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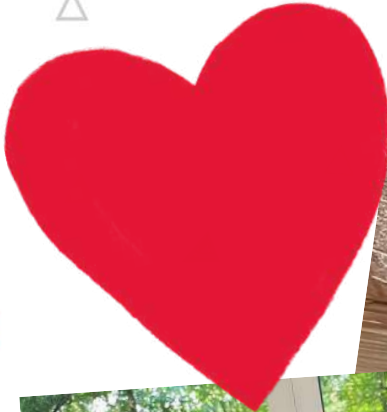




Dear Expectant Parents,

My name is Jen Baker and I sincerely thank you for taking the time to learn more about me and my loving family. I appreciate you considering me among your choices. I am so excited to be adopting and bringing a child into my family! I hope my story and this book will give you a glimpse into my life.

About Me



As long as I can remember, I've wanted children. I have four sweet nieces and nephews and a lot of cousins. I spent my entire life around little ones and have always been drawn to kids. They bring me joy and happiness and I can't wait to love my own child unconditionally.



Teaching has been a theme throughout my life. As a child, I liked to play school with my siblings and I was always the teacher. I was a competitive gymnast and coached children of all ages for over 10 years. I taught in the Fort Worth School District before my job in healthcare. I hope to teach again some day.



My Hobbies

I love to cook, especially desserts! I also enjoy gardening, keeping fit, creating art, reading, and volunteering at Dwell with Dignity, an organization that provides fully furnished and decorated homes for homeless families of all shapes and sizes.

I look forward to nurturing my child's own interests and involving them in volunteer opportunities so they grow up understanding the importance of giving back to the community.



Cooking class in Oaxaca, Mexico



Birthdays and Holidays

I never miss a chance to decorate, dress up and celebrate the ones I love. I can't wait to plan birthday parties, make cute Halloween costumes, trick-or-treat as a family, dye eggs, hang Christmas stockings, look at lights together and gather around the table for Thanksgiving.



My niece's birthday party



Halloween 2023 with my fam



Travels



Both sets of my grandparents were inspirational and instilled in me a sense of adventure and desire to travel. I've lived in France, Mexico, and Dubai and traveled to a total of 81 countries around the world. I also have a passion for languages. I studied Spanish and French for years and was able to become fluent while living abroad. I would like nothing more than for my child to experience first-hand the richness and natural beauty our world has to offer.



Sri Lanka



Machu Pichu, Peru

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Scuba in Mexico



Gorilla trekking in Rwanda



Bunjee in New Zealand



My sis visiting me in Dubai



My Family

I grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, the oldest of 5 children. It was always loud and fun in our house, and I was never at a loss for a playmate. As an adult, we spend a lot of time together, including holidays, birthdays, sporting events for my nieces and nephews, dinners, and everything in between. My family is supportive, encouraging, and loving. They are just as excited as I am about a new member of the family!



Family at my sister Aubrey's recent wedding



All my siblings



We had quite a few family pets growing up. I love dogs!



My sister, Shelby (in the middle), has special needs and is the equivalent of a 5 year old. She has the sweetest heart and I have learned so many valuable life lessons from her. I am so lucky to be her big sister.



Niece and Nephews



Grandma Jensen



My 94-year-old Grandma Jensen and I have been close since I was a child. We share travel stories, a love of cooking, food, orchids and we both love to explore.

I am fortunate to have close friends, many of whom have children, both in Dallas/Fort Worth and around the world.



My Sweet Fira



I rescued and adopted Fira five years ago. She passed away last December from cancer. We were two peas in a pod.

Car rides, walks and being near me were her favorite things. I look forward to my child picking out our next pet.

LOVE



Between family and friends...



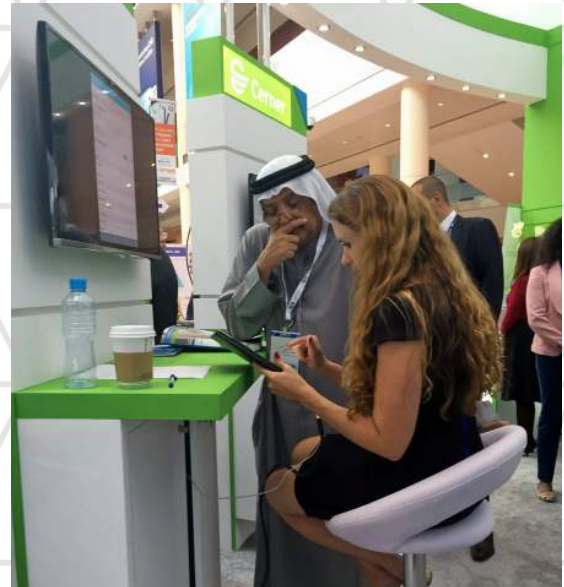
there will be no shortage of love or playmates!

My Career



I'm fortunate to work for a healthcare IT company that produces software for hospitals around the world. I am proud to have worked my way up over the last 21 years to an executive level.

My profession allows me to live comfortably, and it will allow me to provide a life of opportunity for my child. I am extremely grateful my employer values families and a work-life balance. As a single, female parent, I hope to teach my child what you can achieve professionally with hard work and determination.



My Home



Growing up, my mother had quite the green thumb and we had a glorious garden. Now I love to plant colorful flowers, herbs, and vegetables and I can't wait to dig in the dirt with a child.



I live in a beautiful Dallas neighborhood with tree-lined streets and multiple parks in walking distance. Lush gardens surround the front and back of my home.



I can't wait to decorate a room and bathroom just for a baby and take walks to the park and playground nearby. There are so many great spots for playdates with friends and cousins!



HOME



Thank You

I am honored to be considered as a parent for your child. I know this is just a glimpse into my life, but I hope this gives you a sense of who I am and what kind of life I could provide.

I promise to give your child unconditional love and a safe home filled with joy, laughter, learning, and fun! Your child will know their story and I look forward to sharing your child's development and milestones with you throughout the years.



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