

***Maria***



# Dear Birth Parent,

I can't wait to hear your amazing story. Although we've never met, I feel as though I already know you. I know that you are brave, that you are selfless, that you would do anything for your baby. If you trust me with your child, I promise they will never doubt that they are loved. They will know my love but I will also make sure they know how much you love them too. I will raise them to be kind, caring, and open minded, valuing and accepting people from all walks of life. I know that this journey will bring joy to my life in ways that I can only begin to imagine.



sincerely  
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## My Story

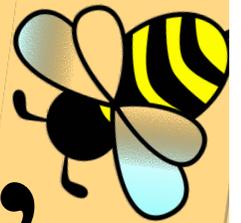
As soon as I was old enough to understand how families are formed, I dreamed of creating my family through adoption. Whether I remained single or got married, I've always known that adoption was how I was meant to build my family. I believe that love, more than anything, is what creates a family. I can't wait to tell my child how special they are to me and the story of how our family came to be. I am in the prime of my life and ready to start my family. I am well established in my teaching career and my schedule will mirror my child's once they are school aged. I have a strong support system of family and close friends who are looking forward to helping me welcome a



# About Maria

The core of my identity is inherently linked to children. My happiest moments in the classroom are those that are spent helping students successfully work through difficult emotions. Those moments form the basis of my relationships with my students. Outside of the classroom, nothing brings me more joy than hearing my friends' children happily exclaim "auntie" when I walk through the door. I put my entire heart and soul into all my relationships and everything that matters to me. Whether I am expressing my feelings through writing or aloud, those closest to me always know what I hold most dear to my heart.

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# About my Community



I live and work in a very diverse community in Southeast Michigan. My neighborhood is quiet with many families and children. There are many parks, museums and other activities for children in my community. It is also home to a major university. I teach in the same community that I live in and I am looking forward to having my child attend the school that I work at. I enjoy doing many child friendly activities around town with my close friends' children and can't wait to experience the same activities with my own child. Having grown up in the same community I now live in, it will be an incredibly unique and special experience to experience many of the same activities with my own child that I remember from my own childhood.



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## *About my Family*

Growing up, my younger brother and sister were good natured pranksters and I was the responsible older sister looking out for them. I was a shy, quiet child and I loved reading and school, passions that continue to this day. My dad is a physician and my mom is a high school teacher who teaches English to speakers of other languages. Throughout my childhood, we would go on a family vacation every summer and we went to church as a family regularly. I spent almost all my free time visiting my grandma, who lived one street down from my house. She always had special homemade treats waiting for us. My one-year old nephew brings so much joy to my entire family and would love a cousin to play with. Presently, my family consists of my two dogs, who love nothing more than getting into mischief! Even though they are little, they have very big personalities! In my free time I love to read and write poetry. I also practice yoga weekly, take bike rides around my neighborhood and work on various home improvement projects. I am looking forward to having a child to share these activities with.

