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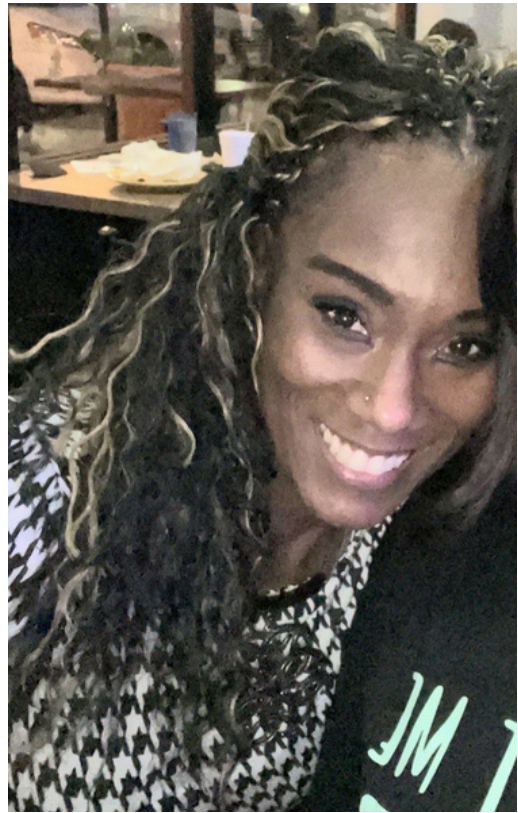
Dear Expectant Mother

Wow, where to start?! Here you are reading all these letters while trying to decide who is good enough to parent your child. You may be undecided about adoption being the best choice. This must be a very tough and perplex time so thank you for looking at my profile.



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About Me



I (Char) would like to share a little about myself. I grew up and have resided in Southern California for my entire life. I have fond memories of my childhood. I enjoy being outdoors and live a very active life. I enjoy swimming, Disney, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. I often visit extended family and friends for parties and barbeques.

I have a graduate degree in Counseling Psychology and have since worked as an adoption social worker for approximately the last 10 years. I have a flexible schedule to raise a child. I am excellent at communicating my personal feelings about adoption. I have read several books, researched on the internet, and attended to and guided hundreds of families through the adoption process. I have attended several lectures and workshops on adoption which guides me through the process.

Myself, my mother, and brother are the only members of the household. They are a huge support and will assist me in raising a child. My mother is a retired school principal and is excited to welcome a grandchild to the family. The home is located on a quiet residential street in Southern California. I would describe the neighborhood as pleasantly supported with good neighbors and children of all ages. The home is located within a reasonable distance to recreational activities, museums, schools, and police departments. My home is well maintained both inside and outside and provides a safe environment for a child. There is plenty of room for a growing family to flourish in the home.

My friends and family have always been very close throughout my life. I usually see them approximately every two weeks. I have a large extended family and a strong network of close friends who provide support. They were a great support to myself during infertility treatments. I have several family and friends who have biological, blended, or adopted families.



I have a strong commitment to the Catholic Church. I have religious traditions, which I wish to continue, such as Christmas and Easter. I also plan to continue to enrich the child in African American traditions and culture.

I decided to wait to have children in order to find a husband and finish my educational goals. As you are experiencing now, life doesn't always go as planned. Even though I felt as ready as could be, I recently discovered that getting pregnant wasn't going to be easy for myself, despite being overall healthy. Our past 3 years I've spent at multiple doctor's offices who provided several fertility treatments. I recently stopped short of in vitro fertilization because I am in menopause. I was initially devastated, but I believe God's answer to my prayer for a child is through the beautiful gift of adoption.

I feel that an adopted child would receive equal opportunities and love as a biological child. Pursuing infertility with all the physically and emotionally draining tests is not an appealing option when contrasted to that of adoption. I have a positive attitude of acceptance about my infertility. I have carefully thought out and embraced the choice of adoption to expand my family. I understand that adoption is a lifelong choice. As the year's progress, I will need to continue to learn and grow with my understanding of adoption, along with my adopted child.



“It’s a girl, It’s a baby girl.”

Since I was a child, being a mother was one of my biggest dreams. It will probably be one of my biggest challenges too. I’ve learned that we cannot predict anything in life. Before you even arrive in this world, you will have taught my heart, body, and spirit more than you can imagine. I strive for you every day, and someday we will be a family. For now, let’s start at the very beginning.

When I was first told that becoming pregnant will be harder for me, adoption was not the first thing on my mind. I had to step back and make some life adjustments. My central focus was to develop a healthy mind and body for the future choices I would make myself. So that’s exactly what I did. I am now in the best shape of my life, strong mentally and physically.

I am already doing what most do not. I’m thinking, caring and considering who you’ll be one day. I’m taking care of my body and my mind. I’m figuring out that sometimes we are meant for different futures than what we originally thought. My focuses have shifted. Maybe I’m meant to build a different kind of family. I have now met the love of my life, and he has embraced my dreams. For the time being, I want you to know three things: You are loved, you are safe, and you are mine!

I do not know when we will be able to bring you home. I don’t know what life will be like at that exact moment. What I do know is this that we will be together, and we will be family. I’ll be with you soon and you are loved endlessly.

Love your future Mom

Thank you for considering me to become a mother for your child. I am truly grateful for you despite the difficulty of the situation, and have been praying for your decision to decide what's best for the child. I know God has a perfect plan and I am watching it all unfold.

With love and gratitude.

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