# LESLIE

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## THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AT **MY STORY**





**ELLICOTVILLE 2019** 

#### SAN DIEGO: ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES

#### THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ADOPTION AND FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY PROFILE!

I'm sure it's an overwhelming and emotional task of sifting through the lives of potential families for your little one. I look forward to sharing a look into my home and life to better give you a picture of who I am as a Mom, daughter, sister and friend!

I am home-study approved and ready to adopt. I would love more than anything to expand my family and to give my daughter a little sibling. I am a successful engineer who loves to travel. I have a

great supportive family around me consisting of many little playmates for your child to grow up besides. My interests are

I am hoping for someone to see the life, love and opportunities and experiences that I can

provide their little one, AND SEE THAT I

WILL MAKE EVERY **EFFORT TO PROVIDE** THEM WITH THE BEST LIFE POSSIBLE.

very diverse and range from theatre to camping to running to gardening.

Best of luck in this and all decisions. Please know that no matter what you choose, I wish you, your child, and your family all the best.

Kind regards, Leslie

#### >> I'M LESLIE, AND I AM FUN LOVING, **ADVENTURE- SEEKING AND OUTGOING SINGLE** MOTHER OF A TWO-YEAR OLD LITTLE GIRL,

**ELEANOR.** I have a great supportive family around me consisting of many little playmates for your child to grow up with. In addition to me, my parents have four other kids and I have been very lucky to have always had a close relationship with my brothers and sister.

I like to stay active with yoga, spin classes, running and playing tennis. I've run a few half marathons throughout my life and am thinking about training for another one. I also like to garden, and I love to travel. I love meeting new people and learning about new cultures. I've been to Italy, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, China, the Caribbean and landmarks across the US (I've visited 35 of the 50 states), and am continually striving to expand that list. I'm also SCUBA certified, and love to **camp** and the outdoors.

### YOU MIGHT BE **SURPRISED** TO LEARN ABOUT ME..

- I'm SCUBA certified
- I played collegiate softball
- I luged in Switzerland
- I went to Hawaii when I was 11
- I've seen the Lion King the Musical
- twice and it's my favorite of all musicals





## ABOUT ME



SHOWING ELEANOR THE BEAUTY OF SOCAL



**ENJOYING CALIFORNIA** 

### FUN FACTS **FAVORITES**

- Color: Blue
- Season: Fall
- Holiday: 4th of July
- Vacation spot: Italy and San Diego
- Fun Fact: I'm Most Proud of Being a Mama to my daughter Eleanor
- Weakness: Sweets, Triscuits and Milk
- Sports Team: Yankees and Bills
- Fun fact: I met George Clinton in the Memphis airport after Memphis in May
- Music: Country, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tom Petty, DMB
- Fun Fact: I lived in NC for 13 years after college
- Dream job: Photographer for National Geographic

>>> I COME FROM A BIG FAMILY AND I ALWAYS WANTED A BIG FAMILY. I WASN'T SURE THAT DREAM WAS GOING TO COME TRUE, BUT WITH A LOT OF FAITH AND MANY PRAYERS, IN MAY OF 2017, I WAS BLESSED WITH THE **GREATEST GIFT; MY DAUGHTER ELEANOR.** It has been amazing to see her grow. She has a personality all her own and is such a happy, spunky and fun little girl. She is

such a joy and makes me smile every single day. She plays very well with others and adores her cousins (aka- her partners in crime). They are her best friends and she lights up when she sees them. She is equally content with playing with her "Little People" and all her other toys independently. Our family room is very colorful because of all her toys, but it exemplifies how much color she brings to my life.

She is my side-kick and we have a fun, adventure-filled life together, and my life has changed in the best way possible since she was born. She really is the greatest gift and I would love more than anything to build our family and be blessed with another little bundle of joy to love, spoil, take on adventures, show them the world and provide the best life possible. | also want to provide Eleanor with a sibling for her to baby, grow-up with and love on. Additionally, I would love to be able to provide that same opportunity for another child; to live a fulfilling life growing up beside their best friend.



## MEET ELEANOR MIRACLE





HAPPY DAYS



MY LITTLE STAYP AIN'T AFRAID

OF NO GHOST

**STYLIN' AND PROFILIN'** 

## » MY 9 TO 5 «

#### I AM A SUCCESSFUL ENGINEER AND GRADUATED WITH MY

MASTERS' DEGREE LAST MAY. I hope to expand into new roles in the future, but I currently have a wide range of responsibilities leading multiple projects and initiatives. Throughout my career, I have been afforded the opportunity to work with individuals across the globe and is something I love most about my career; the ability to meet new and interesting people. My job can be intense at times, but it also provides a healthy work life balance and a lot of diversity in the day-to-day activities. Fortunately, I am lucky enough to have the flexibility to work from home on a regular basis.



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

## AWESOME LOCAL DESTINATIONS

The Strong Museum of Play- It is so unique. It has a mini grocery store (Wegmans) for kids to shop in and check out. It has a huge jungle gym type area, a "Dora the Explorer" doctor's office where kids can take care of baby dolls or stuffed animals, life size dollhouse has activities for all ages and it entertains kids for hours. It really is a state-ofthe-art museum.

Mendon Ponds Park- They've got the best hills for sledding in the winter time and trails for hiking during the warmer months.

Stokoe Farms- It is so much fun during the Fall (right before Halloween). They have hayrides, pumpkin patch, train rides, apple picking, a petting zoo, the best donuts and cider etc. The kids and adults have equal fun and the weather at this time of year makes it even better.

I go to Church every Sunday, but I'm not active in the Church community. However, my nieces go to school there (and so will my kids), and from what I've seen by going to things for my nieces, I'm very impressed by the community there. It's a family friendly school and they have a lot of great activities throughout the year.

My gym- They have so many great classes (difficult, but great) to participate in, so it keeps me coming back. They also have a tennis club there. I played tennis throughout high school, so I'm happy to be a part of something that can be fun for me, but I can also enjoy with my family.





**MASTER'S GRADUATION 2019** THE TASSLE WAS WORTH THE HASSLE

My daughter and I live in a cute little neighborhood in a suburb of Rochester, NY. We have a large backyard with lots of room to run around and play with all the other neighborhood kids. We live close to parks, the beach and to family, and we're a couple hours' drive to the mountains for skiing in the winter. I live within 10 minutes of most of my family and they come over a lot for dinner, to watch movies or just pop in to say "HI!".

I bought my house three years ago and have enjoyed fixing it up to help make it warm and cozy. Eleanor has pretty much made the family room her play room and it often looks like a storm has come through with all her toys, but I wouldn't want it any other way!!



FALL TIME: MY FAVORITE TIME

#### I KNOW IT'S SILLY, OR PEOPLE THINK IT'S SILLY, TO HEAR THE SAYING "IT TAKES A VILLAGE", BUT IN MY CASE

**IT REALLY DOES.** I am a single Mom to an awesome (almost) three-year old. My family and friends are the best and they have helped me throughout my entire life and have really stepped up with helping me by being a great help and even better role models for my daughter.

My Mom and Dad have always been there for me and have been very supportive in everything I've done; and they continue to help me today. They watch my daughter during the week, while I'm at work, and she gets their undivided attention each day. My siblings live within a 10-minute drive of each other which better enables me to see them (and for Eleanor to see her cousins) on a very regular basis. My nieces, Eleanor's cousins, are very special to me and her, and they would be equally special to any new bundle of joy.

I also have two cousins that are like siblings, and similarly, I have always had a special bond with their parents. We, along with my siblings, have all always been sidekicks to one another and have had many good times together building unforgettable memories.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ A FEW **FAVORITE FAMILY** TRADITIONS - > -

- Easter Egg Hunts the Saturday before Easter
- Camping/Glamping at Yogi Bear Campgrounds in the summer
- Christmas Eve with the extended family
- 4th of July picnics
- Trick-or-treating with the cousins
- Annual trip to Ellicottville before Christmas



Not only was I blessed with the GREATEST FAMILY (great enough to convince me to move back from sunny North Carolina to the tundra of Western NY)

BUT I ALSO HAVE A PHENOMENAL **NETWORK OF** FRIENDS

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THE FAMILY AT MY NIECE'S BAPTISM



## »FRIENDS «

I keep in touch with the friends I've met throughout my life, including kids from grammar school through college, and friends I made in North Carolina and across the jobs I've had throughout my career. And, although life is busy between work and raising a child, I still catch up with them frequently.











## ABOUT MY **ASPIRATIONS** FOR MY FAMILY AND FUTURE

I love to travel and enjoy learning about different cultures. I want to show my children the world and provide them with experiences that will last a lifetime. My hope is that, with these experiences provided, they will enable them to be prepared for the world as they grow up and to make healthy, wise choices.

I want to expose them to the things that I love, not with the expectation that they are going to love all, or anything that I do, but to provide them with the opportunity to expand their mind and determine what they want in life. My tastes are rather diverse, and I've had a lot of great experiences throughout my life; I want to share that with the ones I love most. I want to get them involved in music, dance and sports. There are so many benefits to doing this, but the world is changing so much and so fast, that in my opinion, this helps keeps kids focused and to stay healthy.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I want my kids to be happy and healthy. I want them to grow and appreciate experiences they're exposed to rather than being bombarded by material things because in time, those things will fade, but the memories will not.



## MY PROMISE

More than anything, I want you to know that your child will be loved unconditionally. I will nurture him or her to grow up to be the best person that he or she can be. I will devote my life to provide them with all the love, security, and joy I can possibly offer.

I promise to encourage and build your child's hopes and dreams, and to provide the most enriching life that is reinforced with the best possible education and opportunities. Your child will be loved beyond words by me, Eleanor, and all my family and friends.

I truly appreciate the tremendous sacrifice you are making out of love. I am open to either an open or closed adoption, and regardless, your child will always know where he or she came from and how much you love him or her.

Thank you for considering me as a parent to your child! and thank-you from Eleanor for potentially providing her with the best gift she will ever receive!!

I will be praying for you and for peace within you!

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