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#### About Me

Hi! I'm an energetic, warm, thoughtful woman with a creative side, a dash of nerdy, and a splash of fun. Friends describe me as responsible, confident, caring, playful, and adventurous. The best times for me are spent cooking with friends and family, playing games, thinking up cool projects with my nieces and nephews, decorating for the holidays, giving presents, and laughing out loud with friends. Spending time on a lake, mountain, or beach is pure heaven to me! Not one to shy away from activities, my hobbies include singing in a women's chorus, art, gardening, dancing (ballroom, zumba), travel, tennis, catching an occasional ballgame, and volunteering (Big Sister mentor for eight years and helping out at an animal shelter). I studied French and graphic design in college. Today I'm a successful designer working in the healthcare field. I have a flexible, part-time schedule and can work from home.

## My Home

I live in a cozy, sunny ranch house on a tree-lined street. It has a front yard, a fenced back yard, flowers, and a colorful welcome mat. My neighborhood is awesome. It's a family-oriented suburb near a safe downtown with cultural activities and sports, a biking trail that winds through historic and natural areas, parks, and top-notch public schools. It's close to universities, only 25 minutes from Boston, and close to the countryside in the other direction. Friends live nearby, and I'm lucky to have caring neighbors, many with young kids. Our elementary school is a few blocks away.





### What Led Me to Adoption

Since I was very young, I knew in my heart I was meant to be a parent and felt the call to adopt. I'm thankful for my strong start in life with two loving parents and lots of friends and family. It was important for me to take time to grow, learn about myself and the world, establish a career, and prepare to be a parent someday. I believe we all have purpose. I honor that purpose in myself and the people around me. I think it's one of the most important aspects to raising a child. I look forward to providing the constant love, support, and guidance a child needs to thrive throughout life.

# My Photos



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## More About Monika



**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Graphic designer/art director

EDUCATION: M.A.

**RELIGION:** Protestant

**SPORT**: Cycling, tennis, sailing

**FOOD:** Spaghetti & meatballs, eggplant parm, chocolate chips cookies

HOBBY: Art, dance, hiking

**TRADITION:** Decorating the Christmas tree, beach house, Norwegian almond bars

**MUSICAL GROUP:** The Lumineers, Mumford & Sons, Taylor Swift

DREAM VACATION: South of France, Hawaii

HOLIDAY: Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving

TV SHOW: Modern Family, Friends, The Voice



## My Extended Family

I have three brothers, three sisters-in-law, seven nieces and nephews, several cousins, and a few aunts and uncles, whom I adore. I also keep in touch with relatives in France and Norway.

My parents live at their beach house in the summer, and that's where we all congregate as a family. Our traditions are based mostly around our time there and also the Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays. There's always a lot of food, games, and stories. My father is the biggest sweetheart. Kids love him. He knows a few good magic tricks! My mother is a really good cook and was a school nurse. Everyone in our family loves to tell a good story, and my brothers never miss the chance to tell a goofy joke. As a family, we know our strengths and weaknesses, but we support each other through everything.

My own traditions include cooking and baking around the holidays. I make Norwegian almond bars or prepare a Scandinavian smorgasbord. I love to do this with my nieces and nephews. Sometimes I'll cook a French dish, but I haven't quite replicated my grandmother's eggplant casserole.

# Dear Expectant Mother

#### To A Loving Mother,

I'm in awe of you. You're carrying the miracle of life. Even though you may be facing confusion or a difficult decision, clearly you care about your child. I am honored you're considering me as an adoptive parent. My home is filled with music, creativity, good food, family, and friends. Your baby would be welcomed by a circle of loving people.

I know being a parent is not just about the highlights but also the day to day, the challenges, and the curveballs. I think it's about juggling lots of things, making big and little decisions every day, listening, learning, adjusting, communicating, and having patience, empathy, and a steady approach.

If I have the honor of parenting your baby, I would provide unconditional love, support, and guidance, while encouraging them to explore and become the person they are meant to be. I believe we all have a purpose and are all connected, and would honor and help guide that purpose in your baby's life.

With Love,

Monika





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