

Katie





Hello!

I'M KATIE

I APPRECIATE
YOU TAKING
THE TIME
TO READ MY
PROFILE.

I'M SO *excited*
TO HAVE STARTED
THIS JOURNEY TO
BECOME A MOTHER.

I feel like I have lived a really fun and adventurous life but I have always felt like something was missing. I've wanted to be a mom since I was a little girl playing with dolls. It would be a dream come true if one day I became a mom!

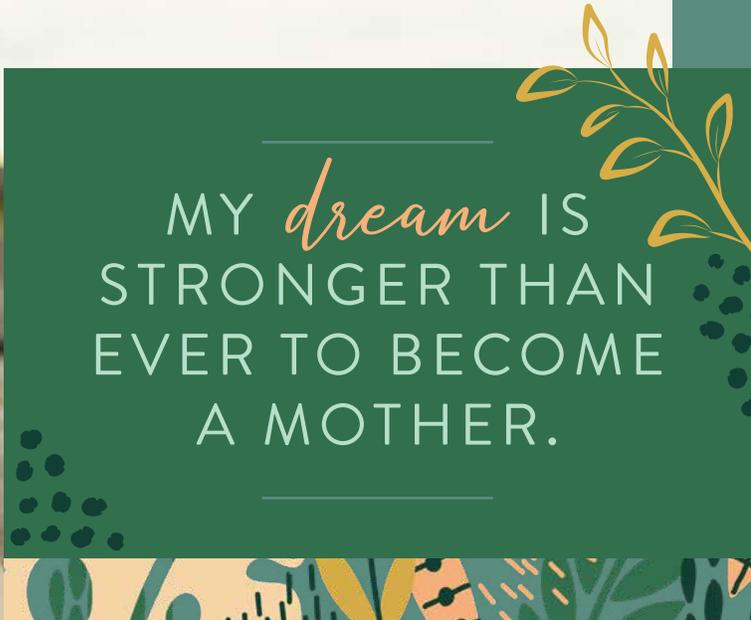
I admire your compassion and courage through this adoption journey and I have an abundant amount of respect for you as you make this choice for your child and yourself. Thank you for getting to know me!





My STORY

As the youngest of 4 in my family, I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, attended college in Northern Wisconsin, then moved back to Chicago after I started my job as an Executive Assistant. **I love the city and enjoy all that it has to offer. When I'm not working, I dive into my passions or catch up with my friends. Those are the things that keep me grounded and fill me with absolute joy.** I grew up wanting nothing more than to become a mother one day. I wanted to have four kids and recreate the childhood I had growing up. As life moved along and I watched each of my siblings and friends marry and become parents, my heart grew for them. Along with pride, I felt envy as I watched them create these families that I so much wanted.



MY *dream* IS STRONGER THAN EVER TO BECOME A MOTHER.

Getting to KNOW ME



Stretching before a run



Hanging out with my nephew



Traveling in Florence, Italy

I am the worst person when it comes to writing about myself, so I will share what my oldest nephew said about me. "No matter the occasion, Aunt Katie never fails to put a smile on my face with her sense of humor and compassion for those around her. Even just the little things, the small pranks she and my father play on each other, or the jokes about her old car Ernie, never fail to brighten my day when I get to see her. She's someone who I feel a sort of relatability to, and I'm comfortable with opening up to her. **My Aunt Katie is truly an affectionate, playful soul, who constantly proves to be a positive influence in my life.**" My family and friends have seen my playful side and know I truly love to have

a good time wherever I am and with whatever I'm doing. My serious side brings out the person who loves deeply, the one who would go up to bat for the underdog just to spare them hurt feelings, and the hardworker who doesn't quit even when it gets difficult.

I WILL *always* PUT MY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
ESPECIALLY A CHILD,
FIRST *every* TIME.



Standing in the Vatican a day before seeing the Pope!

A FEW of my FAVORITES

MUSICAL ARTIST:
NEEDTOBREATHE

DESSERT:
Brownies

DREAM JOB:
A dance professor
in a college.

ICE CREAM FLAVOR:
Chocolate

SNACK:
Sunchips

WHAT I LIKE
TO COLLECT:

Wherever I travel,
whether it's to a state
or country, I LOVE
buying an ornament
from that place. When
Christmas comes, I put
my ornaments from
my travels up on
my tree.

CHILDREN'S BOOK:
Monster at the End of
This Book: Starring
Lovable, Furry
Old Grover

HOBBIES and INTERESTS

Traveling

I love taking walks
with my camera and
discovering the beauty in
my neighborhood.

Reading

Running

I have a website that
features my portfolio of
work over the years and
have opened up an Etsy
shop. Last year, I sold
my first print for \$4!! It's
so exciting to know that
something I shot ended up
on someone's wall!

Dancing

Photography has
always been my
passion. In college,
I majored in art/
photography.

My first 10K run! I felt very accomplished, but tired!



Visiting a friend in NYC



Hiking in Iceland





Post run treats



My condo courtyard



Enjoying a beautiful day at Wrigley Field with my dear friend

The city of
CHICAGO
IS MY HOME

I LIVE IN A *condo* WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF LAKE MICHIGAN, MANY CITY PARKS, RESTAURANTS, WRIGLEY FIELD, SCHOOLS *and* A PARK DISTRICT.

My living room



I'm just down the street from a bus stop and the train, which are convenient ways to get downtown to visit all the museums, Millennium Park and Shedd Aquarium. I've lived in the city for 14 years and love the diversity within my own neighborhood. Between young and old, single and married, and every nationality you can think of! There are so many fun places I like to go when I'm up for some adventure and a couple quiet places by the lake when I'm up for some solitude. I try to walk/run on the Lakefront Path at least three times a week (year round!!) for exercise and to get lost in the beauty of Lake Michigan. Rain, sleet and snow don't deter me! I also live on a very dog filled block!

Faith IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.

My eyes were opened to the idea of adoption during a Sunday mass at my church. I didn't realize it was the "Adoption Mass" until all the adopted families were called up to the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. I was overwhelmed as I watched the altar overflow with kids. The seed was then planted that if, for some reason I wasn't able to have kids, adoption would be my next choice. It's now four years later and my heart knows that this is the path I am meant to be on!



Sitting in front of The Bean in downtown Chicago



Volunteering at The Ronald McDonald House

I promise
I WILL RAISE
YOUR CHILD



To live an adventurous and full life

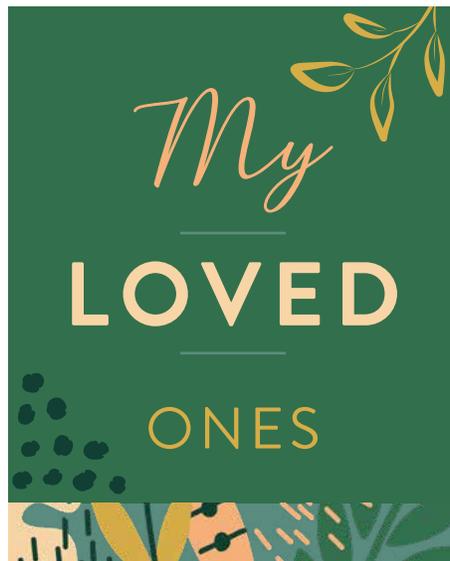
To follow their dreams, no matter where it takes them or how hard they have to work to get there

To push past their fears and any obstacles and to jump in when given a challenge

To be generous with their love and to be a positive light to others



My oldest brother



World Series Champions parade with my brother. Go Cubs!

I AM THE YOUNGEST OF A VERY *funny* FAMILY!

I have two older brothers and an older sister. My siblings are all married and all have kids. I have seven nieces and nephews ranging from ages 18, all the way down to 6. I love my relationship with each of the kids. My parents are retired and have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are a great example for us all of what true love looks like!

Everyone gets along so well when we're together and we're never at a loss for retrieving funny memories from our childhood. Every year we have a family reunion at my parent's summer cottage in Wisconsin. This is the time when everyone acts like a kid and spends most of the weekend playing around in the water. I remain close to my parents and siblings and really rely on their support for many moments in my life. They each hold such a special place in my heart and I truly don't know where I'd be without them. I also have the very best friends! A few live in different states but each one means everything to me. I would trust my friends with my life. I truly am blessed!



FAMILY *traditions* I LOOK FORWARD TO WITH MY FUTURE CHILD

Friday night movie nights

County fairs in the summer

Going to pumpkin patches in the fall

Sledding in the winter

Pancakes every Saturday morning

Bravery Rewards

Summers in Wisconsin



Halloween with my sister's family

All smiles with my nieces in Texas



My dad at his 50th wedding anniversary



Celebrating my birthday with my mom



Many people think we're twins. Born 18 months apart, we're Irish twins!







Thoughts on

PARENTING

I promise your child will know his/her story. I plan to talk to them right away about the brave decision you had to make to allow them into my life. I want this child to feel comfortable asking me questions about you and, upon your comfort level, for you to share a relationship with the child. That's very important to me. As a single mom-to-be, I know there will be challenges along the way.



Meeting my friend's baby for the first time!



As an aunt of 7, I also know that I have so much love to give to a child, as felt by the love I pour out to each of my nieces and nephews. I also have a strong and mighty support squad

ready to help me out when times get tough. I want to raise your child to have confidence in themselves, to show respect for others and to never question if they're loved.

I CAN *promise* YOU,
THIS CHILD WILL KNOW
Love THROUGHOUT
THEIR LIFE.





Thank you
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PROFILE.

I am honored to be considered as a parent for your child. I know this is just a glimpse into my life but I hope this gives you a sense of who I am, what my life is like, and what kind of life your child would have, should you choose me to parent. **I promise to love your baby, to provide a loving and safe home for him or her to grow up in and to share your story with them.**

I look forward to getting to know you and sharing your child's development and milestones throughout the years. I am open to ongoing contact through letters, photos, and visits, if you should choose. I pray for comfort and strength for you as you make this decision.

THANK YOU,
Katie