



# Meet Erin.

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DANCE RECITAL WITH MY CHOSEN NIECES



COLORING WITH MY NIECE QUINN



OSLO AND LUNA



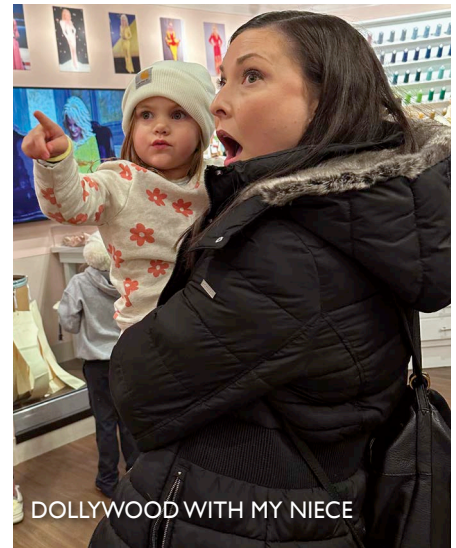
AT HOME WITH LUNA & OSLO



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN TRADITION WITH MY CHOSEN NIECES



SANDY FLORIDA FUN WITH MY NIECE



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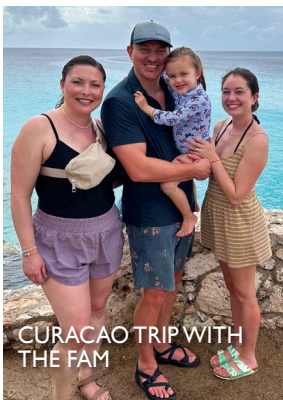
CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WITH MOM



GOOFING AROUND WITH MY CHOSEN NIECES



FISHING AT THE LAKE



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DETROIT CITY FC GAME WITH GMA

# Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know me a little. I want to start by honoring the strength, love, and courage it takes to consider an adoption plan. I can only imagine the complexity of the emotions you may be carrying right now, and I want you to know that I see the weight of and heart behind this decision.

My hope in sharing my story is simply to give you a clear, honest sense of who I am and what kind of life I would offer your child – while fully understanding that this is part of your story too.

I've always known that I wanted to become a parent. I explored many paths to parenthood, and after a lot of reflection, I chose adoption, and I am genuinely excited and hopeful about this new chapter in my journey toward building a family.

After building a home filled with warmth, stability, and a great deal of love, I'm ready to welcome a child into that space with my whole heart. I value kindness, emotional safety, curiosity, and laughter. I believe in giving children room to grow into who they truly are, while providing the structure, presence, and unconditional love and support they need to feel secure.

If chosen as an adoptive parent, I promise to provide a home where a child is loved fiercely and consistently, where their identity is celebrated, where they feel safe to explore the world, make mistakes, and grow into themselves. They will be surrounded by family, friends, and community

who will embrace them with joy, love, and enthusiasm – welcoming them into family traditions and new adventures.

Once the little one is born, I plan to take time off to be fully present during those early months. I'm fortunate that running my own business allows me the flexibility to do that. When I return to work full time, the child will be cared for by a bilingual au pair, providing both attentive caregiving and the gift of early exposure to a second language and culture.

I want you to know that your child's story will always begin with you. I will always speak about you with respect and gratitude and honor your role in their life. I am committed to openness in whatever form feels right for you — whether that's ongoing updates, letters, pictures, visits, shared traditions, or building a relationship slowly over time. My hope is that we can work together to create the kind of ongoing relationship that feels healthy and supportive for everyone involved. If you would allow me, I would be honored to take this journey with you.

With respect and gratitude,

*Erin*

## A little bit about me

I grew up in Michigan and moved to Ohio to pursue my doctorate. After graduating, I opened a mental health private practice when I saw the need for specialized treatment for OCD and trauma. My work is incredibly meaningful to me — I love knowing I help people reclaim their lives and feel more like themselves again.

At home, I'm happiest hosting friends and family — cookouts on my deck, game nights, movie nights, and lots of laughter. I love being outdoors hiking or biking in the local metro parks, and I spend many summer weekends at our family lake house swimming, boating, and jet skiing. Traveling is also one of my biggest joys. I love learning about new cultures through

food, language, and everyday life — my most recent adventures took me to Paris and Curaçao.

### AT A GLANCE

**I work** as a clinical psychologist and own a private practice specializing in OCD and trauma.

**My hobbies** include cooking, hiking and spending time outdoors, playing with my dogs, doing craft and art projects, traveling, and being with friends and family.

**I believe** adoption is a complex and loving choice, and I feel strongly that open adoption creates the healthiest and most meaningful relationships for everyone involved.



ME AT HOME



SNUGGLES WITH MY NIECE



PARIS WITH DAD AND MOM

# Family and friends are everything

My family lives close by, and I've also built a strong, supportive community of friends here — many of whom feel more like family. I come from a large extended family with 14 aunts and uncles and over 30 cousins, so gatherings are always full of noise, laughter, and love.

I absolutely adore my niece, Quinn — she's my little buddy. We spend hours playing pretend (lately as wolves howling at the moon), making art, getting messy with paint and playdough, exploring outside taking nature walks and searching for plants and animals, singing K-pop songs snuggling, and napping together. We take regular vacations to places where we can play in the sand and, ideally, find a playground with an ice cream shop nearby.

I'm also Aunt Erin to many of my friends' children. We are very silly together — they love doing my makeup, covering me in glitter tattoos, and taking all the selfies. Every Halloween, we have a tradition of making chili and going trick-or-treating together. I attend their dance recitals, birthdays, and big life moments.

My dogs, Oslo and Luna — my 5-year-old and 7-month-old Bernedoodles — are important members of the family

too. They love car rides with their heads out the window, long walks in the metro parks or around the neighborhood, and snuggling on the couch.

We are a family that celebrates everything — birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and all kinds of milestones. The holidays, especially Christmas, are full of tradition. Every year we make potica, the traditional Slovenian cake my Grandma B always baked. We also prepare sukiyaki, a Japanese one-pot dish my Bachan (Grandma M) has made for generations — adding pinches of spices strictly by feel and refusing to write anything down. We craft together (making paper snowflakes and decorations for the tree is a favorite) and watch *It's a Wonderful Life*, which at this point we can recite by heart.

Birthdays in our family are more like birthday weeks. We celebrate with giant pancakes topped with candles, day trips full of surprises, comedy shows, outdoor concerts, amusement parks, zoo visits, ballet performances, biking around the city, and delicious food. We really love celebrating each other in a big way and making one another feel truly special.

## Home sweet home

While attending graduate school in Ohio, I fell in love with this area for its blend of city life and nature. My five-bedroom home overlooks a river and a nature preserve. I regularly see birds, deer, and other wildlife outside my windows. Across the street is a beautiful metro park where I take walks, and just down the road is a botanical garden.

Within ten minutes are a wonderful art museum, baseball and hockey stadiums,

the zoo and aquarium, playgrounds, and concert venues. My home has a cozy, modern mid-century feel — warm, relaxing, and full of fun things to explore and do. A large deck spans the back of the house and overlooks a hill in the yard that is perfect for running, rolling, or sledding down. The backyard is ideal for games, picnics, and exploring.

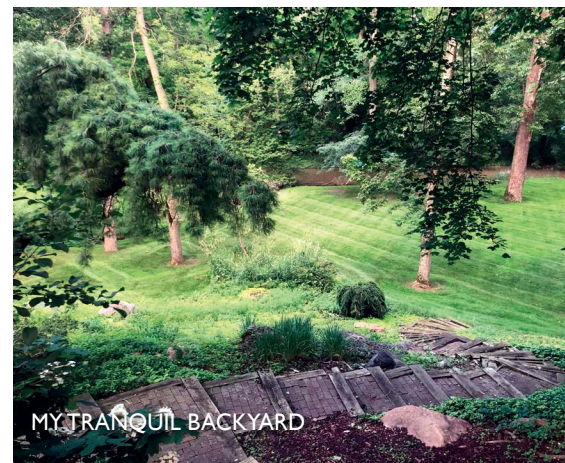
One of the top reasons I chose this area is that the schools are ranked among the top three in the entire state. I would love to share this home, this community, and all of these experiences with your little one.



CONCERT FUN WITH THE FAM



BIRTHDAY FUN



MY TRANQUIL BACKYARD