



ETHEL



HELLO Thank you for taking the time to get to know me. I admire your courage, strength and endless love as you choose what is best for your baby. I will be praying for you throughout this journey. I am adopting as a single parent. I know there will be challenges but I am ready. I have an amazing group of family and friends that will be there to help me. Thank you for considering me as an adoptive parent. I promise to be faithful in sending pictures and letters as the child grows.

ABOUT ME

I grew up in a nontraditional family setting. My older brother and I were raised by my grandmother. I am glad to be able to call my brother my best friend. We have enjoyed many fun trips and wonderful holidays together. It is very important to me to be surrounded by family and friends on important holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. On Thanksgiving my brother and I always enjoy watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade while waiting for the turkey to cook. And on Christmas my brother and I love opening all our gifts first thing in the morning, and then we enjoy a ham for dinner. I have a close group of work friends that have become like family to me, and I enjoy going out to the local Mexican restaurant with them at least once a month. (We love the margaritas!!) I have a great sense of humor and a love of traveling to new places. I am a strong, independent woman that sometimes has trouble asking for help. But I am constantly looking for ways to grow and improve myself.

EDUCATION

My love for school started early in life. I knew when I was in first grade that I would be going to college. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in 1999. What a way to end the millennium!! I have been very lucky to have a career that provides me with the means to travel and live a comfortable life. I am a pharmacist at a local independent long-term care pharmacy that provides care to long-term care and assisted living facilities. In 2010 I received an associate's degree in accounting from a local community college. Learning and education is very important to me, and I can't wait to share this love of learning with a child I raise. I plan on taking a child I raise to our public library which is just minutes from my home. A child I raise will be taught the fun and value of reading and learning.

MY HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

I live in a beautiful quiet neighborhood. My house is right across from a beautiful public garden where Tubbs and I enjoy going for walks. There is a public park just a few miles from my home. My house is a lovely two bedroom older home with lots of character. I had the bathroom and kitchen completely remodeled after I moved in. I have a fenced in backyard with a patio. I love spending time out on the patio with Tubbs watching all the bunnies and birds that live in the neighborhood. In the summer I love to have family and friends over for turkey burgers and brats on the grill. A child I raise will have fun playing and running around in the backyard with Tubbs.

Me and my friend
Alicia at Easter



My brother and me with Scooby Doo
and Shaggy at Universal Studios in L. A.



Me and Tubbs



My Home





TUBBS Tubbs is my five year old Yorkshire Terrier. I met him when he was eight weeks old and it was love at first sight. We enjoy taking walks together, playing fetch and performing tricks. Of course, he requires a treat for any tricks he performs! We love getting his picture taken by my friend Alicia, who is a professional photographer. I call him my little puppy model. Sometimes he will let me dress him up in a costume for the photo sessions. That requires several treats!! He adores everyone he meets especially children. He is one of my biggest joys in life and I know that he will bring just as much joy to a child I raise.



TRAVEL & INTERESTS

Traveling is one of my biggest joys in life. I have been very fortunate to have visited several fun cities including New York City, Chicago, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles. A few years ago I was able to visit London and Paris which was an unbelievable experience. The Eiffel Tower was so beautiful!! My favorite memory of this trip was seeing the Mona Lisa in person. (It is smaller than it looks.) Last year my brother and I went to California. We visited San Francisco and Los Angeles. The highlight of the trip was visiting Muir Woods National Monument to see the gigantic coastal redwood trees. They were beautiful!! Of course we had to take a tour of the movie stars homes while we were in LA, unfortunately we did not have any movie star sightings. Reading has been one of my hobbies since I was young. It is not only my way to relax, but a great way for me to learn new things. I especially enjoy fiction and self help books. Last year I was able to complete two half marathons. I wasn't very fast but what a feeling of accomplishment when I crossed the finish line! I look forward to sharing my love of travel and reading with a child I raise.

RAISING A CHILD & ADOPTION

I plan on raising a child placed in my home in an environment that is filled with Christian values and love. A child I raise will grow up knowing what a gift from God they are to me. I attend a Baptist church regularly that has many activities for children. I can't wait to share God's love with a child I raise. A child I raise will grow up knowing the love that his/her birthparents have for them. I am open to an ongoing relationship with you and realize that this relationship will be an ongoing process like all relationships. I plan to send letters and photos beyond the first year. I will work hard to have an open adoption as I know this will be best for the child.

I love books!!



Riding the cable car in San Francisco



Getting ready to run a half marathon



One of the unbelievable Coastal Redwoods trees in Muir Woods National Monument

