



Rachel



*"Speak your mind
even if your voice
shakes."*

RUTH BADER GINSBURG

hello,

I WOULD LIKE TO START BY EXPRESSING HOW MUCH RESPECT I HAVE FOR YOU.

Considering placing your baby for adoption is an overwhelming act of love and courage. I will not pretend to understand how difficult this is for you and I want you to feel confident about your choice.

If you decide to take the adoption path and feel like I am the right fit to parent your baby, I will do everything in my power to give that child a wonderful life. I cannot wait to be a mother!

I have the resources, experience and support to create a stable, encouraging and loving home. There is a community of family and friends eager to be involved in the child's life - long bike rides with grandpa, dance parties with cousins, advice from an aunt and bear hugs from a family friend. All that's missing is the baby.

I don't know how to say thank you for taking the time to consider me as the adoptive parent for your future baby. You would be making a significant and lasting impact on my life.

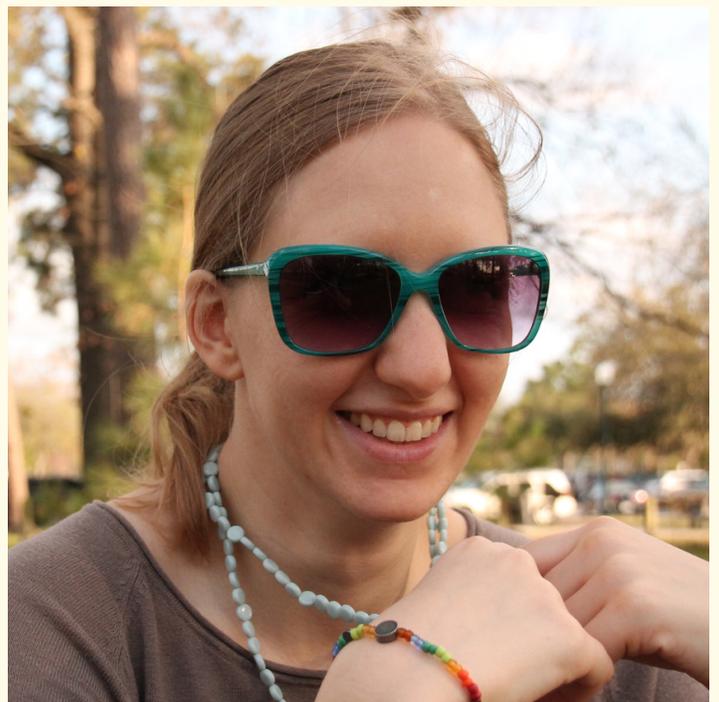
Thank you,

Rachel

who I am

I'M A KIND AND STRONG
WOMAN WHO HAS A LOT
OF LOVE TO SHARE.

I get fired up fighting for what I believe in but I'm also good at seeing other perspectives and am open to new ideas. I believe it is important to be involved in the community and to stand up for your values. I will teach my child to use their voice to advocate for themselves and others.





A rare infection from chickenpox caused me to lose my leg below the knee when I was 5 years old. I have a prosthesis and I'm not limited in any way.

However, all of the experiences I've had because of the amputation have shaped the way I see the world. I am more empathetic and accepting. I also learned how to deal with challenges, adapt and be resilient.

**LOSING PART OF A LEG
MADE ME A BETTER AND
BRAVER PERSON.**

*This is the Doctor who
saved my life when I was
just a kid!*



"As a result of our 20 year long friendship, I can confidently say that Rachel is one of the most loyal, dedicated, and selfless people you will ever meet. She is silly and fun to be around, especially on board game night. I consider myself very lucky to have her in my life."



Chelsey

FRIEND





Volunteering has been an important part of my life since I was a child. Over the last several years, I have been involved with a local girls empowerment group. We work with junior high girls to help them realize how amazing they are. I was able to combine my two passions - travel and volunteering - by bringing my girls group with me on my last trip to Zambia!

*my two passions - travel
and volunteering*

my favorite...



Activity

**VOLUNTEERING
WITH CHILDREN**



Food

ICE CREAM!



Book

FURIOUSLY HAPPY
by Jenny Lawson



Restaurant

**ANYWHERE WITH
GOOD TEX MEX**



Song

FIRE & RAIN

by James Taylor always
hits my heart.



Place I've been

**LIVINGSTONE,
ZAMBIA**



Movie

PRINCESS BRIDE



why adoption?

I HAVE WANTED TO BE A
MOTHER MY WHOLE LIFE
AND, FOR SOME
REASON, I ALWAYS KNEW
I WANTED TO ADOPT.

As I get older, I care less about what other people think and the traditional order of life. So, I'm ready to take on the role as a single woman. I have a strong support system to help me as I raise a happy child in a loving and accepting environment.

Family is so much more than genetics... adoption is a wonderful way to create a family built on love.

I don't know what the future holds, but I will always honor you in our home and cherish the gift you've given me.



my aunt

She was a bright light in this world and taught me to embrace life and be kind.



my friends & family





my family

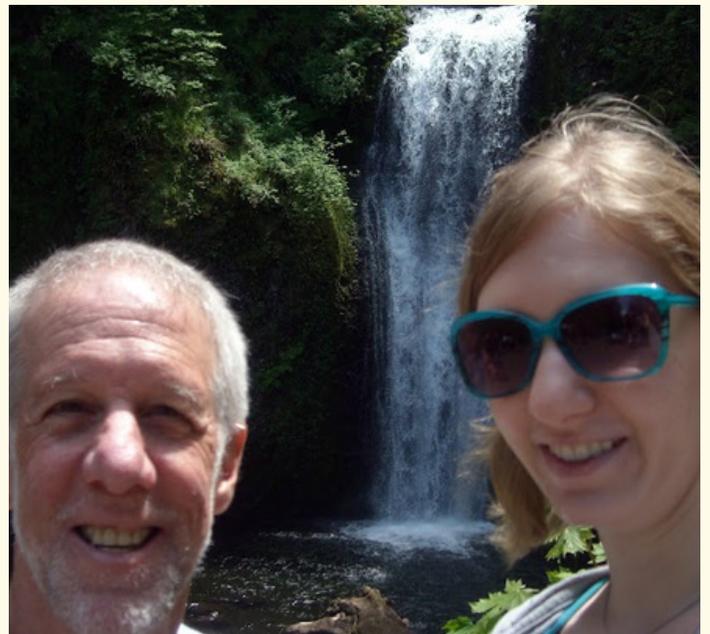


NOT TO BRAG, BUT I
HAVE THE BEST PARENTS.

They are both retired pharmacists who can't wait to be grandparents. Their approach to parenting was to provide unconditional acceptance and support while also fostering independence.

my dad

My dad taught me the importance of helping someone push their stalled car out of the road, offering to drive a friend to the airport and using my connections to make someone else's life easier. He also passed down his sense of humor and will love to have a new family member who hasn't heard his jokes a million times.



Shabbat Dinner!

Culturally, I'm half Jewish, and the best part is celebrating the holidays with delicious food and warm company.



FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION

Playing dreidel with chocolate coins after a delicious Hanukkah dinner with a hodgepodge of family and friends in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.



my brother!

I have an older brother who lives in a nearby city. We had so much fun growing up together - building elaborate forts, guiding Mario through perilous worlds and jumping our bikes on a plywood ramp. He is very smart but I especially look up to him because of his kindness and honesty. He will be an amazing uncle and a strong role model.



mom!

I got my love of baking, reading and sarcasm from my mom and anytime I need advice on anything she is my first call. She will be happy to have a new little sous chef to help her in the kitchen.



Life Long Friends





home sweet home

I made this quilt!

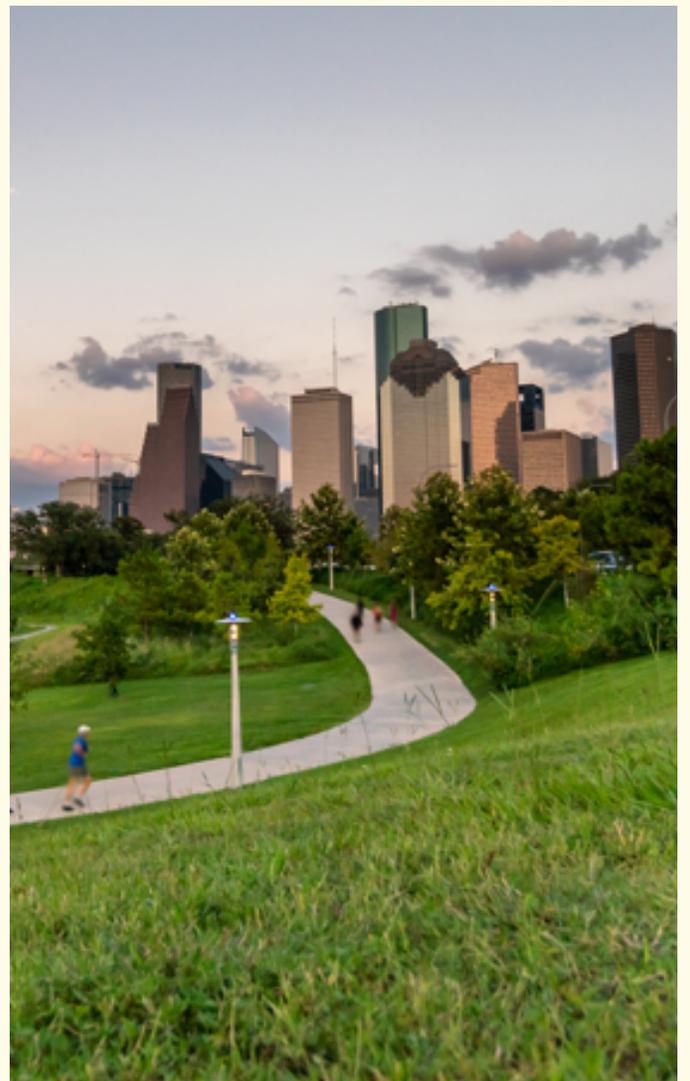
MY APARTMENT IS LOCATED IN THE
HEART OF A LARGE CITY.

My neighborhood has several parks within walking distance and there are often pop-up markets and festivals. My favorite part of living in a big city is that it is full of diverse culture and food. My weekend might be filled with a bike ride to the zoo, browsing through a local art market or enjoying dancers at the Egyptian festival. There is always something to do and new experiences to have.



**I AM AN INTERIOR
DESIGNER, AND I GOT INTO
IT BECAUSE IT COMBINES
TWO OF MY STRENGTHS...
MATH & CREATIVITY.**

I love it because I can impact people's lives by shaping the spaces in which they live, work and gather. I work for a fantastic company that encourages growth and a healthy work/life balance. We all work from home and my hours are flexible. This enables me to travel and take time to focus on other priorities such as volunteering, helping friends and family when needed, and raising a child.





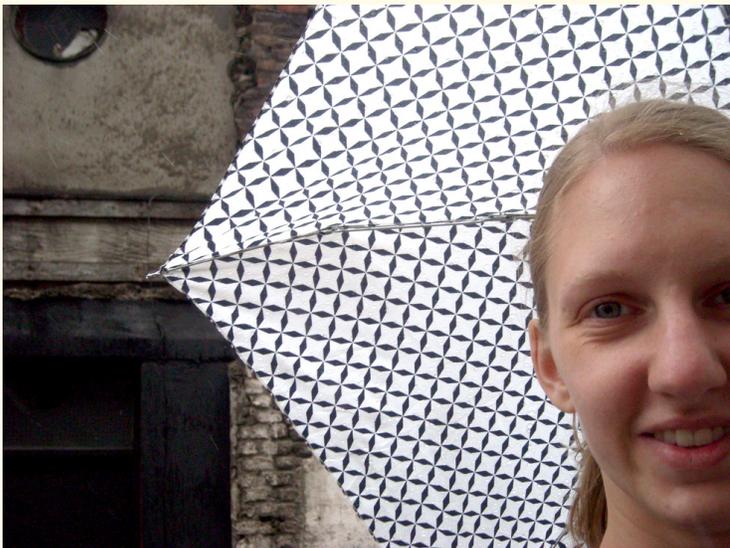
**THERE ARE SO MANY
PLACES I WANT TO
EXPLORE.**

Some high on my list are South Africa, Finland, Canada and Peru. Wherever the destination, my dream vacation would involve volunteering and experiencing the local culture first-hand while also seeing important sites, museums and architecture. Eating delicious food along the way.





TRAVEL IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SEE THE WORLD THROUGH
OTHER PEOPLE'S EYES.



PairTree Personality Profile



RACHEL IS A

caregiver

The Caregiver. Prizes self-expression and being entirely original. Driven to make the world better. Constantly paving the way for others to follow. Creators are described as artists and inventors, full of imagination and drive to build things of enduring meaning and value. They understand sacrifice and can balance risk with reward. They pride themselves on infusing their everyday life with creativity and achieving the goals they set.

Created by PairTree with LifePair™ – a proprietary, personality-based matching system that evaluates 100+ unique attributes to inform an Adopting Parent's personality type – giving Expectant Moms meaningful information about the adoptive family (in addition to pretty pictures).

"Rachel will provide a loving, safe, enriching and fun home. Her child will grow up feeling valued and learn to see the value in others. Rachel has so much love to give."



Linda

MY MOM



BEFORE YOU GO

I promise to...

Always make your child feel loved just for being who they are.

Create a home where your child feels secure and safe to express themselves.

Encourage empathy and teach the importance of helping and accepting others.

Take time for fun.

Encourage your child to try new things and take risks and make sure they know it's okay to be scared.

Expose your child to diverse cultures at home and through traveling the world.



FAVORITE QUOTE

*We'll just have to try to make
better mistakes tomorrow.*

ALEXANDRA BRACKEN

