



**Brandace**



# Dear Birth Mother

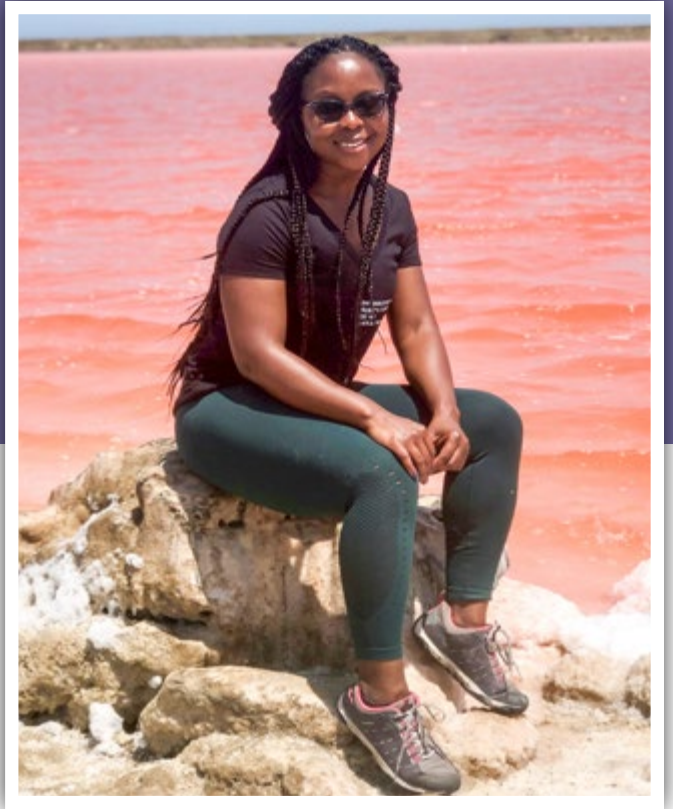
Greetings, I am Brandace. Thank you for taking the time to read about me. Hopefully, what you read will bring you some peace. I had a happy childhood, and I have created a life that I love and hope to share with a child who will have the guidance and opportunities I did and more.

Although I did not think that I would be single at this age, I will not let my singleness stop me from my dream of being a mother. While I am open to that special someone, I have decided to create a family on my own, and the child will always be my first priority.

I have plenty of support in my life and a family that is eager to welcome a little one. Not only do I have the resources necessary to provide for a child, but I also have the maturity, life experience, structure, and time to pour into a child. That is why I'm choosing to adopt now.










# About ME

*Thirty-seven years young. Native Detroiter. Michigan State Spartan. Lover of baked goods. I tear up whenever I hear "This Little Light of Mine."*

I am a problem solver. I aim to improve systems and processes with innovative ideas and critical thinking. I have a talent for seeing possibilities for improvement, whether at work, at home, or myself. Fortunately, I get to apply those skills as a finance and policy analyst. During the day, I am analyzing data and managing projects, and at night I attempt cooking copycat recipes or recipes from Pinterest. On the weekends, I'm outdoors, reading, or making trips to Target. Sometimes I'm at church.



People come to me when they need depth and honesty. I take my role as a friend, sister, colleague, and, hopefully soon, a parent, seriously. I try to be as honest and objective as possible when asked my opinion. Because one, I want the same, and two, superficial advice just is not helpful.

I am cautious by nature, but I take risks when my gut leads me. My inner guidance is intensely strong and usually spot on. Lately, I've begun to travel solo and have been leaning on my instincts to explore different countries. My instincts also apply to people. I've worked with runaway youth, food banks, and adult literacy programs through volunteer opportunities.

Hiking up Table Mountain in Cape Town





Volunteering



My famous whoopie pie



# My Home

I live in a sun-filled, well-kept townhome just outside of Washington, DC. My mom always encouraged me to use “God’s Light,” so my favorite place is an armchair in my living room. So much natural light pours in that I don’t need a lamp to read. Sometimes I watch the sunset on the playground across the street.

My neighborhood is perfect. It is between two popular neighborhoods but without foot traffic. Grocery stores, health services, restaurants, and public transportation are within walking distance. Walking trails and historical parks are also nearby. I can walk to almost everything.

It’s a nice place to start a family. There are many young families in the area, so there are plenty of family-centered events, especially in the summer. I can’t wait to take a child to see the latest art installation, farmers market, and/or simply have a picnic at the waterfront.







Walking home from work

Charlie Boy! sunbathing  
in my living room



Edmonson Sisters sculpture  
in historical area close by



Art installation near waterfront













My dad and sister during his visit to DC

# My Family



Grandma's birthday

For years, family and friends have joked that whenever my sister or I am are blessed with a baby, that baby would want nothing. My parents would be overjoyed at the thought of a little baby since they ask me about one at least once a month. They are retired and eager to shower a little one with love, random stories, and little nuggets of wisdom. My dad likes to ride bikes, take walks at the riverfront and go to oldie concerts. We do these things whenever I visit.

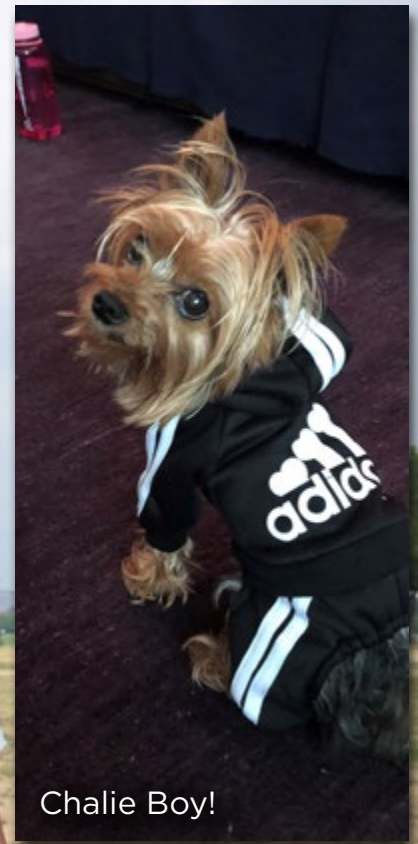
I was born with a built-in best friend, my twin sister. We have shared many adventures and sacred family memories together. One of my favorite family memories is when my mother and father helped us build a gigantic snowman. My sister and little brother rolled three big balls, so big that my dad lifted the body for us. My mom found some Brazilian nuts for the face and hat and scarf. After hours of being in the snow, we warmed ourselves with hot chocolate when we came in. Although ordinary, this memory sticks with me when I think about family and sharing small moments together.



My sister, who lives about 20 minutes away, is a homeowning, fun-loving marketing professional who loves the arts. We continue a lot of our family traditions despite our distance from them. We cook big meals on holidays, dress up for Halloween, and host game nights with close friends. There is no doubt that my sister will be a significant adult figure in the child's life. Not only does she offer physical support but emotional and spiritual.



My mom, uncle and little cousin



Charlie Boy!



My cousin's baby



Friends after a potluck





Camacari Bahia Brazil

# My Interests

It is important to me that I try new things, explore, and take time for rest. In addition to seeing the sights and experiencing different cultures, traveling also gives me confidence in navigating unknown situations and taking calculated risks. My favorite thing to do is lay out on the beach or park and try local food. I have been to several countries. My current favorite is Brazil. I can't wait to board a train or plane with a little person carrying a small backpack and a packable jacket, wearing sunglasses, and carrying Clorox wipes once it is safe to travel again.



Rio de Janeiro

I am also passionate about personal finance, equality, and being prepared for any emergency. Growing up, my dad used to say, "Pay your taxes, and pay yourself." Financial freedom has always been a principle in my life. I've always been a saver, and I try to avoid debt. I paid off my grad school loans as I worked full-time. As a finance analyst, I see how one mistake can affect a person's life. I learn from stories of people I serve, and I continually read to stay abreast of financial trends. Personal finance is one of the topics that should be taught in all schools but isn't. I'm happy to be a resource to family and friends, and knowledge helps me achieve personal and financial goals.





Ziplining



Broccoli City 5k



Keukenhof, Netherlands



Horseback trail in costa rica





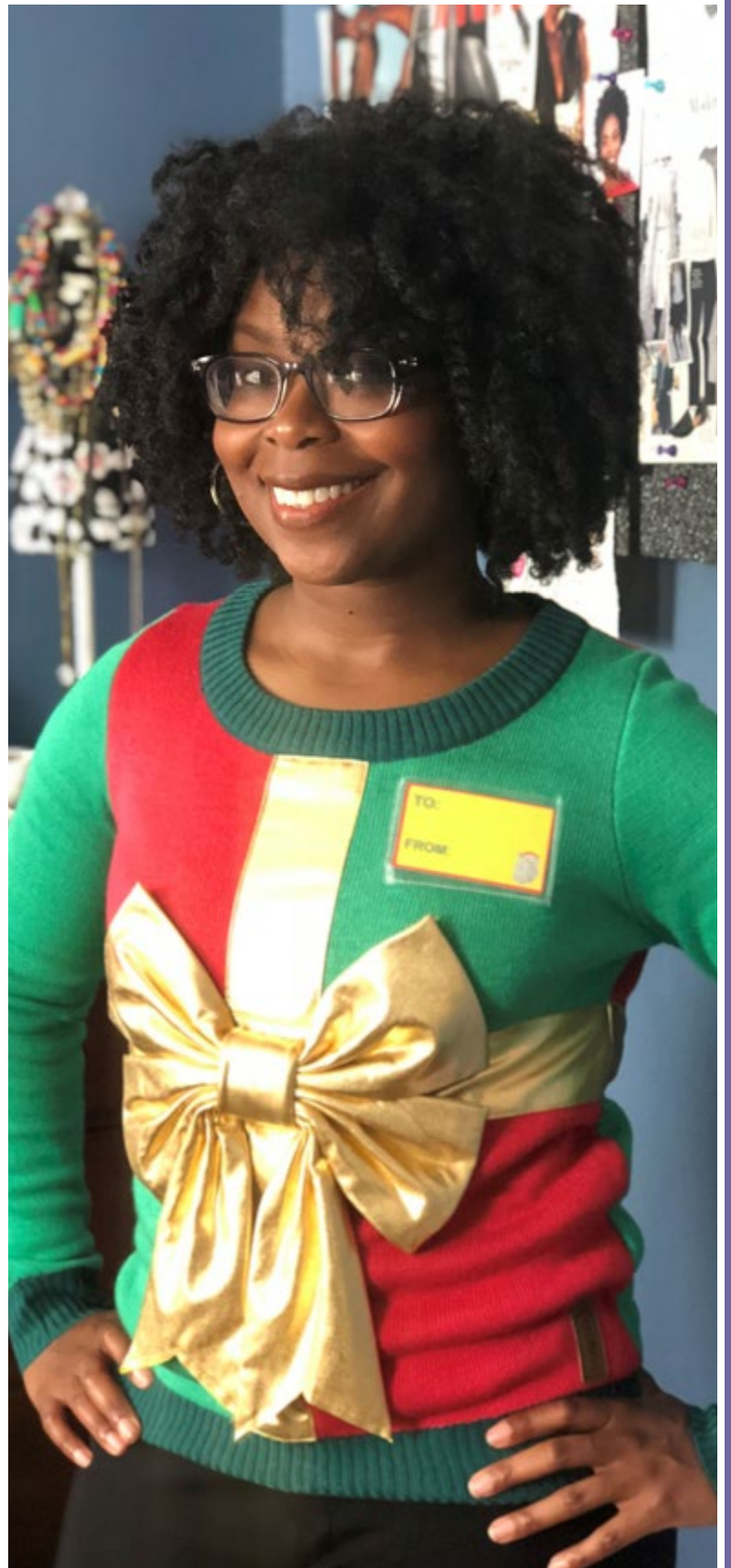
# Thank You

Thank you again for taking the time to learn about me. Hopefully, you've gotten a glimpse of the thoughtful, adventurous, mature, and financially responsible woman that I am today. I also hope that you've gotten a glimpse of the mother I hope to be someday soon. If I'm fortunate enough to be chosen as an adoptive parent, I will provide a child with a nurturing environment that will encourage self-discovery and develop the confidence to pursue any dream. Most importantly, I will love them unconditionally and support them endlessly as they navigate their way through life.

I am open to any type of post-adoption relationship. I know that you are making a difficult decision and would prefer that you are comfortable in whatever relationship you decide.

I wish you the best and would be happy to meet or speak with you further if you'd like to get to know me better.









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