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Dear Birth mother,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for considering me as a hopeful adopting parent. I have known that I was meant to adopt a child since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, when I read the book, "Goodnight, Mr. Tom".

One of the elements I loved about the story was how both Mr. Tom and Will grew together in the story. Since we became a family with Mimi through adoption, we have grown as individuals and as a family unit (grandpa, grandma, mom, and Mimi). We appreciate each other more, love each other more, and enjoy spending time together more, all because of our love for Mimi and how we see each others' love in our interactions with her and each other.

Getting to know Mimi's birth mom has also deepened my appreciation for the smart, brave, strong, and loving woman she is. I feel that I have a lot to learn from her. We still keep in regular touch, and I hope that continues as Mimi grows. Now that I'm a parent once over, I have a deeper understanding of how difficult this decision is for you. I want to assure you that our child (that is, yours and mine) will be surrounded by love. I know I can't expect all birth-adoptive parent relationships to be the same, but I hope that we will keep in regular touch, as Mimi's birth mom and I have kept in touch.





I live with my parents and am very close to my sister and her children. We have so many family traditions and We love holidays and food....and holidays that have food....Thanksgiving and Christmas are my favorite!



I WORK AT A HOSPITAL AND WHEN I AM NOT MENDING BROKEN BONES, I ENJOY YOGA, BIKING, AND TRAVELING...NOW THAT THE COVID SITUATION IS A BIT BETTER, WE HAVE STARTED TRAVELING AGAIN. I LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING NEW PLACES WITH MY CHILDREN AND SHOWING THEM THIS AMAZING WORLD. HERE AT HOME, WE LOVE TRIPS TO THE ZOO, BEACH, PLAYGROUNDS, LIBRARIES AND PARADES, WE ALSO LOVE SWIMMING AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS.





**MIMI** has started school and is now loving it. She is so gentle, loving, and loyal. When we go to the playground, she has no problem waiting for her turn. I think her love of whatever she is doing and joy are infectious - we often get pictures (from school) of her alone on a riding toy initially and then other kids joining her on it soon after. :) She loves to share - even her favorite things - I think she likes to watch us enjoy them even more than she likes to have them herself. She loves to go out and to be around people, and she is always observing her surroundings carefully. My mom says she's the most curious kiddo she's ever seen. I think these are some of the traits that would make her a wonderful big sister.





We love taking selfies and silly pictures!





I've loved watching my sisters' kids grow and mature. Our favorite activities over the years have included laser tag, cooking, movie marathons, visiting museums, rocking climbing, and just laughing! We have been doing a local farm share for a few years. We love picking at the farm, visiting the animals, and enjoying the delicious produce and flowers!





I have always imagined myself with a big family. We have so much love and laughter to share with everyone and I know I am so blessed beyond measure. One of my colleagues who has two sons and a daughter expressed it this way: before kids, it's like black and white. After kids, it's like seeing in color. That's the way I've felt - that each day, the colors get more vibrant, and are brighter. Mimi is a tiny, growing gift, with a surprise each new day. And I believe that a second child will only make the colors brighter and more vibrant, and our love grow even more.

And so I thank you for being on this journey with me. And thank you for sharing your unconditional love for your child with me. We will share our love for this child forever.

Love,  
Connie

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