

Dear Expectant Parent,

Now that I'm ready to be a mother, everything looks different. Families in airports, full minivans, grocery store trips, Facebook posts from parents' perspectives... all of it has shifted. I remember holding my niece, Luna, on my lap on New Year's Eve and she said "hold me like I'm a baby, Auntie Holly", and so I did. And that was the first time I could name when my heart felt so full, but also unsatisfied. That's how I knew I was ready. We could've chosen to go the path of endless doctor visits, cycle tracking, injections, and that could or could-very-well not work out. We'd rather open our home to someone who's already here, and could benefit from what we can provide. While that readiness can be scary at times, more than anything it's exciting and I am hopeful and so excited for what's to come.

We've built a home of play, trust, humor, affection, comfort, understanding, patience and above all: love. I know a little person would thrive with us and what we can provide. I am looking forward to nurturing, teaching (and learning alongside), and discovering both who Dean and I are as parents, but also who this little someone will grow to be. And while our home is and will always be a place of loving sanctuary, we look forward to our adventures outward and experiencing new things from other places and people in our world.

This decision is one of the biggest to make, and we honor you for making it.

*With a welcoming heart and highest regard,*



Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you very much for taking some time to read our portfolio and find out a little bit about us. We are truly honored to have your consideration. You are considering giving the most precious gift that one human being can give to another.

Should you choose us to be the adoptive parents of your child, we would experience an overwhelming sense of joy, and we know that we would be forever in your debt. The obligation that we would have to both you and your baby is not lost on us, and it would not be taken lightly.

You can expect your child to be raised in a home that is nurturing, loving, and respectful. You can expect your child to be raised to be proud of where and who he/she comes from. You can expect that your child will see the world and experience many different places and cultures, yet not lose sight or appreciation for his/her own cultural identity. You can expect that your child will be raised to look for the good in people and to be humble and kind. You can expect that your child will be raised by an adoptive family that absolutely adores him/her, including 3 sets of doting grandparents, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins that he/she sees often. You can expect to be kept up to date on all of the milestones in his/her life, from the large ones to the small ones. You can expect that he/she will grow up in a home where he/she is encouraged to dare to be unique. Finally, you can expect that he/she will always know that they are loved not only by us but by you as well.

Thanks very much again for considering us. Whether you believe that we are the right fit or not, we wish you all the best and hope that you make the best decision for yourself and your baby.

*Most Sincerely,*

