lifelong memories and I am very thankful to have found people who I know care so much about me. Many of my friends have children and I will be so excited to introduce yours to such a caring and loving community.





My Promises to You.

I want to thank you again for taking the time to look through this profile book. I support you, no matter what you decide, and am praying for you during this journey.

If you choose to place your child into my family, here are the things I promise to you:

I promise to always love your child unconditionally, to remind them as often as they need to hear it that there is nothing they have to do to earn my love. **I promise to** always remind them of how much they are loved by you. **I promise to** honor you when I talk to your baby about you. I will raise your child to be a strong and confident person. **I promise to** encourage their imagination and to look for adventure in everyday life. I will encourage them to try new things, experiences, because they will find their passions through their courage to try something they wouldn't do otherwise. I will encourage them to not give up when something seems hard because that is where they will find their strength and growth. **I promise to** raise your child to know who God is and how much He loves them.



You are born in my heart...



... I'm adopting.