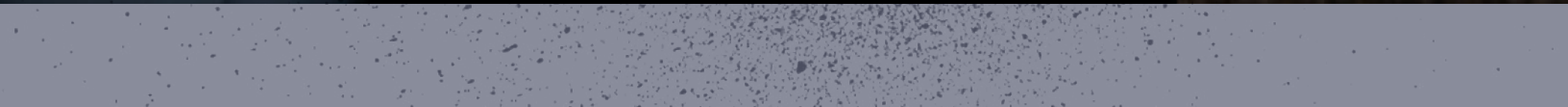




LISA



Hello
FROM NEW ORLEANS!

I'M LISA



THE 3 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN MY LIFE

➔ **EDUCATION:** I have always worked in schools because I want to make sure that education opens doors for more children in the same way it opened doors for me. I believe that an excellent education gives people options.

➔ **MY BEST FRIENDS AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Almost ten years ago, I moved from New Jersey to New Orleans. Right around the same time, two of my best friends also moved from the Northeast to New Orleans. They are raising families now, and I feel lucky that I get to be an important part of their kids' lives.

➔ **MY FAMILY:** While I only have one brother, my thirteen cousins have always been more like siblings to me. We spend holidays together, and we spend time each summer at a house my grandparents built in Maine.



GRADUATION DAY AT HARVARD

WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY

COMPETING WITH MY COUSINS IN FANTASY FOOTBALL	BRINGING MY DOGS TO THE PARK
WATCHING HGTV	BARBEQUES WITH FRIENDS
	CURING UP WITH A BOOK



PLAYING CHESS WITH MY FRIEND'S DAUGHTER



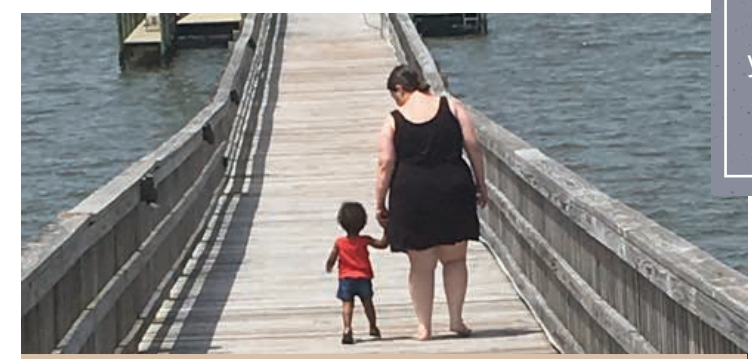
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FOR GIVING ME THIS CHANCE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU

While I don't know you personally yet, your decision to consider adoption shows me that you are **COURAGEOUS** and **LOVING**.

I've always dreamed of raising a child. As I start this journey towards adoption, I'm a little nervous, but mostly I'm incredibly excited. I know that I am ready to share my love and life with a child. While I am a single woman, I

am lucky to have a large extended family and a close-knit group of friends; **your child will immediately be loved by my village. If you are open to it, you will be welcomed as well!**



WALKING WITH MY FRIEND'S DAUGHTER, ZAIN



I hope that this booklet will help you get to know me a little better. Thank you FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ IT!

THE PLACE I Call Home

I AM LUCKY TO LIVE
IN NEW ORLEANS!



MY HOME

New Orleans is a family-friendly town where there is always something new to do. Every weekend, you can find a parade to watch, a festival to attend, jazz to listen to, or a crawfish boil to enjoy. And, the whole city stops and fires up barbeque grills for Saints football games.



WITH FRIENDS AT "THE SPOT"
FOR MARDI GRAS

While I was living in New Jersey, I visited New Orleans for a long weekend. I quickly realized that there was nowhere I'd rather live. A few months later, I found a job that I was excited about and moved south.



ME AND JANIE

I own a three-bedroom home, and I share it with my two dogs. My favorite part of my home is the front porch, where I can be found sipping coffee and reading in a rocking chair. I also have a large back yard, and I'm excited to add a swingset for a child!

Mardi GRAS

Mardi Gars in New Orleans is much different than it looks on television. **The Mardi Gras season lasts a few weeks, and families gather to watch parades in the evening and over the weekend. The week of Mardi Gras, everyone has time off from work and school.**

My friends and I always watch parades in the same place. We call it "the spot." You can find us wearing our Mardi Gras colors, surrounded by excited kids, and eating amazing barbeque.

MEET MY DOGS



AT THE BEACH!



JACKSON MEETS MY FRIEND MARGIE'S SON

My two dogs, Jackson and Janie, are the sweetest dogs I know! They love kids and will be overjoyed when I bring a baby home.

→ **JACKSON** is a ten-year-old black lab mix. He's been my sidekick for quite a while, and he is spoiled! He is a lazy guy who loves taking naps at my feet and eating any food that comes his way. He is ready to be a child's friend and protector.

→ **JANIE** is a five-year-old goldendoodle. She's the world's happiest and most easy going dog. She sits outside and suns herself for hours, and she only gets up when she sees a squirrel to chase. She wags her tail constantly when she is awake, and sometimes she even wags it when she sleeps!

I Love WORKING IN A SCHOOL!

After I graduated from college, I started to teach middle school English. Initially, I thought I'd do this for a couple of years and then would go to graduate school to pursue a different career. Instead, **I realized how passionate I am about making sure that every child gets an excellent education, and how much I love spending my days with kids.**

Now, I am a leader at a high school. I still get to spend time working directly with students, but I spend more time helping teachers improve so that every classroom in our school will become the type of room where I'd want my own child to learn.



GRADUATION DAY

If I won the lottery tomorrow, I'd want to keep doing my job. I get so much energy from watching my students achieve their goals, and we have a lot of fun along the way! **Since my hours and vacations match the hours and vacations of other schools, I'll get to spend a lot of time with a child as he or she grows up!**



UNCLE TIM WITH A HOT CHOCOLATE MUSTACHE



BIG FAMILY DINNER

VIEW OF THE HOUSE FROM THE LAKE



My FAMILY

My parents can't wait to become Nana and Pa to their first grandchild, and my brother can't wait to become Uncle Tim to his first niece or nephew!

My family loves spending time outside, especially on the water. My parents live on a river in New Jersey, and their house is only a few blocks from the ocean. My mother enjoys kayaking early in the morning, and my father enjoys fishing in the evening. **They will both be overjoyed to teach their first grandchild about their hobbies once he or she is old enough.**

My brother lives in a small town in Washington State. In his free time, he enjoys taking hikes that allow him to see more of the beauty of the Northwest and skiing. **He is excited to show his first niece or nephew his corner of the country!**

FALL IN MAINE



MY PARENTS

Growing up, my mother, father, brother and I always joined my cousins, aunts, and uncles there for at least two weeks each summer. My cousins and I spent hours making up games and playing pretend on "the rock," which is just a large rock that provides a place to stand a few yards into the lake. We also went tubing, waterskiing, kayaking, and canoeing every day.

HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIEND'S SON



WITH MY FRIEND MAGGIE

➔ **FROM MY FRIEND MAGGIE:** It has been a great joy to observe Lisa interacting with my children in the same way she has long interacted with her students. She is kind and nurtures their curiosities and developing personalities.

It's clear from observing Lisa as an educator and seeing her interact with my own children that children bring her a ton of joy. Lisa beams when she talks about her students. She likes to laugh and brings a sense of humor to everything she does.

➔ **FROM MY FRIEND JEREL:** Lisa is one of the most thoughtful, deeply loving individuals I've ever met.

She's incredibly loyal to her closest friends, and I believe that's an indicator of something more. If Lisa adopts a child, that child will be incredibly lucky and blessed.

Notes FROM FRIENDS



HANGING OUT WITH JEREL'S DAUGHTER (AND HIS DOG)

➔ **FROM MY FRIEND MARGIE:** When I think of the short list of friends who I would trust to care for my own newborn, Lisa is at the very top of the list. She has incredibly strong instincts when it comes to knowing what kids need. I have been fortunate enough to witness Lisa support and nurture children of all ages, from very tiny and vulnerable infants to countless high school students who she has directly supported. Lisa is relentless—she will not stop problem solving and iterating until the children in her care are thriving.

MAINE

WHEN I THINK ABOUT FAMILY, I THINK ABOUT MY GRANDPARENTS' LAKE HOUSE IN MAINE.

Now, many of my cousins bring their own children to Maine. It is fun to see them enjoy the exact same activities that we enjoyed when we were growing up. **I can't wait to introduce my own child to my extended family and to have them join our traditions!**

FAMILY TIME!





THANK YOU FOR
TAKING THE
TIME TO READ

my Profile!



I HOPE I GAVE YOU A SENSE OF WHAT MY LIFE IS LIKE AND OF HOW EXCITED I AM TO SHARE MY LIFE WITH A CHILD!

One of the most important gifts my family gave me was the opportunity to try any activity that interested me. At different points in time, I played

soccer, sang in a choir, competed in swimming, attended a kayaking camp, skied... and more! When I raise a child, I will give him or her the opportunity to explore every interest so that he or she can find out what brings the most joy.

If I am lucky enough to raise your child, I will always be open with him or her about our adoption journey. I will make sure that he or she knows you chose adoption out of love. I will share your hopes and dreams for your child with him or her, and, if you choose to be a part of his or her life, you will be welcomed.