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Dear Birthmother,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am humbled to be in a position to care for a child throughout their life. I hope you feel supported in your decision, and I thank you for helping me to achieve my dream of being a “forever mother.”

I began expanding my family when I became licensed as a foster parent two years and a half ago. I have cared for a spirited, joyful, active little girl for the past two years. She has taught me how to be a mother and given me confidence that I am ready to take on the role of being a parent permanently. While I may return to being a foster parent one day, I am ready to commit to building a family of my own. I know that I am ready to be there for a child as she grows, stumbles, gets back up, and tries again.





I am a bilingual school psychologist in a diverse city west of Boston. I currently work in a middle school. As a result of years of study, living in Ecuador and Chile for close to three years, and majoring in Spanish in college, I speak Spanish fluently. In addition, I speak some Portuguese. I work with many Spanish and Portuguese-speaking families in my job, and have many bilingual or multi-lingual friends and colleagues. I love learning new languages and exploring new places. I also enjoy reading, swimming, cooking, baking, going to the beach, playing with my energetic rescue dog, visiting gardens and museums, and traveling.



I am close to my sister, and we talk often although she lives in Washington D.C. She comes to visit 4-5 times a year, and enjoys family time as much as I do. She is very playful with my foster daughter, and has proven herself to be a committed, loving auntie. I spend holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas with my sister and parents, and (prior to the pandemic) family friends. We enjoy preparing and eating big family meals, watching movies or concerts, playing cards, Charades & board games, and just being goofy together.



My parents live about 20 minutes away, and love having children in the family to play and interact with. They are a huge support for me and will certainly be very involved in my child's life. We enjoy biking, gardening, eating out, and visiting Cape Cod together. I also have many friends in the area, most of whom also have children. Several of my friends have built their families through adoption. We enjoy getting together for playdates, dinners, backyard games, or movie nights. They have all been an invaluable part of my support system as a single parent the past few years.

Each year I visit family in Michigan, including my two aunts, four cousins, and their children. We love to go swimming at Lake Michigan. I have traveled throughout Latin America and Spain, and would be excited to bring my children there when they are old enough. I recently took my foster daughter to a weekend overnight at a duck farm. I look forward to visiting new places with my child!



I live in a small, multicultural city in Massachusetts. The neighborhood where I live has residents from all over the globe, and I frequently hear Spanish, Cantonese, Russian, and other languages being spoken when I am out walking the dog. There are lots of children who live nearby, and I know several neighboring families. My home is a cozy three-bedroom colonial with a good-sized fenced backyard, in walking distance to the town pool, a playground, seasonal splash park, tennis courts, and a basketball court. Groups of kids often ride their bikes around the neighborhood.





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Thank you for considering me to raise your child. I am overjoyed to share my love with a child, and to guide and nurture her as she grows! I hope that we can share in this journey together through Open Adoption, as I understand the importance of birth family and knowing your roots and heritage. I look forward to starting this journey with you.

~Susannah