

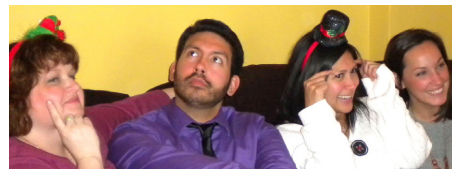
THIS IS OUR *village*

My parents, Darrell and Mary have been married since 1967. They are the foundation of my family. *They continue to be a guiding force in my life and I live about five minutes from them.*

My brother, Steven, and his wife, Rhonda, live in Texas and work at Baylor University. I visit them at least once a year and they usually come home one or two times as well. Steven and I visit on the phone or on FaceTime at least a couple times a month, if not more often.

I have a bunch of aunts, uncles, and cousins. *My aunt and several cousins have Filipino heritage which we have embraced into our family.* My aunt started the tradition of bringing lumpia, a Filipino dish, to our family functions – a tradition I highly approve of, so tasty!

Food, Family and Fun – that about sums up our family gatherings.



HANGING OUT WITH MY COUSINS



MY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



REMODELING PROJECT WITH MY DAD



SHOPPING WITH MY MOM

HOME *sweet* HOME

I bought an older fixer-up ranch house in 1998 and have spent countless hours (and dollars) turning it into the home of my dreams. *I live in the suburbs near a large metropolitan area – the best of both worlds.* I am in the Heartland and we get all kinds of weather; there is a saying, “If you don’t like the weather right now, just wait 5 minutes because it is going to change.”

My father and I remodeled my kitchen about 5 years ago and it has become the heart of my home. I get to do my baking and new recipe experiments in an open and comfy space. I even designed the kitchen island, which my dad built for me. The island has lots of storage and the backside is bookshelves. You can never have too many cabinets or bookshelves!



in CLOSING

Being a parent is about putting your child first, last and always- being selfless. *We need to make learning safe and fun, then, at the right time, let them spread their wings.* Children need the tools necessary to succeed in life and become the best person they can be. I want to support, love, and teach them – I have so many hopes and dreams for them, but want them to find their own hopes and dreams. *I want our child to have a happy life.* No matter how we proceed with openness, this is the first decision to choose my family, our family – that is the first step of this journey.



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KAREN

A Journey of 1,000 miles STARTS WITH THE FIRST STEP

My name is Karen and deciding that I was ready for a forever family was a big step for me, just like I'm sure the decision to share your child through adoption has been for you. I am hoping that we can be the answers to each others' prayers. I can't wait to meet you!

I want to open my home and heart to your little one. *I think that the number one priority of a parent is to prepare our children for the world ahead of them, making sure they can stand on their own two feet, yet knowing that they have family there for them, always.* Just as important, is teaching children how to be responsible, caring, hard-working – the very best they can be.

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MY DANCE TROUPE

about ME

I am ready for adventure and *I think being a parent will be the adventure of a lifetime!* I like to find new ways to expand my education. I never thought I would find myself learning guitar at this stage in my life, but I thought – why not? In looking for ways to spice up my workouts, I found my hula dance troupe and have had a blast learning how to dance Polynesian style. *I'm looking forward to whatever God has planned for me next.*

I've prayed so hard, asking for guidance about this decision to adopt. The morning I was to call the lawyer for my consultation there was a story on the radio, the title of that story was, "It's Adoption Day!" I felt that God was speaking directly to me as I hope he is speaking directly to you at this time of decision.

my WORK

I work as a stockbroker's assistant at Merrill Lynch. I've been in the Financial Services industry for over 20 years. I love my job because I never have the same day twice; each day presents new problem solving opportunities. Sometimes the pace is frantic, but I love the challenge. It doesn't hurt that I work with a great group of people.



I CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE MY LOVE OF MUSIC WITH MY CHILD



BUILDING MY MUSCLES



JOSE' AND I PLAYING THE PIANO

WHAT I LOVE TO DO for fun!

- I love to *sing and dance!*
- I am seldom without a *book* to read
- Learning to play the *guitar & piano*
- *Hiking*
- *Travelling* and learning about new places
- *Crocheting*
- *Home improvement* projects
- *Teaching* Sunday School
- Baking and trying *new recipes*
- *Chaperoning* church youth trips
- My parents have a *vacation home* at The Lake of the Ozarks; I love spending some time there
- Trying *new workouts*
- Hanging out with my *Little Sister, Tiffany.* We were matched through Big Brothers Big Sisters



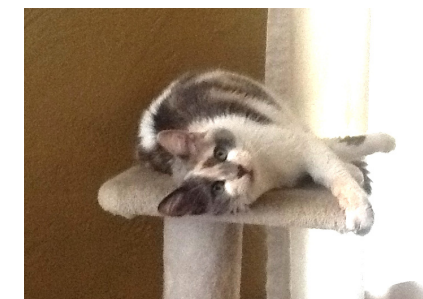
ALMOST HULA PERFORMANCE TIME



MY 'LITTLE SIS' FROM BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS



HELPING IN THE NURSERY AT CHURCH



MEET CHIQUITA

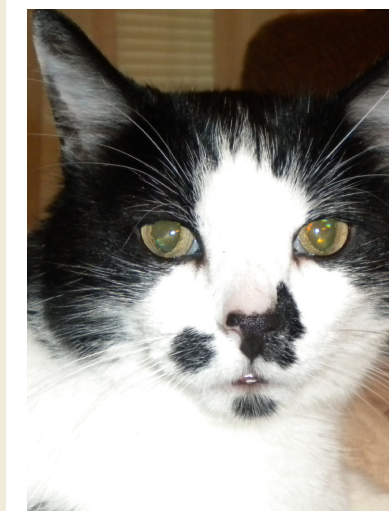


MAKING HOMEMADE SOUP

my PETS

I have two awesome kitty children, Jose' and Chiquita. They are from the same litter and will be 17 years old in 2015. They certainly aren't spring chickens anymore, but you couldn't tell from the way they act. The vet is surprised each time they visit when he glances at their age.

When they aren't sleeping (which is 20 hours a day), they love to chase the laser pointer light on the floor. They certainly make life interesting and fun!



MEET JOSE'

my church FAMILY

I grew up in the Roman Catholic Church and attended Catholic school. Several years ago I felt the need to find a new church home due to changes and controversy in the Catholic diocese I was part of. I am currently a member of a Methodist church and have found a place where I am comfortable worshipping, learning, and teaching. *I have a wonderful church family who have been very supportive during my decision and paperwork process for adoption.*

I teach a Sunday School class of middle to high school aged children. I love watching their relationship with God develop and grow! They are so excited about this adoption and have volunteered to have bake sales to raise money, host a baby shower, and offered countless hours of babysitting.

My hula dance troupe is actually faith-based. We dance to religious songs and the classes are free to all who wish to come to the church for practice. My dance teacher even went so far as to pray that the Lord give me a Polynesian soul so I may dance gracefully in praise to Him.