

# CAITY



# HELLO!

Thank you so much for getting to know me and my family. It is clear how much love you have for your child already, and I am honored that you would consider me to love and support your child. I look forward to getting to know you and becoming a part of your story, if you choose.

I have an expansive support system of friends and family who are ready to welcome a new child with open arms. I am very excited to share my life, my faith, and my love in a way that can allow your child to become a strong, confident, and valued adult.

**THANK YOU,**

**CAITY**



# GROWING UP

I was born and raised in Nebraska. I grew up with two brothers, one older and one younger, so I was the lucky middle child! Some of my favorite memories are family trips to amusement parks, including South Padre Island and Disneyland.

As a child, I liked trying lots of different things, and was in gymnastics, soccer, swimming, and dance. In the summer months, I would go to camps and compete for the swim team. My cousin called me a fish because of how much time I spent in the water. I also loved to read. What I really fell in love with though was music! I started taking piano lessons when I was 10. Since then, I have learned many other instruments and have been in many bands and music groups.



Visiting Montana



My immediate family



## WHY I CHOSE ADOPTION

I have wanted to adopt from a very young age and have always known in my heart this would be the path I take to expand my family. I feel it is something God has been leading me toward for my whole life. I have many good friends who have been adopted. Within my extended family, I have one cousin who was adopted and have two cousins whobetween them have adopted six children! My best friend recently adopted a little boy, so the timing feels right. I am excited to start the adoption journey into parenthood.

# MY VALUES

## EDUCATION

I live in a great school district! Education is the biggest way to fight prejudice and ignorance. Once you learn something, it can never be taken away from you.



Ocean snorkleing



Christmas party

## FAITH

I believe God has a plan, even if we can't see it. I am active in my church and have taught Sunday school, been a leader in worship band, and have helped with children's Vacation Bible School.



Singing in church

## GIVING BACK

I enjoy being an active participant in change and services in my community. If you want to see change, you need to be a part of it.



Costa Rica mission trip

## ACCEPTANCE

I believe everyone is worthy of respect and being treated with dignity. It's our differences that make the world exciting and wonderful.

# MORE ABOUT CAITY

**Occupation:** High School Special Education and Social Studies Teacher

**Degrees:** Master in Special Education and Behavior Intervention

Bachelor in Secondary Education

FUN FACT! I COLLECT KEYCHAINS AND HAVE OVER 250!



Hiking in Montana



Entertaining my niece

I am a high school special education teacher and work with students who struggle with school. Many of my students have difficulty with social skills and emotional control. I care about my students a lot. Many of them even call me their “school mom.”



College World Series



Rafting



Girls night out

FUN FACT! I HAVE BEEN TO 30 STATES AND 21 COUNTRIES.

### THINGS I LOVE TO DO

- Travel and explore new places
- Swim in the ocean, pool, or lake
- Read from the library I have in my home
- Watch the *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter* movies
- Attend music concerts, especially rock concerts



In the cage from Shark Week



School trip

### MY FAVORITES

- Book – *Walks the Fire* series
- Movie - *Return of the Jedi*
- Band - Linkin Park
- Food - cheesecake
- TV show - History Channel documentaries

# WHAT EXCITES ME MOST ABOUT BEING A MOM

I am excited to watch your child reach milestones and develop their own personality and interests. I look forward to fostering a love of education and learning as well as teaching them how to respect and appreciate those around them.



Switching sunglasses at VBS



Mayan ruins



Snuggle time with my niece



On the field for the Sugar Bowl

## SOME OF MY FAMILY TRADITIONS

- Every summer, my entire family gets together for a badminton tournament. We set up in a park or in someone's backyard. We have tons of food and enjoy some friendly competition.
- Over the Fourth of July, I gather with friends and family at my brother's lake house. We play games during the day and watch the city fireworks show at night.
- Every Christmas, my whole family meets at my dad's house to open stockings and have a special holiday breakfast.

# MY FAMILY

I am very close to my family! We get together once a week to eat dinner, play card games, or hang out at the lake. My extended family is very large, and my bonus mom is one of nine children! Overall, we are very diverse and have a mixture of European, Hispanic, Black, and Asian family members.



Church small group

I have two very close groups of friends who are very much like family: my work family and my church family. My team at work is all very close; we go out together to the movies or to trivia nights. My small group at church is very tight-knit. We see each other every Sunday at church and for weekly dinners or outings when we can. Many of them have young children.



Family trip



Family reunion



New Year's Eve

## MEET CODY!

Cody is a Malchi (mix of Maltese and the Chihuahua) who acts like a lazy old man. He is very chill. Most days, you can find him curled up on the couch or on my feet. He is really good with my niece and my friends' kids. He still has his moments when he likes to play.



# HOME SWEET HOME

I have a two-story home with a big backyard in the suburbs. My neighborhood has a tight-knit community feel, while having the advantages of a big city. There is a park, bike paths, gym with a pool, and an elementary school all within a few blocks away

Outside of my neighborhood is a fabulous zoo, a safari park, local sports teams, a history museum, science museum, children's museum, art museums, and many music venues. Whatever interests your child has, there will be access to a way to experience it.



My home



The back yard



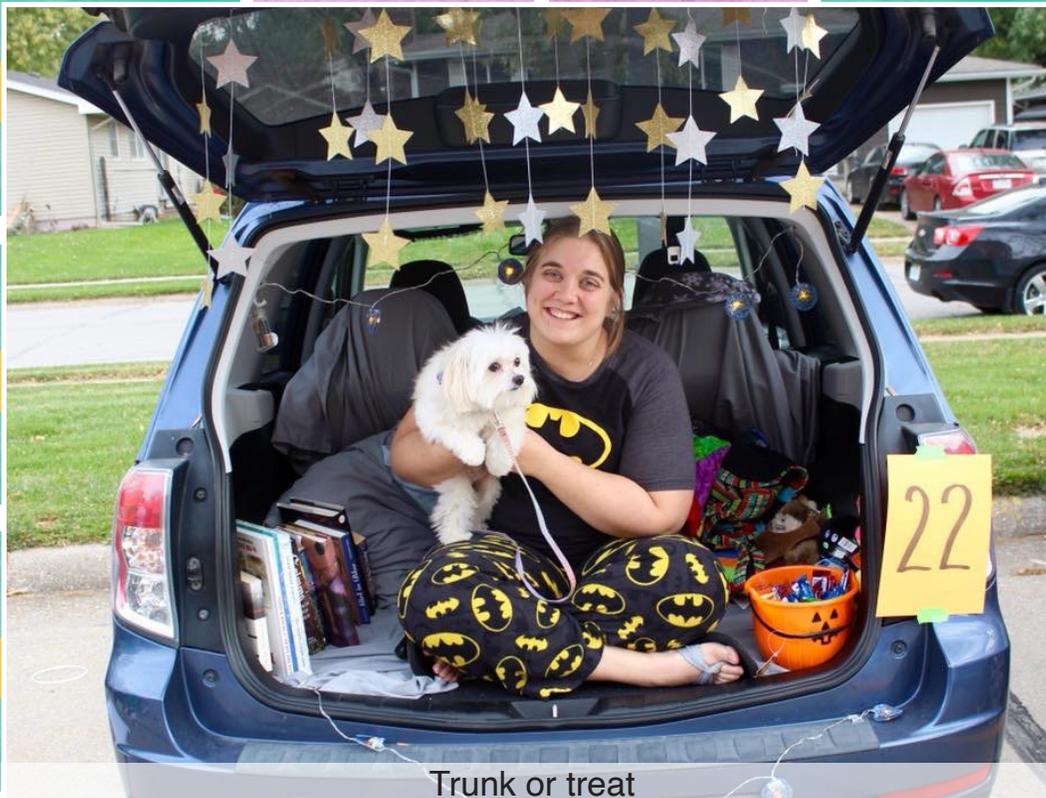
Pool at my gym



Park near my house

# RAISING A CHILD

I intend to always be a support system for your child, even into adulthood. I want them to feel safe, cared for, and above all, loved. I will teach your child to be independent and confident in their own abilities. This will create a strong foundation of self-love and self-worth. I look forward to including your child in adventures and new experiences so that they will learn about how wide and diverse the world is.



# THANK YOU!

Your child will be welcomed with open arms into a loving and supportive family. They will have a village behind them. Through providing a good education, exploring new places, and being taught healthy boundaries, I promise your child will learn about who they are so that they can figure out where they fit in this world.

I assure you that I will do everything I can to parent your child so that they know they are a valued part of a loving home and supportive family, allowing them to develop into an adult you can be proud of. I look forward to learning more about you and having as much contact as you are comfortable with.

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