



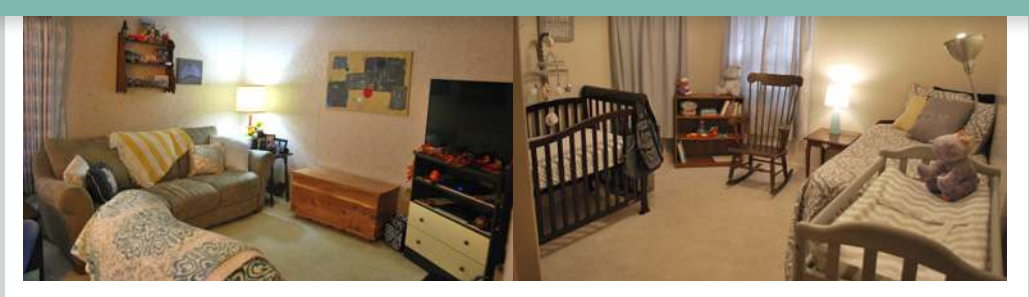
hi!
I'M
Rachel

Thank you for taking the time to read this and learn a little about me. I admire your courage and realize that this is a difficult decision for you to think about adoption for your child. I know that you love your child very much, and I want to reassure you that I will love your child just as much. I am praying for you as you make this decision.

I PROMISE THAT MY HOME WILL BE FILLED WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER. I am excited to tell you about my story and to learn about yours as well.

Rachel

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I LOVE WHERE I LIVE. It is my grandma's house. Being there with the family history is wonderful. The house sits on about an acre with plenty of room to play. One of my favorite rooms is the living room. It is very cozy and intimate, and I love that it is a place that people can come and just hang out. This is a room that I spend a lot

of time in. I cannot wait to raise my child in this home and share its history with them. My parents live right down the road, so it will be great that my child will be able to see grandparents all the time. I want to give my child a loving home just like the one that I grew up in. I cannot wait to bring my child home to this house.

A GLIMPSE into my life

➔ I LOVE KIDS AND HAVE ALWAYS SURROUNDED MYSELF WITH THEM. I have babysat for many years and still watch kids from time to time. Some of the best times that I have with them are the random conversations that we have in the car. Kids make my heart happy because they are so innocent and show me the world in a new way. I love seeing things through their eyes.

➔ When I am home, I love to curl up under a blanket and read or watch TV. I ALSO ENJOYING SEWING things and coming up with new sewing projects. SOME OF MY FAVORITE PROJECTS ARE WHEN I MAKE THINGS FOR OTHER PEOPLE, such as car seat covers for new babies.

➔ I ENJOY HANGING OUT WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. My family is always there for me and willing to do whatever I need. My friends are just an extension of my family. They are there for me no matter what. I can sit with my friends and talk and tell stories until we are laughing so hard that we cry.



I love reading to kids at work!



Working with a small group

ABOUT MY 9 to 5

I am an Elementary School Teacher. I LOVE my job and working with kids. I teach small groups of kids who need help in reading and math. I see lots of different kids and love each and every one of them.

I have been teaching for 11 years. I have always wanted to be a teacher and love that this is what I am doing for the rest of my life. I also enjoy that I have my summers off and can spend that time with people that I love and do fun things like day trips to areas around me. The people that I work with are wonderful as well.



Crocheting a blanket



Fiona likes to play!



Finn settling in for a cat nap!



My family at my brother's wedding



Good times with friends



Youth group time at church

MY faith

I am a Christian, and I plan on raising my child in the church. My faith is very important to me and helps me to get through the day. *The love of God is something that I cannot imagine my life without, and I plan on teaching that to my child.* The people at my church are another part of my family and are very supportive and we care a lot about each other. I cannot wait to introduce my child to my church family.

MY cats

THESE ARE MY CATS FIONA AND FINNEGAN "FINN". They are very rambunctious, cuddly and fun to play with. They also love to have tummies rubbed and sleep on my lap. They are very friendly, and love kids and to have people come and visit.

I HAVE A FAMILY THAT I HAVE BABYSAT FOR AND BEEN A PART OF THEIR FAMILY FOR 11 YEARS. I love the kids dearly and they want you to know...



♥ I Love Rachel because she is super-duper nice. *She takes great care and does a lot of fun things with us* like going to the movies or the pool. ~Emmet

Emmet, Layla, Elsie and I are known to goof around!



♥ I love Rachel because she likes to be around my siblings and I, and we like to be around her. She is really kind and funny. *Rachel is fun to be around because she makes me laugh.* I love to go to the park with Rachel. ~Layla



♥ I Love Rachel because *she watches and teaches me, and she's funny.* We also go to fun places. One of my favorite memories is when we went to Hedricks, an exotic animal farm, with my family and we got to see some cool animals. ~Elsie



Fun times at work



Hanging out with friends



Fun times with friends



My roommates at work

THOUGHTS FROM MY FRIENDS

“Rachel is the kind of person who was born to be a mom. From her compassion and kindness, her creativity and humor, to her ability to anticipate children’s needs before they arise, *she has many, many qualities that will make her a true blessing to any lucky child who gets to call her “mom.”*”

“I really love Rachel’s sense of humor, as well as her willingness to do difficult things and sacrifice her own comfort for the sake of doing what is right. *As a parent, I know she’d be willing to do whatever it takes to give her child a life in which he or she is safe, loved, and fulfilled.*”



I WILL TEACH MY CHILD TO: *love God*, be a productive member of society, *LOVE OTHERS*, *love themselves*, *know that no matter what I will always love them*



ONE LAST thank you

Thank you for taking the time to consider me for the adoption of your child. I am praying for you as you make this plan. I know you love your child so much. I will also love your child with all my heart.

 Rachel



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MY PROMISE to you

MORE THAN ANYTHING I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD NO MATTER WHAT. I promise to bring them up in a safe and loving home. They will be brought up in the church with God as the central focus. I promise to make sure that they know how much Jesus loves them.

I will help them to become the best person that they can be. Your child will be encouraged in their hopes and dreams and know that I believe in them and will help them to achieve whatever they want. I will also make sure your child knows how much you love them and the sacrifice that you have made.