



## Dawn

### **Job Description:**

Private Practice as a Therapeutic Tutor and Educational Consultant

### **Education:**

BS/BA in Physics and English  
Masters in Education: Middle School Education and Moderate Special Needs,  
Masters in South African Literature and Language,  
Masters in Psychology,  
Masters in Social Work: Child and Family concentration

### **Favorites:**

#### **Hobby**

Gardening

#### **Childhood Memory**

Mother Teaching Me to Make Apple Pies

#### **Childhood Toy**

My Bicycle

#### **Holiday Tradition**

Stockings on Christmas Eve

#### **Form of Exercise**

Swimming

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## My Lifestyle

Three words that describe my lifestyle: active, active and active. Many of my friends say that it is impossible to keep up with me. I live a very active lifestyle: my passions range from swimming, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking; to visiting art museums, walking on the beach, gardening and relaxing with good friends. I love to travel throughout the world. I have lived in Seattle, Boulder and Boston. Internationally, I have lived in South Africa, Tanzania and El Salvador. I have vacationed in Ireland, Scotland, Amsterdam, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Kenya, Canada, and England. As a parent, I intend to provide many opportunities for travel for the child I adopt. I am involved in my community: I swim at the neighborhood pool on an adult swim team; we are the parent swim team to the children's swim team at the same pool. As well, I volunteer weekly at an area animal shelter, I volunteer as a tutor for children who are in need of extra academic support as well, I volunteer on an area organic farm that provides fresh produce for those who do not have access to farm grown food. I intend to expose the child I adopt to community service at a young age. My active lifestyle of horseback riding, sports, community service and cultural activities will be part of the daily life of your child.

## What Brought Me To Adoption

I have always wanted to be a mom and I have always wanted to adopt. From a young age I used to play with my Barbie dolls, and Barbie always adopted a baby. My dream was to fall in love, get married and start a family. Well, it didn't turn out that way. I have had a few very long-term relationships, but when it came time to take the next step it just didn't seem right. I tried to conceive but was told that I cannot have children; this was very difficult for me at first, but I knew I always wanted to adopt. I believe that everything happens for a reason and that in every challenge is an opportunity. My challenge in not being able to have a biological child has brought me the miracle of adoption and I cannot thank you enough for the priceless gift you will be providing to a lucky family soon.

### MASSACHUSETTS

## My House & Neighborhood



I live right outside of Boston, Massachusetts. I love living in New England, the changing seasons, the snowy winter days and warm summer days. I was born and raised in this area and I love calling it home. Though I have been fortunate enough to live in other places throughout the country and the world, I call Massachusetts home.

I own an adorable two-story colonial home on the end of a quiet, dead-end street. It has two bedrooms, two bathrooms and large living room, dining room, kitchen, a back porch and a large back yard. My little neighborhood is full of children riding their bikes, playing football and baseball, and running all over the place. I know all of my neighbors very well.



My Home

## My House & Neighborhood, (continued)



**The Weekly Local Farmer's Market**

Within walking distance from my house is the center of town, with its local cafes, restaurants, ice cream shop, bookstore and weekly farmer's market. The community center has an indoor swimming pool with a very successful youth swim team, as well as after school programs, day care, playgrounds and playing fields. There are two K-8 schools within walking distance; both schools have excellent reputations. As well, there are a number of religiously affiliated private schools and a nationally recognized charter school. Public transportation is also within walking distance from my house, which provides me with easy access to Boston's great museums, historical sites and shopping, all within a 20-minute train ride.

Also within a few minute car ride there are a number of conservation areas for hiking, biking and taking the dogs for long walks. I also live within 15 minutes of the ocean and some really nice beaches.

My back yard is large and fenced in. There are no other homes directly behind us, just a huge piece of conservation property where I walk every day with the dogs. The dogs play chase, I have flower and vegetable gardens, and I spend a lot of time swinging in my hammock reading.

## My Extended Family & Friends

As a child, I had a loving and caring family. I am the youngest, by 10 years, of three children. My mother and I were extremely close, she taught me so much and I feel I owe her a great deal. We shared many family traditions and activities: from making homemade pies for the holidays, riding horses, and knitting stockings for Christmas. When I was in my mid- 20s, my mother passed away suddenly, it was devastating for me at the time. Over the years, I have created a great circle of friends and supports. I am very close to my two nieces, Alexis (30) and Meghan (29). We spend all of our holidays together. I am truly blessed to have them as part of my life.

My two closest friends are Sandy and Sharon. I consider both of them to be my sisters. I have known them both for over 20 years now. They are the friends you can call no matter what time, day or night, and they are there for me. Sharon lives within twenty minutes of my home, we spend huge amounts of time walking our dogs, rock climbing, mountain bike riding, shopping and hiking. Sandy just recently moved, because of her job, to Amsterdam. I have already visited four times within this year; we vacationed last summer together in Italy, Switzerland and Germany. She comes to the U.S. often for work and I visit her at her vacation home in New Hampshire. As well, I have a strong circle of other friends; many of them have young children or are expecting babies within the next few months. My family may not be the traditional family, but it is one that I hold dear to me- I have had the luxury to create such strong bonds with those that I love, that they are the best support anyone could ask for.



**Christmas Season with My Nieces**

## My Pets

Having grown up on a farm, I have always been around animals. I love dogs and horses mostly. I have two wonderful dogs, Willow and Scout. Both are rescues I adopted from a local shelter. Willow was only a young puppy when I got her; she had been badly abused and needed a lot of care and patience. She has become a wonderful dog, who loves to cuddle on the couch and play fetch non-stop. She is gentle and has a very sweet disposition.

Scout came to me when he was just one year old. Someone had left him on a city street and just abandoned him. He is a truly loyal, gentle and amazing dog. Scout has earned his international certification as a therapy dog. In my work with children, I also spend one morning per week with children who have serious mental illness. Scout comes along with me to work with the kids. He is so amazingly special with children and they all love all love him. He knows how to sit quietly and let them hug him, pet him and love him. He also goes to nursing homes to work with elderly patients and to children's hospitals to visit children who are receiving cancer treatment.



**Me and Scout Together**

I have an older horse as well, Miracle. He was a rescue, he had been badly neglected and I was lucky enough to be able to adopt him. He is kept at an area barn where I ride him a few days a week and the barn uses him for horseback riding lessons for children. He is a gentle soul and I love him so much.

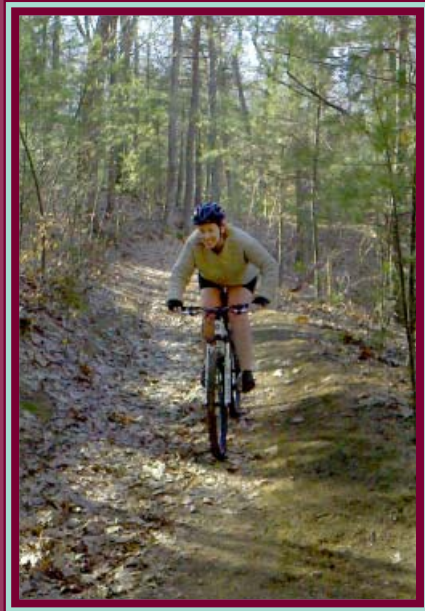


**Willow Ready to Play**

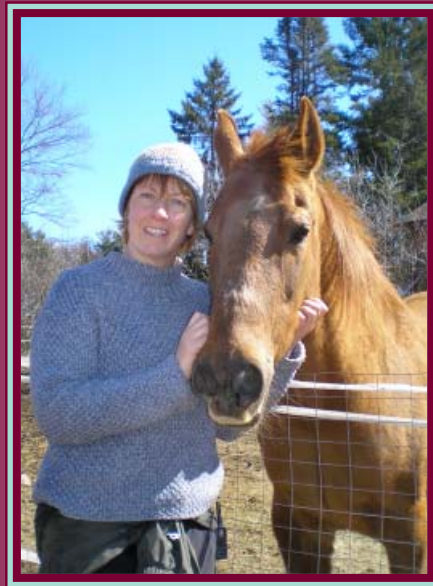


Hiking to the Mountaintop  
with Sharon

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Mountain Biking



My Horse, Miracle



Working in Tanzania



With Pals in Amsterdam



Scout and Willow  
in My Garden

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my profile and learn about me. I would be honored to be the adoptive mother of your child. Your courage and love for your child is extraordinary. As I parent your child, I will consistently share with him/her how much you love and care about him/her and how strong you are. You will be a loving presence within our lives forever.

I will do my utmost to provide everything I can for your child. I will cherish, honor, support and accept them for everything they are. Your child will be precious to me. I promise you I will love him/her with all of my heart. I have always wanted children, and when I learned that I could not have children, though I was disappointed; I viewed it as an opportunity. An opportunity to start my family through the joy of adoption is something I am so looking forward to.



Though my family is small in some ways, we are huge in others. We have so much love for each other and we are able to visit each other often, spend holidays together and share in those special moments in each other's lives. I have created a fabulous circle of friends, who support and love me; they too have become my family in so many ways.

My job provides me with summers and school vacations off and a great deal of flexibility with my work schedule. I have always loved children and my years of being a special needs teacher led me to where I am today- working with children and the their family. I could not choose a better job for myself.

However you decide to be present in your child's life is your choice, and I will honor that. I am open and accepting to whatever decisions you make regarding future contact. I will respect your choices, requests and do my best to help support you through this journey. You are giving me a gift, a great gift and all I can do is thank you for allowing me to parent your child. You will be part of our thoughts and prayers every day.

I feel I have so much to share with your child: my home, my love and my passion for so many things. I plan to encourage and teach your child so many things I love:

- My love for animals
- Horse back riding
- Camping and hiking
- Visiting museums
- Swimming and biking
- Traveling: I love to see new places and learn about different cultures
- Snow shoeing and skiing
- Cooking
- Learning
- Playing all sports

There are so many activities and experiences I hope to share with and provide your child.

I want to provide the best opportunities I can for your child to learn and grow, to develop a view of the world that he/she lives in that is unique and personal. As a parent, it is important for me that I instill the values, love, respect and kindness my mother gave me. I will teach your child to be thankful for all that life has to offer; from the simplest things like being thankful for having a yard with grass to walk barefoot in, to having access to a good education. I am thankful to you for taking the time and considering me as a potential adoptive parent for your child.

Whichever decisions you make, my thoughts, prayers and love will be with you.

**Dawn**