



### Hello

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about me and for considering me as you make this difficult decision of who will parent your child. I'm so excited to become a parent and my family and I are looking forward to welcoming a child into our family.

I've always wanted to adopt since I was a little girl and first saw the movie "Annie." I've volunteered at a children's home for many years which was a wonderful experience. And my time at the children's home inspired a book I wrote about children. I am now at a place in my career where I can work remotely from home part of the time and have a huge amount of free time to devote to a child. I look forward to each moment we will share together.

I cannot imagine what a difficult decision this is for you, and I hope that you will find me to be all that you hoped for your child.

Erika





#### Erika

I grew up in Southern, California until I was 13 and my family moved us to Southwest Florida.

I'm outgoing, energetic and I enjoy getting to know people. People often say they feel like they've known me a long time when they first meet me.

I'm a legal aid attorney who helps people with civil matters like family law and housing issues.

I hope to be a kind, patient, understanding mother. A mother who is also lots of fun and helps inspire my child's dreams and helps them achieve as they grow.











### My Family

I have a loving and adventurous family. All my cousins were often at our house when I was a kid because they said my parents were so much













# My Parents

My Mom and I are very similar. She is also very friendly, talkative and fun to be around. She loves volunteering with children also. She currently volunteers helping children learn how to speak English and Spanish because my mother speaks both English and Spanish fluently.

My Dad loves to make people laugh. He is also friendly and outgoing. He loves sports and I enjoy sports because I grew up watching them and playing sports with him. He's so excited about being a grandfather because he is still a big kid.





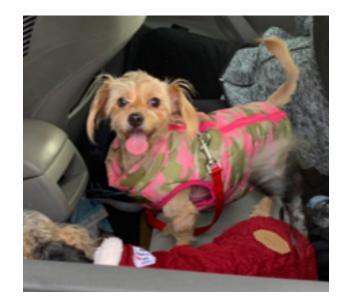
## My Sister & Niece

I have one older sister, Monika, who is married and has one daughter, my niece Alexis, who I helped raise when she was newborn and my sister was a single mother.

I have a great deal of experience with taking care of a newborn because I cared for my niece by myself all the times my sister was at work. I am very close to my sister and niece just like I am with my parents. Both Monika and Alexis are very thoughtful and love to help out whenever they can.



#### Sherlock



# MEET My Dogs

Both of my dogs are sweet, gentle and full of energy.

Sherlock is curious, playful and always looking for the next adventure. Teddie Bear is all about the cuddles.







### My Community

I am blessed to have a group of friends who are like sisters to me. They support me in everything I do and will be just like aunties to my child.





#### My Home

I live in Sunny Southwest Florida in a beautiful, quiet, safe neighborhood full of families with children. One of the reason I choose this home is because it has a large backyard and plenty of room for kids to run and to build a kids jungle gym. It also has a huge porch for hosting family and friends for BBQ and holiday parties. And still has plenty of space for toys.

I have a room picked out for a nursery and it has lovely windows in it that overlook green lawn, trees and flowers.

People are friendly in this community and wave when I walk my dogs. My home is close to several schools and the nursery I have chosen for my child is only 5 mins away and has high reviews. Another thing I enjoy about the nursery is that it goes up to grade school so my child can stay and grow up in the same school for many years. And make life-long friends there. Lovely parks on the water are only 10 mins from my home. And a choice of gorgeous beaches are about 25 mins away.

















### Things / Enjoy

I grew up going on fun vacations to amusement parks and all kinds of national parks. We often went camping and went on cruises. Our family also loves going to live theatre shows like "The Lion King" live on stage. And we also saw "Annie" live on stage with my family and I have wonderful memories of every event we went to.

We love music in our family. Most people in my family play a musical instrument. My grandfather on my mother's side was a songwriter for a famous singer. My parents encouraged me to learn to play the piano and guitar and they took me to ballet and tap dance classes. They encouraged me to play sports in school and I also was a cheerleader in school. They also encouraged me to like learning in school and enjoy my school assignments. And that helped me graduate law school and become an attorney.

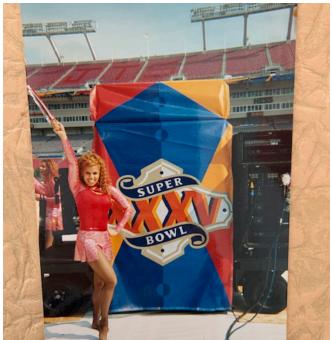
As a hobby, I'm also an inspiring writer, director and film producer. I write inspirational books and then make them into short movies. I have won several screenplay awards and I have been very close to signing a deal with a major film studio.



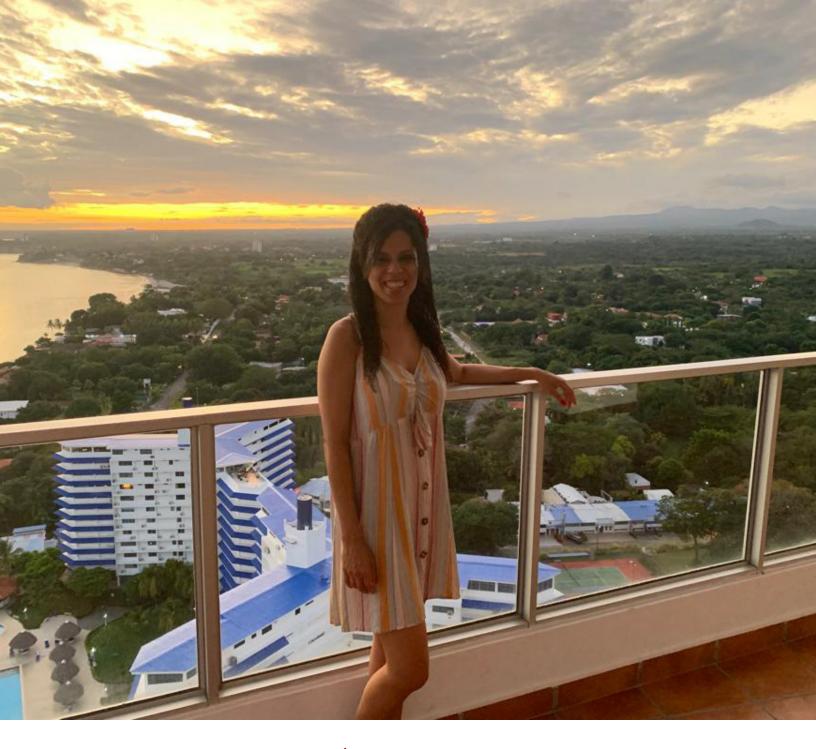












#### The Future

- I hope my child will have a happy, safe and peaceful life where they accomplish their dreams.
- I hope that I will connect with the birth mom and everything goes well.
- I hope to raise a child in a loving home that is encouraging and nurturing and stable a balance between fun and creating a place for the child to grow and mature.
- I hope to raise a child with values kindness, honesty, faith, hope, love, being a friend to others. I hope they will have the value of pursuing their dreams and having faith to try even when times get challenging.