



ANNIE

Hello.



Thank you for considering me for the honor of being your child's mother, a decision that I imagine you won't come to lightly.

Family is incredibly important to me. **I can't wait to bring a baby into my large, diverse family.** My family and friends are very supportive of me becoming an adoptive mom to a beautiful baby, and will surround us with love and community.

It is a dream for me to provide a safe, joy-filled, and loving home **where a child can grow and thrive.** In fact, I recently bought a new home perfect for this new journey. With a big yard and lots of space, I moved here specifically for a growing family to make memories, close to friends and family, in a safe and family friendly neighborhood.

I am prepared and excited to be a single mom. **Your child will be the center of my world.** If you chose me, know that I will take such good care of him or her and honor and cherish the choice you made to allow me to grow my family through adoption.

Thank you for getting to know me through this book. It's a snapshot of a life I am proud to live and one I can't wait to share!

Annie

About Me.

I am a team leader and fundraiser for a large non-profit. I live outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin with two adorable cats I adopted in September of 2021. I love spending time with friends and family, and tending to my yard. I love the four seasons we have in Wisconsin, and spend time outside year round.

I am a people person who thrives when I can nurture and care for others. My nieces and nephews are my favorite people in the world, and I am really close to my mom who was born to be a grandma.

I have always loved children. **I have a degree in Child Development** and used to run a summer camp. While I don't work directly with kids anymore, I am a great aunt and can't wait to be a mom!

I recently purchased a new home in the town I grew up in, to be close to family and friends. It's a wonderful place to grow up. **My home is warm, cozy and inviting.**

I have a joyful life filled with a lot of people that I love greatly.



MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO

Spend time with friends and family. Take long walks. Be by the water, whether a lake or swimming pool. Enjoy movie nights with my nieces and nephews. Do puzzles and play board games. Eat delicious food at local restaurants. Decorate for and celebrate Holidays, especially Christmas. Sit in the sunroom with my morning latte. Cheer for the local teams. Volunteer at and support local nonprofits.



Family

I am the youngest of three sisters. My oldest sister Stephanie is married to Anthony. She has three step-children and has had two more kids with Anthony since they married in 2010. Their kids range in age from 10 to 25.

My other sister, Sarah, has a five year old daughter. We all live in the same town we grew up in, close to our mom. We are all very close, spending a lot of time together at home, vacationing together, watching each others kids, and celebrating small and big things together.

Our dad passed away when we were young. My mom remarried while we were all in college, doubling the size of our loving family, including three step-sisters, who each have kids of their own now. Our step-dad is grandpa to all the kids.



Holiday Traditions



Decorating the house together, for every season. Matching PJ sets for the whole family. Visiting Holiday light displays. Christmas Markets. Large family gatherings with great food and fun. Decorating Easter Eggs. Easter Egg Hunts. Meeting Santa Claus. Decorating Gingerbread Houses. Pumpkin patches and hot apple cider. Trick or Treating with friends. Fourth of July Parades and Fireworks. And much more!



NEICES AND NEPHEWS My whole world

As I've shared, family is really important to me. My sister's kids are my absolute favorite people. They are also incredibly close. My sister's daughter is an only child, but definitely isn't growing up like one. Her cousins live just two minutes away, and they are more like siblings than cousins. They are part of each others lives every day, in every way.

Together, they participate in a ton of activities. Between the three of them they are into basketball, cheerleading, children's choir, dance, football, girl scouts, gymnastics, musical theater, swimming, volleyball, and more. They also attend summer camp and love being in the outdoors.



They can't wait
to welcome
another cousin!

kind words

FROM MY NIECES & NEPHEW

*"I love Auntie Annie because she always
snuggles with me. Auntie Annie's
snuggles are the best."
Jazarah, age 5*



*"Auntie Annie is so amazing at everything she
does and she is the best person. When I hang
out with her, I feel loved and safe."
Sophia, age 10*



*"I like sharing music and theater with Auntie
Annie! I like that she encourages me to reach
for my dreams. It makes me feel good."
Steven, age 11*





THE WORLD'S BEST Grandma

When I told my mom I wanted to adopt, she immediately started crying and said, "I'm so glad. I was worried I wouldn't have any more grandkids."

That sums it up. Nothing is more important to my mom than her grandkids. She retired to take care of her grandkids, and now is a substitute teacher at their school multiple days a week. She is beloved by the parents and teachers, but especially the students at the school.

She is also a model of what a loving mom should be. After my parents divorced, and later my dad passed away, my mom raised us as a single mom and showed me what unconditional strength and love looks like.



kind words

FROM MY MOM

"Having a child means raising someone good, kind and responsible and loving them with all your heart. Annie is ready to receive and to give with all her heart. She will make an awesome mom and a wonderful role model."







"Sisters make the best friends in the world."

I have always been really close to my two oldest sisters. Like more siblings, they are my oldest and closest friends, and my most honest critics.

They are both incredibly loving and dedicated mothers, and aunts. I know they will shower a new addition with unconditional love and adoration, and help me be the best mom I can be.

kind words

FROM MY SISTERS

"Annie has been an amazing aunt to her nieces and nephews, caring for them as a mother would and stepping in to help when needed. She spoils them in the best ways possible. She was gracious enough to allow my daughter and I to live with her when we were in between houses. She demonstrated so much love and patience during this time, caring for my daughter as if she was her own."

For Annie, adoption isn't just about bringing a child into her home; it's about providing a forever home, a secure foundation, and a future filled with possibility. Annie is a very grounded person that works very hard and has been successful in life. She possesses strength and patience, qualities that are absolutely essential for a parent."

"Raising five kids has been one of the greatest and most rewarding challenges of my life. I appreciate that Annie has been a staple in my life and a part of my children's village every step of the way. I am looking forward to Annie joining the motherhood club and being a part of her children's village. I hope I can do as good of a job for her as she has done for me."



H O M E S W E E T H O M E



I recently bought a new home in a suburb of Milwaukee. The home has four bedrooms, one that is already set up to be a nursery with plenty of room for a child to grow.

The house is perfect for entertaining, having friends over for playdates and hosting family holidays. It's also perfect for quiet moments – snuggling on the couch to watch a movie and family meals together.



I have a big back yard, with lots of room for running and playing. The neighborhood is family-friendly, walkable, safe, and across the street from a local school and playground.

Our town has so much to offer – great schools, parks, pools, and a beautiful library. The largest park in town is home to a farmers market, food truck nights and family-friendly festivals during summer.



I am only 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee, which has a beautiful lakefront park, children's museum and theater.

I love my home so much, and can't wait to share it with a child.



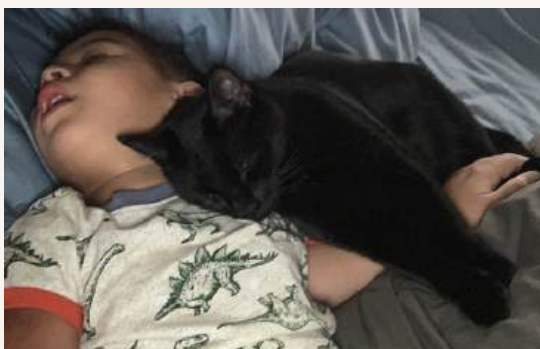
Leo & Leila



I adopted Leo and Leila from the Humane Society when they were kittens. They are from the same litter and are best friends.

Leo is very active and loves to run, play and wrestle. Leila is more calm and quiet. She sleeps a lot.

They both love to be around people, love to play with toys, and are fierce protectors. They act as guard cats during naps. They also love their daily treats, to be pet and snuggle a lot.



our home away from home the lake



Every summer, we spend the week of the fourth of July at a lake house as a family. It's one of our favorite places. We love to swim, go for boat rides, eat meals and play games around the huge dining room table, and make s'mores around the campfire. We also love the tiny, local parade on the fourth and the small fireworks displays around the lake.



Only 30 minutes from home, it feels like we are in another world. It's a truly special place for us to be together as a family.



ABOUT MY

friends

I have a wonderful group of friends that are a huge part of my life and support system. I have great friends I've stayed close to from childhood, and many others I've met along the way. Most of my friends from different parts of my life have met each other and themselves become friends, because I surround myself with great people. If I need anything, it's never a matter of if I'll have someone to call, but who to call first.

Many of my friends have kids and we spend a lot of time together. Our youthful adventures have turned into Saturday afternoons at a park, dinners with multiple families, Easter egg hunts, dance recitals, and celebrating 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birthdays.

I love being a part of my friends' kids' lives, and know they will be wonderful to my growing family as well.



kind words

F R O M F R I E N D S

I can't wait to watch Annie enter her parenting journey **with the same spirit** she approaches relationships with friends and family.

She is committed, works tirelessly to maintain positive relationships, and **acts as the glue** that holds her circle of friends and family together. Annie will be **a loving and steadfast mom** in the same way she has been my loving and steadfast friend through the decades.

TRACY - CLOSE FRIEND SINCE 3RD GRADE AND MOTHER OF THREE

Annie will be an amazing mother. I know how important family is to her, and I know that adding a child to her life would **complete her** in so many ways. She is kind, compassionate, and is **filled to the brim with love**.

DAN - CLOSE FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

"Annie is **thoughtful, caring, and responsible**... so much so that I entrusted my wedding day details to her! She will be a fantastic mom because of her supportive, loving nature, can-do attitude, and positive outlook."

JOEL - CLOSE FRIEND SINCE COLLEGE

Family is and always will be Annie's #1 priority. **She loves fiercely**, always shows up for her people, and spends her life **making the world a better place** - qualities that will make her an absolutely incredible mom.

SAMANTHA AND PAUL - CLOSE FRIENDS AND PARENTS OF TWO

Annie is a deeply kind, caring, and compassionate person who has all the qualities that make an exceptional mother. **She has a natural ability to connect with children** and consistently opens her heart to the children of our friends, treating each one with warmth, respect, and genuine affection. **Her nurturing spirit and unwavering support** make her beautifully suited for motherhood!

BRIGID - CLOSE FRIEND AND MOTHER OF TWO



kind words

F R O M F R I E N D S

I cannot wait for Annie to be a mom. The **warmth she shows my own kids**, and the love and care and dedication she shows to her nieces and nephews is unmatched. She has such an ability to know, understand, and care for the kids in her life, and has shown that day in and day out.

LAURA - CLOSE FRIEND AND MOM OF FOUR

Annie is **thoughtful, fun, dedicated, fiercely loyal**, and a fantastic listener. Qualities that have made her a great friend for 30+ years and will make her a fantastic mom. **She loves my kids as if they are her own.** Annie always has a hand to hold, a camp song to sing, and a joke to tell.

ALLIE - BEST FRIEND AND MOTHER OF TWO

I have known Annie for 13 years. She is kind, patient, and compassionate. She has dedicated her life to **making our our community a better place** for all those that live here. The same traits that have made Annie such a wonderful friend and such **an effective champion of those in need** will also make her an excellent parent. I cannot endorse a person any higher than I endorse Annie.

JACOB - CLOSE FRIENDS AND FATHER OF TWO

Annie is going to make a wonderful mom! **She knows how to have fun and still be firm, setting boundaries in a loving and respectful way.** I've observed her do this both as an aunt to her nieces and nephews and as a trusted adult for my own three kids.

Annie is an independent and accomplished woman, both personally and professionally. She also has an amazing support network from lots of family and friends nearby. I know she'll **provide everything this baby needs** and surround them with lots of love.

MEGAN - CLOSE FRIEND AND MOTHER OF THREE



WHY I WANT TO ADOPT

I have always been an ambitious, driven person. I have a full life with a job I love and excel at, and friends and family that fill my cup. I don't have a romantic partner. **I am a strong, single woman and don't feel a gap in my life, except being a mom.** As I put it to my close friends - I want to be a mom way more than I want to be a wife. And because of that, I am embarking on this journey solo. While I want to be a single mom, I definitely won't be alone. You'll see throughout this book that I am surrounded by friends, family and community, and when I become a mom, my child will be as well. I have so much love to give to a child and have created a life worth sharing.

MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS COULDN'T BE MORE
EXCITED FOR MY ADOPTION JOURNEY!

To You

- **I promise** to put your child first and love them unconditionally.
- **I promise** to provide him or her with a safe, healthy and nurturing home where we will create lasting memories.
- **I promise** to give them my attention, prioritizing quality time together.
- **I promise** to give your child every opportunity I can, with great schools and diverse life experiences;
- **I promise** to surround them with a loving family and a village of joy, support, and encouragement.
- **I promise** to surround him or her with people they see themselves in.
- **I promise** that I won't be perfect, but I will give my best to be a great mom.
- **I promise** to be present, listen, and support their choices.
- **I promise** to always be open and honest with your child about their adoption, and who they are.
- **I promise** to share your story and how your profound love and bravery helped us become a family.



THANK YOU FOR GETTING TO KNOW ME.

I hope this profile gives you a glimpse of who
I am and the life I want to give to a child.