



I'm Jennifer,

AND I'M EXCITED TO "MEET" YOU!



THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO
LEARN A BIT ABOUT ME AND MY STORY.

Before you read another word, I want you to know that I care about *your* story. Who you are, what you care about, and the things that brought you here matter to me. And should our lives cross beyond this moment, I look forward to the conversations we might share. Throughout my life (and this adoption process), I've held these words from Jeremiah 29 close, and I hope they offer you the same comfort they always offer me. *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)



HELLO!

I'M EXCITED TO SHARE MY STORY WITH YOU.

Thank you for allowing me space on this journey with you. I know this cannot be an easy decision, and I can only imagine the emotions you may be feeling. **While I may never be able to fully understand what you are experiencing, please know that I deeply respect your journey.** It is incredibly courageous to consider all of your options, and I hope you find peace in doing whatever is best for you and your child.

As you read these pages, I hope they give you an idea of who I am and the kind of parent I hope to become. **I have always wanted to be a mom, and adoption is something God put on my heart.** I see it as a way to expand my family not just with a child but also with his or her birth family.

As an only child, I learned early on that family extends beyond those in your home. I never felt like an only child because I was always surrounded by people who cared about me, and I grew up *knowing* I was loved unconditionally. My goal is to create that same secure and loving environment for the child I adopt and I honor that this also includes you. **Should you choose to make an adoption plan, I would love nothing more than to get to know you and stay connected,** sharing updates and milestones as your child grows. You are, and will forever remain, an integral part of their story, and I will strive to honor that in every possible way.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know me. Whatever you decide, I am praying for you. I pray you feel peace and know with certainty that you are surrounded by God's love.

WITH LOVE,

Tennifer

A Quick Look

AT WHO I AM AND THE LIFE I LIVE

If I only had a few words to tell you who I am, I would tell you this: I have a big heart, I live my faith, and I feel life is most meaningful when shared with those you love. Life is about the journey and how you use your gifts to make the world a better place.



I live in Houston, Texas.

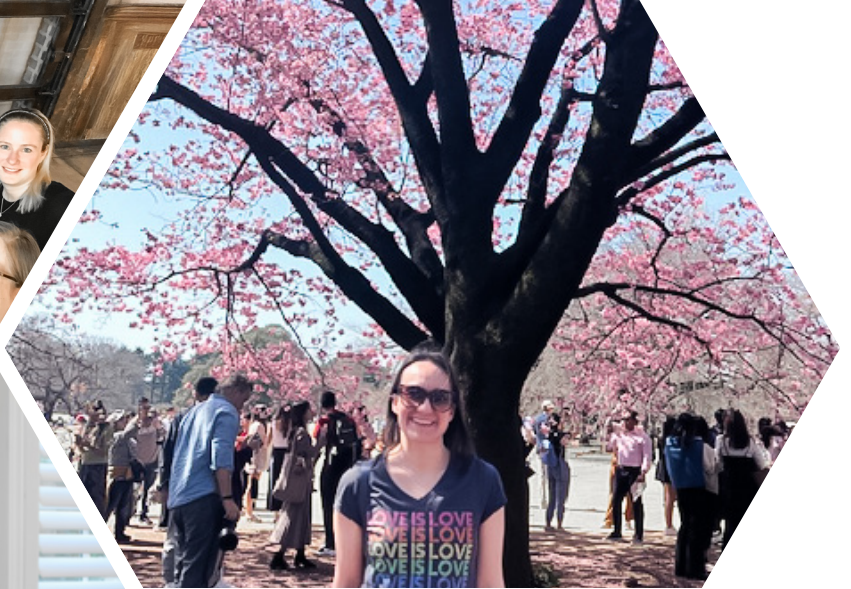


I'm an only child!



I'm very close to my family.





I love to travel.



Cooking is my happy place.



My friends are my family.

What I value...

When I think about who I am and the family I hope to create, there are a few things I hold on to.

In this family, we will...

- Live our faith and seek to make the world better by using our gifts to help others.
- Not shy away from the hard stuff but instead show up for each other.
- Be open-minded, inclusive, and welcoming.
- Find joy, even in the hard moments, as we practice gratitude daily.
- Value time together, whether big moments—celebrating birthdays, milestones, or anniversaries—or quiet moments reading together, watching a movie, or having a meal.



I AM

EMPATHETIC,
OPTIMISTIC,
AND INCLUSIVE.

WORK

I HAVE A DEGREE
IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE AND AN
MBA. I WORK IN
COMMUNICATIONS
FOR AN ENERGY
COMPANY.

I CAN

BE PRETTY
SERIOUS, BUT
I ALSO LIKE TO
BRING PEOPLE
JOY. OTHERS
OFTEN COMMENT
ON MY SMILE OR
MY LAUGH AND
HOW IT FEELS
BOTH GENUINE
AND CONTAGIOUS.

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

ABOUT ME

SOME OF MY FAVORITES:

*A great cup of tea // Walking in nature // Spending time with family
and friends // The quiet before the day starts // Reading a good
mystery book // Listening to 90s country // Eating breakfast tacos //
Being by water, especially a lake or river // Traveling to new places*

I'm somewhere in between an introvert and an extrovert. I get energy from being around people but also love to take time to recharge—whether reading, walking, or baking. I like to bring people together and have a diverse group of friends from all different parts of my life. I create strong bonds and take care of those I love.



Graduation party with family group



My goddaughter Phoebe and me



My friend Kim and her daughter



My MBA graduation

COMING TO ADOPTION IS NOT A DECISION I MADE LIGHTLY.



Where it started. Seven years ago, while reading a book about grandparents who adopted their grandchildren, I first felt the seed of adoption take root in my heart. I was deeply touched by their love, the need, and the opportunity to care for one another. Since then, I've witnessed two of my single friends embark on an adoption journey and have had the privilege of knowing several couples who began their families through adoption. I've also been lucky to serve on a ministry that supports adoptive families and prepares others (like myself!) who are considering the journey.

When I first started thinking about becoming a parent, I had many natural fears, but ultimately, I realized that faith in God's provision and a humble reliance on the strong network of family and friends I have built is all the confidence I needed to move forward in faith.

In my eyes, a good life is spending time with those you love, the courage to pursue your dreams, and the opportunity to use your gifts to make the world a better place.

A FEW SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS IN MY STORY

2018	2019	2020	2021	2023 - 2024
<i>I met my friend Kim, a single mother who has created a loving and supportive community for her child.</i>	<i>My cousin Karen gave birth to her beautiful daughter, Evie, and I became "Aunt Jennifer."</i>	<i>I reconnected with a colleague who adopted as a single mom, strengthening my belief that I can succeed in this journey.</i>	<i>My goddaughter, Phoebe, was born and opened my heart on a whole new level.</i>	<i>I found an agency who honors all those involved in adoption and decided to move forward in faith.</i>



Giggling with Ada (Phoebe's sister)



My Goddaughter, Phoebe



Celebrating birthdays with Evie



IT IS MY WHOLEHEARTED BELIEF THAT RELATIONSHIP
DOES NOT END BUT RATHER *BEGINS* WITH ADOPTION.

From Nok

Jennifer and I met the first day of middle school and have been friends ever since.

“I could tell you a hundred things I love about her, but my *favorite* thing is how thoughtful she is. Jennifer is an incredible listener and has this uncanny ability to understand people and their needs. I experienced this firsthand when we were in the middle of the Covid lockdown and I was overwhelmed trying to care for and homeschool my three young kids. Not only did Jennifer listen to my vents via text, but she also sent over a HUGE order of pre-made meals that fed my family for weeks.



This is just one, small example of how she shows up for others—both those she is close to and those she has never personally met. As a mom of three kids, I know Jennifer is going to be an incredible mom herself—one of the many reasons being how patient she is. For years, Jennifer has patiently and lovingly cared for her parents, aunts, and uncles. She’s helped them navigate countless medical issues and legal questions, provides hands-on care, and selflessly steps up whenever something needs to be done. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same patience and grace as a mom, and we look forward to standing beside her as she embarks on the next leg of her journey.”



Having a tea party at my house with Ada

"Jennifer has always showered all of our children with love and kindness, and we are eager to offer the same in return for the little one she will call her own."



From Karen

Jennifer is my cousin and has always
been the glue of our family.

"She brings people together for reunions, keeps in touch by phone and email, and strengthens our family bond. Despite the distance, she has always been there for me and my five-year-old daughter. She sends thoughtful gifts, makes phone calls, and visits to ensure she is actively involved in Evie's life. It's her unwavering loyalty to those she cares about that assures me she will be a wonderful mother. She is steady, loving, and reliable no matter the cost."

From Molly

Jennifer is the kind of person who is the
first to show up and the last to leave.

"Not only has Jennifer been one of my closest friends since high school, but she is also my daughter Phoebe's Godmother. Jennifer makes every child in her life feel special. She genuinely cares about their interests and creates experiences tailored to them. For instance, when my 4-year-old daughter expressed a desire for a tea party, Jennifer organized an afternoon soirée that Ada continues to talk about. I have complete confidence in the mother Jennifer will become."





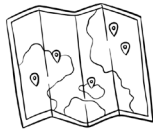
WHAT I LOOK FORWARD TO ABOUT

BEING A MOM



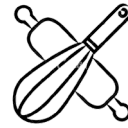
Creating our own routines and traditions that make our "every day life" special.

I look forward to making breakfast on Saturdays, reading before bed, or designating every Friday as movie night— just like my parents did with me. I'm also excited to create our own holiday traditions, such as making ornaments, baking special treats, watching certain movies, and listening to music as we decorate.



Traveling and exploring new places around the world together.

I love to travel and typically take several trips a year. Whether traveling internationally or in the US, I love to try local food, explore museums, and participate in unique experiences like learning to cook lobster in Prince Edward Island, a food tour in Japan, or seeing the Christmas markets in Germany. I can't wait to share these adventures with a child.



Sharing my love of cooking and enjoying dinner together at the kitchen table.

I am from an Italian family and food is love. One of my most treasured possessions is a cookbook my mom made me after I graduated college with recipes she collected from family and friends. I used that to develop my cooking skills and love trying new dishes.

I'm only waiting for a little helper to join me!



Bearing witness to their milestones and discovering their passions.

I eagerly anticipate the first steps, the first birthday, the first day of school, and the first graduation. I look forward to our first discussion about God and seeing them hold their first Bible. I can't wait to witness their debut at a dance recital, game, or performance, and to assist them in exploring their passions—be it in art, history, sports, or building things with their hands.

MY FAMILY IS CLOSE-KNIT AND MY
PARENTS ARE A BIG PART OF MY LIFE.



My parents are my heroes. They both came from limited means but they used education as a way to open up new opportunities. My mom pursued a career in law during a time when few women did, driven by her desire to advocate for justice and amplify the voices of the unheard. She managed her own law practice while also nurturing our family. Similarly, my dad, an engineer and a lawyer, dedicated himself to hard work. Even more importantly, he taught me how to have a relationship with God and live my faith.

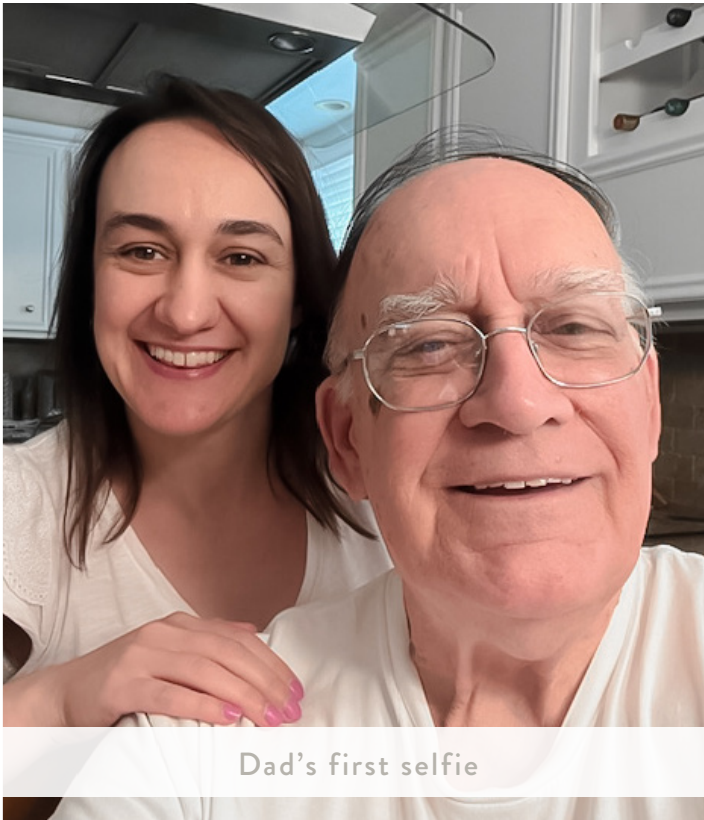
They instilled in me the value of hard work, standing up for what is just, and lending a helping hand. I feel privileged to have witnessed them using their talents to assist others, and I strive to emulate this in my daily life—be it through volunteering, my job, or personal interactions.

My parents also prioritized sharing “special moments” with me.

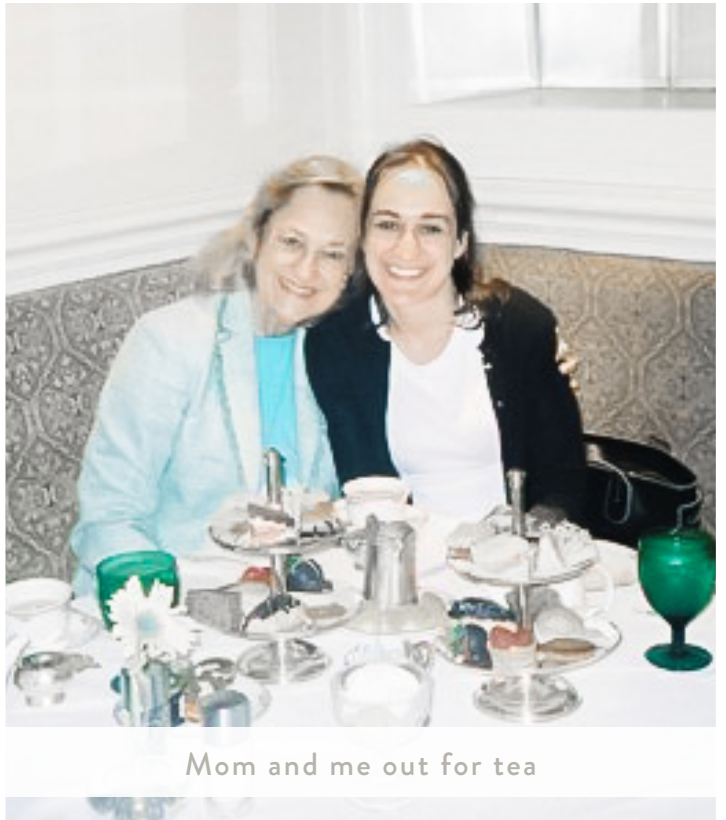
Every Friday, my mom and I enjoyed a movie night followed by a breakfast outings on Saturday morning. Meanwhile, my dad and I bonded over visits to plays and musicals, watching *Star Trek*, and attending church services.

My parents are excited to become grandparents and shower the baby with love. They can't wait to play, sing, and read to the baby. They are also excited to teach the baby new things like how to swing or ride a bike, go on walks together, create their own special traditions, and see the world through the child's eyes.

ONE OTHER THING MY PARENTS DID WAS PROVIDE A
BROAD RANGE OF EXPERIENCES SO I COULD FIND WHAT
WAS OF INTEREST TO ME. THEY SUPPORTED ME IN EVERY
ENDEAVOR, AND I ASPIRE TO OFFER THAT SAME LOVE
AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO MY CHILD.



Dad's first selfie



Mom and me out for tea



Celebrating my MBA graduation



MY PARENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WONDERFUL, AND I
KNOW THEY WILL BE AMAZING GRANDPARENTS AS WELL.



TEXAS

I LIVE IN A 2-STORY
HOME IN A NICE
NEIGHBORHOOD
IN NORTHWEST
HOUSTON.

3/2.5

IT HAS THREE
BEDROOMS, 2.5
BATHROOMS, AND
AN OPEN FLOOR
PLAN THAT WILL
BE PERFECT FOR
A CHILD TO GROW
AND PLAY IN.

HOME

HOME IS A PLACE
WHERE PEOPLE
FEEL WELCOMED,
HAPPY AND AT
PEACE AS WELL AS
FULL FROM GOOD
FOOD AND READY
TO COME BACK.

WELCOME TO

MY HOME

WARM, WELCOMING & LIGHT

I chose my home primarily for the kitchen. Not only does it have a ton of counter space, but light pours in through the windows and the open-concept lets me interact with family and friends while I cook. I've filled the space with soothing shades of blue and green, and I frequently light a candle, put flowers on the table, or play music in the background to make it feel warm and restful.

I also love my neighborhood. It's family-friendly and diverse. I enjoy walking along the paths near my home, including a trail by the lake that leads me past a dog park, a playground, and the community pool. We also have events like trick-or-treating, a holiday lights decorating contest, and more for families in the area to enjoy.



My Community

IS DIVERSE, DEEPLY ROOTED, AND RICH IN LOVE

As an only child, I've come to view my friends as family, and I've purposefully created a community filled with loving and supportive individuals.

While many of these cherished friends reside in Houston, others span across the States and even around the world.



Friends at my 40th birthday



Girls trip in Colorado to see Mandy



Visiting friend, Beth, from college





Friends' trip in Paris



Spending time with my cousin, John



NY birthday trip with Yemi

I'm Surrounded.

When I think about being a single mom, I have no doubt in my ability to love, raise, and support a child - not only because I am a strong and confident individual, but also because I am surrounded by people who love me and will also love my child.

My friends are excited for me to adopt and become a mom. They have been supportive throughout the adoption journey and are looking forward to welcoming a new baby and their children can't wait to welcome a new playmate. Plus, I also have built in babysitters among my friends' kids.



BIG QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT STILL

BE WONDERING



Will the child have male role-models?

Absolutely! My dad serves as an excellent example of a man who embodies love, patience, and kindness.

My cousin, John, is also a gentle, hands-on dad to his children and has shared his enthusiasm about becoming an “uncle” to my child. Furthermore, I have close friends whose husbands will play an important role in my child's life. They are fantastic at engaging with kids and love to share their interests.



Do I have other single moms to support me?

Yes! A few of my closest friends are the sole or primary caregivers for their children. They candidly discuss the challenges they face yet also express that being a mom is the most rewarding experience. As I prepare to become a mom, I eagerly anticipate strengthening the community I already have to create the most loving and supportive environment for my child.



How will I achieve a work/life balance?

Growing up, my parents were both dedicated to their careers, yet they remained deeply involved in my life. I knew that while they had busy jobs, I was their priority.

I aspire to create the same environment for my child. I am fortunate to work for a family-friendly company with a daycare conveniently located across the street.

I have the flexibility to arrive late or leave early if needed, and I intend to be an actively involved parent.



Why now as a single woman?

I’ve always wanted to be a mom and God put it in my heart to adopt. While I have always hoped to get married and am still open to meeting someone, I know that my ability to mother does not hinge on this. God has lovingly reminded me that I will not be alone. He will be with me every step and continue to surround me with people who will love and care for us both.



TO THE ONES

WHO LOVED THEM FIRST

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know me. The weight of your decision is not lost on me, and I hope you know that regardless of what you choose, your role in your child's heart is truly irreplaceable. Should you choose to make an adoption plan and invite me to join you in loving your child, I am committed to creating a strong, lifelong relationship with you—whatever you might want that to look like—and keeping open lines of communication so you always feel comfortable reaching out.

I also promise to...

1. Put your child first and love them unconditionally.
2. Teach him or her about Jesus and have Him at the center of our lives.
3. Ensure he or she grows up knowing you and how much you love him/her.
4. Rejoice in milestones and share these with you as our child's journey unfolds.
5. Help him/her discover their God-given gifts and develop into the person he/she is meant to be.
6. Create a diverse and inclusive community where he/she knows about their heritage and background, feels safe to ask questions, and feels celebrated for all the parts that make up who they are.

I am praying, even now, that you would feel God's love, grace, and peace surrounding you in whatever decision you make. You truly are brave and courageous, and no matter what the journey looks like, this is a truth your child will know.

HOPING WITH YOU,

Jennifer



for this child

ADOPTION PROFILE BOOKS