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MY JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

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## ABOUT ME

I am an extremely outgoing and adventurous person who loves to travel and all things outdoors. I have traveled to 15 different countries and all over the United States. I have been in the military for 19 years. I started out as a Marine after I went to college at the University of Kansas. I served for four years on active duty and then went back to school for my engineering degree. I transferred to the Missouri National Guard and have a master's degree. I currently work as a project engineer and have the joy of working from home. One of my passions is teaching judo, and I run a gym where I coach all ages of kids and adults. I am always outside doing something. I go camping several times a year with my family; I travel a lot and love spending time with my family.







my home and pets

I live in a small community in the country but close enough to larger cities to provide great experiences. I am close to national parks, museums, and so many adventurous things to do. I moved here because of the great school system and community. I have a small farm of 14 acres with a pool and all sorts of animals to include goats, chickens, donkeys, and cows. I have several amazing dogs that are loving and great around everyone. I have grown a great martial arts gym with a community of amazing people who want to learn and grow together. I have several kids in my program who want to go on to be Olympic-level athletes.

what led me to adoption

I have always been career driven and knew that I wanted to serve my country. I spent my early twenties deployed. Then I went back to school, eventually joined the National Guard, and made an attempt at the Olympics in judo. I deployed again, and that took me into my midthirties. I knew at that point I would go the route of adoption. I have wanted to have a big family for so many years, but my younger years are further behind. I want to be a mother so badly and adoption is how I see my family growing. I have a brother who was adopted and love him so much. Growing up, my biggest influence in my life was my godfather. My mother was engaged to him for years but never married him, and he treated me as his own daughter. The bond we shared went deeper than any between my own parents. I knew that even though he wasn't my father, he was still one of the greatest people in my life.

## MY PHOTO ALBUM



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**OCCUPATION:** Engineer

**EDUCATION:** Master's degree

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Christian





my favorite...

SPORT: Judo, softball, track HOBBY: Gardening, athletics, hiking, camping, travel TRADITION: Traveling outside the U.S. once a year MOVIE: Sci-fi, fantasy, adventure DREAM VACATION: Ireland, beach HOLIDAY: Christmas TV SHOW: The Walking Dead, The Witcher, Stranger Things

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: All things science

my family and

## TRADITIONS

I have a very large and amazing extended family. I have five amazing brothers, with two of them living very close so I can spend lots of time with them. My mother lives very close and loves to come over to help take care of the animals; we have movie nights every Saturday evening. My stepdad has been such a rock in my life for over 25 years and is there anytime I need him. My father loves all of us very much and works very hard to get us all together for the holidays and tries to make them very special.

I have many cousins and uncles who live close by, but one of my cousins is my best friend. She and I do everything together, and she is like a sister to me. We push each other to be the best versions of ourselves. My whole family comes to my house in the summer for pool parties and family cookouts.





## DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

I want to start by saying thank you for considering adoption and considering me to raise your baby. I know you love your baby and truly want the best life possible for your little one. I want you to know adventure, travel, and love are what I can offer your little one. Your little one will want for nothing, and the world will be waiting for them.

I understand everyone has difficult times and has to make difficult choices in life. I have made several in my life, and some are easier than others. I have worked very hard in my life to be able to provide something great for other people. I have dedicated a good portion of my life to providing opportunities for people, and I would love the opportunity to provide for, love, and cherish a child.

With love,

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