

Hello –

My name is Tanya and I am excited at the opportunity to share a little about myself and my life with you through this letter. Thank you for choosing adoption and considering me as the possible choice to raise your child.

As a single woman, I may not be who you would first consider to be a good match for you. However, through this portfolio, I hope to inform you about my abilities and wishes to become a mother. I have had long term relationships over the years and have always wanted to be married and have children. Since marriage hasn't happened for me yet, I have decided to pursue adoption and create the family I have always wanted. I do hope to be married some day and will certainly only enter into a marriage with someone who will both love and support me and any children I have.

Where I Grew Up & My Education

I was born in 1969 and grew up in Waukesha. I am the youngest of three and have one brother and one sister. I was raised Catholic and attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School in Waukesha. I plan to raise my children in this faith and provide them with the same grade school education. I attended Waukesha South High School and graduated in 1987. I went on to graduate with a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2000 and earned this degree while working full time.

Employment

I have been employed by a State of Wisconsin finance company for over 23 years and am currently the Financial Manager at this state agency. I started with this company right out of high school and was able to earn my college degree while working full time and attending classes on a part-time basis in the evening. I was able to work my way up to the position I currently have in my company by earning my college degree. The staff size is small and this allows for a family-friendly workplace and flexibility when it comes to personal issues that may arise. My job is stable and my co-workers supportive. I have excellent health benefits, along with six weeks of paid vacation each year and over three weeks of paid sick days each year. I do plan to go down to a four day work week once I have a child while my mother provides in-home child care.

Where I Live

I have lived in the same place in West Allis for over the past 12 years and am located across the street from a city park that contains a playground, swimming pool, walking/bike trails, a lot of open space to run around and a golf course. I live on a quiet cul-de-sac and there are many children in my neighborhood. There is a Catholic elementary school about two blocks away from me and a public high school approximately one half mile away in the other direction.

My Interests

My interests include spending time with family and friends, watching TV and movies, reading, traveling and volunteering. A friend even taught me to crochet a couple of years ago and I now make blankets and scarves for family members and to donate. Since I only know how to crochet in a straight line and turn around, those are the extent of my creations! I volunteer on a weekly basis for a local food pantry and also serve on the Board of Directors for this organization. It has fulfilled me in so many ways and has brought me many new friends in other volunteers and staff members.

My Family & Friends

I get together with family or friends every week and spend as much time as I can with my four nieces and one nephew. Most of my friends also have children and I am “Auntie Tanya” to all of them and baby-sit on a regular basis. I am also Godmother to three of my nieces and three of my friend’s children. I started babysitting when I was 11 years old, and have not stopped since.

My family gets together for all the holidays and we keep busy throughout the year with birthday parties for my nieces and nephew or just to have a cook-out and visit. I also go to birthday parties for my friend’s children and look forward to the day I can invite everyone into my home to do the same for my child. My family and friends are all supportive and willing to step up and help me as needed when I become a mother, as I have helped them with their children over the years.

My Feelings About Adoption

I would like you to know I can provide your child with a stable, loving and happy home. I have family and friends who will stand beside me and assist me as needed. One of my cousins and her husband adopted a baby many years ago and will be able to guide me through the challenges that may occur.

I plan to share the adoption experience with your child and let them know how much they were loved by you when they were born. I will do what I can to keep you informed of your child’s life through photos, letters and whatever other communication we all feel is the best fit for everyone.

Closing

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing adoption and considering me as a parent for your child. I love being around children and couldn’t imagine my life without a child of my own. The happiness and love I feel from other children in my life would only be increased from the love and contentment I would receive from having a child of my own. If you have any questions for me, I would be more than willing to meet with you or Catholic Charities and answer them.

Looking forward to a new chapter in my life - Tanya