LIZ



SO NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M LIZ.





MY NOTE TO YOU

Thank you for taking the time to get to get to know me through these pages! For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be a mom. The responsibility of guiding a child on their journey to becoming the best version of who they are meant to be is not a weight I take lightly. That journey starts with you - the child's incredibly brave and strong birth mother. I will not pretend to understand how difficult this choice is for you, but I can tell without knowing you, that you are a courageous and selfless woman.

After turning forty, I finally woke up to the reality that I don't need "Mr. Right" to become a mom and that I could do it by myself. This was an incredibly empowering decision which started with IVF. I went through three rounds of IVF, the first two of which did not result in a pregnancy and the third sadly ended with a miscarriage. After this loss, I spoke with a friend who had adopted and she said something that will always stay with me about becoming a mom - "IVF is an if, adoption is a when." This is when I changed direction and looked to adoption. After doing my research, it has reassured me that adoption is not only fulfilling my dream of being a mom, but also ensures a child can have the family and life their birth mother hopes for them.

With Love, Liz













Why Adoption

My cousin Kate and her husband Dominic adopted their son Franky ten years ago. From the moment Franky came into our lives, he was welcomed with open arms and has grown into a sweet young boy who is obsessed with baseball like his daddy. My friend Kelly went through the same experiences as I did where she tried to become a mom through IVF, then turned to adoption. Her daughter, Evelyn, is five years old and learning about her birth mom which Kelly has handled with grace and honesty.

I can't even begin to imagine what you are feeling and experiencing at this moment. What I can tell you is that I think you are incredibly brave and strong to explore this path for your child. If you decide I am the right fit, please know I will honor your decision by providing your child with a warm and loving home, vibrant community, adventure, and support to ensure they have a fulfilling life.



THOUGHTS ON MOTHERHOOD

One of the things I look forward to the most when I become a mom is the responsibilities that come with guiding a child on their journey to be the best version of themselves. This is an honor I take with a full and open heart. I look forward to the middle of the night feedings when the world is asleep and it's just the two of us. I can't wait for the snuggles and belly laughs. I'm excited to have a little hand in mine as we cross the street. But most importantly I can't wait for my heart to be bursting with a kind of love I have never experienced before.

I look forward to creating wonderful memories that will stay with my child as they become an adult. I look back on my childhood with such fond and warm memories, and hope to instill those same feelings with my child. When he or she is exploring the world and finding what excites them, I want to encourage that curiosity and explore with them. Whether that's sports, dinosaurs, fashion, food, anything! And I'm sure those passions will change throughout the years, and I'm excited to be on that journey with them.

A PEEK AT

MY LIFE









I was born and raised in Massachusetts as an only child to a single mother, Kathy. She has shown me what a strong and independent woman is capable of, and I hope to be like that when I become a mom. Growing up, I would spend weekends in the kitchen with my mom making meatballs, banana bread, and special pancakes written out in letters to spell my name. This probably led to my passion for baking and why I went to culinary school. My mom made many sacrifices as a single mom so that I could go to a good school and we could take fun trips like Disney. I look back on my childhood with such warm memories and cannot wait to experience similar moments with a child!







MY OCCUPATION

I have worked in the food industry in some form or another for twenty years now. I started as a cake decorator, worked my way up to pastry chef and then decided that work lifestyle was just too hard on my body. I moved to sales and started working for a chocolate manufacturer, selling to grocery stores, for ten years. Talk about fun! I now work for a cake manufacturer, selling to grocery stores such as Costco. What I love about my job is that I can combine my passion for baking, and my joy of working with people to bring life to bakery programs across the country. One of the benefits of my job (besides endless cake) is that I work from home, which makes my work-life balance easy to maintain. My days are flexible which makes it easy for me to do things like go to a doctor appointment, have lunch with a friend, or run personal errands. This also means I can be around during the day after I adopt.

MY HOBBIES

One of my favorite things about living in Georgia is the weather! I love to take my dog Cocoa for a walk or play a great game of frisbee in the backyard. I also enjoy being by the pool or grabbing coffee with friends. I recently joined a women's book club that meets once a month which has been a blast.

At home you will always find me in the kitchen. I cook dinner almost every night and love to bake. I put on my music and truly enjoy my happy place! On Sundays I typically will do bulk cooking for me, my mom, and Cocoa. This way we're set up for success during the week with some yummy meals.

I have been fortunate enough to travel not only across the country, but to many great international destinations. My favorite so far has been a food and wine trip through Italy with my mom. One day I hope to travel to a tropical destination like Fiji or the Virgin Islands. I hope to be the kind of mom who can simply pack up a baby and head out for the next great adventure. My mom instilled the love of travel in me, and I hope to pass it on.











As an only child, I view my friends as my extended family and am passionate about supporting them the best way I can. I am always a phone call away, or coffee meet up, to hear their life accomplishments or challenges. My mom and I have extended this mentality with our neighborhood as we are the "go to" house for our neighbors. We are the ones they leave their keys with when on vacation, ask questions about what's going on in the community, or simply stop by when our front door is open. We love when people stop by to say hi and catch up!











FUN FACTS

My favorite season is fall - I love taking Cocoa for our morning walk where the air feels crisp, you need a sweater, and the leaves are changing color. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because it gives me and my mom a chance to spend time in the kitchen preparing a delicious meal. Over the years, we've grown our Thanksgiving meal into a "friendsgiving" gathering, as we host various friends and those who don't have plans. It's so much fun and heartwarming to welcome people into our home. When we get to the holiday season I'm obsessed with the movie "Elf". From the day after Thanksgiving until December 31st, that movie is always on in the background and even though I've watched it hundreds of times, I still laugh out loud.

MEET COCOA

Cocoa, whose full name is Cocoa Bean Chocolate Sprinkles, is my first dog and fur baby. I rescued her (or rather she rescued me) when she was 8 weeks old, and she is now about to turn 7. She's 25 pounds of spunk, sass and love. She's a big snuggle bug and she starts every morning on my lap while I watch the news and have my morning coffee. I can't wait to have a baby join in our snuggles!

She hasn't had too much experience with children, but when she has been around babies, she's very curious and wants to lick every finger and toe. I want to involve her in as many aspects of parenthood as possible so she can form a great bond with the baby and be a great big sister.





MY VILLAGE











KIND WORDS FROM FRIENDS

Liz lives an active life with a sense of adventure and a want for meaningful experiences. She is deeply open-minded, with an interest in cultural immersion and living each day with intentionality. - Gianni (Friend)

Liz is very considerate and I think that her devotion to parenting will make her a great parent and I believe she will do a great job of teaching her child to be strong, caring and smart, just like she is! - Rosanne (Friend)

My friends are truly my family. If they had to describe me in three words, they would most likely say "bubbly, sweet, and silly." I love to laugh, but I also love to support my friends in both good times and challenging times.

My best friend, Rosanne, lives in Washington state, so while I can't see her as often as I like, we speak multiple times a week to catch up. She is so excited to become an Auntie and has been an amazing support on my journey to become a mom.

I have a great community of friends that live in Georgia and whom I see every other week - whether it's dinner, nails, coffee or book club. They are all excited to become aunties! This group includes Jaime, who is a great role model of what it's like to be a strong single mother.

I am very fortunate to have a close relationship with my mom, who lives with me and will be a big part of our family dynamic. As an only child and a single mother, we always worked together as a team to support each other and will continue to do so once our family expands. She wants to help with daycare once I have to go back to work.

My mom's side of the family unfortunately is no longer around, and my dad's side of the family is spread along the east coast. While we don't get to see each other very often, when we are able to get together, we pick up right where we left off. My two cousins that I am closest with have a beach condo in Maryland, so I try to visit with them every summer for major family time. They have been the most involved with my adoption by writing me recommendation letters and are so excited to meet the newest family member. In the past we have had family reunions and when the next generation joins our family, I hope to bring back this tradition so that we can form new memories!







FAMILY VALUES

Our biggest family value is to support one another. Growing up it was just me and my mom, and she always told me the two of us are a team and we need to support each other through the good times and bad. I respect her so much for raising me as a single mother and ensuring I had the best childhood possible. This has helped me be an empathetic person which I want to instill in my child. We love to travel and celebrate birthdays and holidays because it gives us a chance to spend time together, explore and simply have fun. Life is too short, so we have to enjoy today to our best ability because tomorrow is a gift.





I want to instill in my child that there are no boundaries in love and friendship and it does not matter where you come from, what you look like, or what you believe. We are all equal and deserve to be respected and given the same opportunities as everyone else. We need to embrace each other's differences so we can learn and have an open mind and open heart.

While I want to raise an empathetic and kind child, I also want them to be brave, ambitious and driven. This world can be rough around the edges, so I want him or her to be able to navigate through the challenges and chase their dreams and follow their passions.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS









My mom and I are big on celebrating Christmas. The day after Thanksgiving we put on the movie "Elf", bring out all our Christmas decorations, and transform our home into a winter wonderland. From that day until December 26th, all we listen to is Christmas music and will watch our favorite holiday movies every weekend until January 1st. I am so excited to share these things and new traditions with a child over the years. We're also big on celebrating birthdays. My favorite birthday celebration for my mom was 2 years ago when I threw her a surprise party and all of our friends came to celebrate her. Every December we do a mother-daughter trip and have been fortunate to go to places like London, Paris, and Vancouver. I hope next year we will be able to take that trip with a baby in tow.

During the summer we are big fans of barbecues. We love to invite friends and neighbors over to catch up, grill some good food, and play backyard games like corn toss and giant Jenga. We take advantage of our community pool and can't wait for a baby's first time in the water!

HOME SWEET HOME







My home is a ranch-style house. We have four bedrooms, one of which I use as my office, and three bathrooms. My favorite room, besides the kitchen of course, is actually my bedroom closet because I was able to turn it into my dream space with floral wallpaper and small chandeliers.
What I love most about my home is the backyard, which we have turned into an oasis. It is fenced in for privacy and to ensure Cocoa is secure. We have built a patio, a grilling section, dining room table and sitting area so there is plenty of space to lounge with our friends. The best part is my mom has built two raised bed gardens so we can have fresh vegetables and herbs throughout the summer.

While I am originally from Massachusetts, my job brought me down to Georgia. My home is located in an HOA community on a dead-end street which provides a quiet neighborhood. We are less than ten minutes from downtown which is great for going out to restaurants or festivals on the weekends. Within our neighborhood is a pool which I try to take advantage of as much as possible in the summer, especially in the Georgia heat!

Outside of our neighborhood, we are fortunate to be within fifteen minutes of several community parks that provide walking trails, playgrounds and dog parks. We tend to use those more in the spring and fall to avoid busy crowds and high temperatures.

FUTURE PLANS





I absolutely love my home and community, but am open to the idea of moving to a different area once it's time for school - I want to make sure my child is in the best school system and has as many opportunities as possible. I want to instill the love of travel and hope to take as many trips as possible not just in the US but in other countries as well. It's so important to learn about other cultures and see the great world that is out there. I want to bring as much love, support, and adventure as possible so that our family can look back on the fond memories of childhood.














EDUCATION PLANS

I hope to send my child to public school, but if the options are not ideal then I would support private school. I want to provide the best access to education as best I can. In terms of college, I used to think it was so important and necessary, but in today's world it really depends on each child and what they aspire to be. Maybe they want to go to trade school, maybe they want to take a year off to explore the world and find themself, maybe they want to go straight to work. There is no one path forward, just the path that works best for them.



MY PROMISES TO YOU

As soon as your child can understand, I want them to know where they came from and the selfless act of bravery you took for them. They need to know they came from love within me and from within you.

When the dream of becoming a mom turns to reality, I want to honor your choice every day by giving 110% to motherhood. I want to provide a loving home that is filled with warmth, hugs and snuggles, playfulness, and above all other, support. While your child will know and feel love every day, they will also learn how to interact with the world and all the unique personalities that come with it. They need to adapt to the world around them and know things cannot always go their way. It is a challenging world to navigate, and I want to set them up for success so that they are strong, independent, moral and successful.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for reading through these pages and considering me as a potential adoptive mother to your child. I will not presume to know all of the emotions and thoughts you are experiencing at this moment. I can tell you that I think you are incredibly brave and selfless to put your child's well-being first with the notion of adoption.

I want to honor your act of bravery and do right every day by your decision. I have wanted to be a mom for so long and this journey is possible because of you. If chosen, we are forever bonded over this act of love. Your child will experience support, routine, responsibility, opportunity, and above all else, love.

As we continue on this journey together, I am open to your involvement with whatever level you are comfortable with because your child deserves to know where they came from and who loves them. I would love to hear your hopes and dreams for your child's future and answer any questions you might have.

With Love, Liz



