



# Hi! I am Julie

Hello, I am Julie. Thank you for taking the time to read more about me. While you consider the best plan for your baby, I hope my profile provides some insight into me and my family.

I am a kind-hearted and giving person. I am generous and fun-loving, while at the same time enjoy my own company. One of my greatest strengths is my empathy. I feel things quite deeply. I try to be sensitive toward others and share in their joys and struggles of everyday life.

I am also very sentimental. I have many treasures from my childhood and even some items from my grandmother's childhood. One of my favorite possessions is a book of poetry that my Papa sent to my Gram when he was away at war. They fell in love through letters and didn't even meet until he came home from war. I loved their story and always dreamt of a love story of my own, but it hasn't happened yet.



## A LITTLE BACK STORY

Instead of waiting for the perfect match, I decided not to put my life on hold. I have a lot of love to give and feel that adoption is the answer. My grandmother was my best friend and guiding light, and she was adopted. She was the most important person in my life, and I think adoption would be a fitting way for me to honor her memory.

I attended private school for most of my childhood. While my parents didn't have much in the way of finances, they knew that a good education is critical to a child's development. My parents are a wonderful example of selflessness and sacrifice. I knew at an early age that I was blessed to have such caring and involved parents. They always put the needs of myself and my siblings before their own needs and interests. I am inspired to be just as caring and selfless with my own child.

I try to share some of my blessings with others. Once a week, I make lunches for the homeless and deliver them to a local church. Originally, I was asked to make sandwiches, add snacks and a drink. But I didn't feel that was quite enough. I bought inspirational cards to add to the lunch bags. I recruited some neighborhood kids to draw pictures on the lunch bags. Now I have begun to add stickers. Some would say it's ridiculous and will not change anyone's life, but I like to bring some small joy to a person's day.

## MY COMMUNITY

I also volunteer at a large community garden. I help to maintain 30 raised beds- watering, weeding, and harvesting vegetables. I also teach horticulture classes to residents. I have enjoyed interacting with the neighbors, many of whom didn't know each other before the garden opened. Teaching people to grow food for their families has been very meaningful.

I have an extensive garden of my own along the side of my house right next to the neighbor's yard. I have grown quite close to the family that live there and I planted vegetables with the children. This year we grew snap peas, tomatoes, cucumbers, and even pink popcorn! The kids and I made pickles with the cucumbers, roasted tomatoes, and popped the corn on Movie Night. Having a child experience the joy of gardening is something that I look forward to with adoption.

There are block parties, an annual carnival, and bike parade for families to enjoy. This is also a destination neighborhood for Halloween. Several neighbors have extensive displays in their yard. This year, one neighbor built an entire scene from Jurassic Park, complete with giant skeleton dinosaurs and a raptor enclosure. There were even actors!



## MY HOME

I live in a small suburb that is entirely accessible with sidewalks and bike paths. I own my home, a small bungalow on a popular



Harvesting pink corn



Dahlia in my backyard



Movie night in my backyard. Sadie arrived first and took the best spot!





Spring tea party preparations!



street. There are roughly 20 kids on this street and many more throughout the neighborhood. The local elementary school is a few blocks from my house. Nearby, we have a wonderful community pool and playground. There is a beautiful walking trail and lakefront. I have a large backyard perfect for enjoying kids, dogs, and friends.

I have a tiny greenhouse in my backyard. When I am not starting seedlings, I am hosting tea parties for the girls next door. This year, we have had no less than 6 tea parties complete with tea, snacks, and usually a craft. It's cute to see kids act fancy when they are holding teacups.

### MY CAREER

I work from home as an insurance underwriter. Basically, I use my environmental science degree and former career cleaning up contaminated sites, to assess pollution insurance risk for businesses. I have a flexible work schedule. Prior to the pandemic, I traveled locally to visit clients. My visits consist of mainly meetings and lunches. I rarely stay overnight on business trips.

### SADIE

I have a 12-year old dog named Sadie. She is part terrier and quite a character. She goes most places with me. Sadie used to sleep at the foot of the bed. Now that she is older, she "claims" she can't make the jump to the bed. However, when I am in my home office, I hear her running up the stairs and making herself comfortable in the guest room bed.



### MY FAMILY

I have a strong support system of family and close friends. My aunt runs an at-home daycare one block from my house. She is somewhat of a local legend; people see her all over town pulling kids in

wagons and pushing strollers. She takes the kids to the nature center, community pool and parks. She serves home-cooked meals to the kids most every day.



Me with my sisters and parents

I have five siblings. My parents have been together forever and are very important in my life. As I mentioned earlier, they are an example of parenting that I would most like to model. They taught us the importance of discipline but never crushed our spirits. I was raised as a Christian, but I appreciate the values espoused by other faiths. I would raise my child to be a decent and kind individual who treats others with love and respect.







## FAMILY TRADITIONS

My parents always make holidays special, including birthdays with breakfast in bed. My mom has a birthday tablecloth which has candles printed around the edge. Each year we write our name and age on the candle. It would be wonderful to have the name of a new child to add to the birthday tablecloth.

When we were kids, my dad would surprise each of us and our mom on Valentine's Day with chocolate candy at breakfast. He would rope my brother into participating and one year he couldn't help himself – he ate all our candy before we woke. My dad was mad, but we all had a good laugh.

## MUSIC

Music has always been an important part of my life. I am a terrible singer and can't play any instruments but have always enjoyed music. I try to see as many local shows as possible. There are a few nearby venues where people have converted barns into concert halls. I have a wide variety of musical tastes. When I think of my life, I hear a soundtrack ranging from Neil Young and the Beastie Boys to U2.



Last year, I fulfilled a lifelong dream of attending the Farm Aid concert.

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

- Hosting dinner parties
- TV shows: Seinfeld, Parks and Rec, The Office
- My family
- Popcorn
- Outdoor activities – kayaking, walking, nature hikes
- Gardening – organic flowers and vegetables

Two of my sisters and I journeyed to Wisconsin and sat in rain for 8 hours listening to some of the most amazing musicians.

Twice, I have hosted concerts at my house with a professional musician. The shows were a big hit, even with Sadie occasionally wandering onto the patio "stage" and lying down on the mic stand.

I do appreciate your taking the time to read and learn about me. I would welcome the opportunity to learn more about you if you are open to it. I would love to discuss an adoption plan that would be best for you.

Please know that I would always honor you and be open with your child about adoption. I would love to share pictures, videos and letters if you would like me to.

Regardless of your decision, I wish you all the best in your pregnancy.

Sincerely,

*Julie*

