



Jeannine

Job Description:

Café Coordinator, scheduling/ordering for café & catered events for a church café,
Travel Agent & Travel Web Site Owner

Education:

Associates Degree in Travel & Tourism

Favorites:

Hobby
Traveling

Vacation Spots
Ixtapa, MX & Norway

Childhood Memories
Family Camping Trips

Dream Vacations
Italy & Bora Bora

Cartoon
Scooby Doo

Song
Never Let Go by Matt Redman

Children:
None, but MANY Nieces & Nephews

Hello. I'd like to start off by thanking you for considering the adoption process. I imagine this must be difficult for you. Know that I am praying for you and your child as you make your decision. Allow me to thank you for taking the time to read and find out more about me and how I might fit into your decision.

What Led Me to Adoption

The fact that I've always wanted children is the main thing that got me thinking about adoption. That and the fact that I'm not married. I know I could have tried "in vitro" or some other type of fertilization method but I just kept feeling like there is a child who will need me. I know that God wants this from me and I trust that He will lead me through this process.

I also have family who has been through the adoption process in one way or another. My step-mom's children are both adopted. When I was growing up I really didn't understand everything about adoption. My step-brother and step-sister were just that, a new part of my family.

I have however, always thought that adopting was such a special thing my step mom had done. She had been able to help another mother raise her child when she was not able to. Of course it was MANY years ago and every thing was a "CLOSED" adoption. I look forward to the changes with adoptions today and the possibility of an "Open" adoption and being able to form a relationship with the birth parent(s).

I still have dreams of getting married some day and having biological children, but; I know this could be years away or may never happen. I again feel that this is another reason God has lead me down this path. I do have a great desire to have a child and be a mother. I have so much love that I can't wait to share with this child.

Hobby/Vacation/Tradition

My hobby and tradition is the same, vacationing! Travel is what I love doing most and at any time. Travel to me is any time I go out of town and then I make it a vacation. This could be going camping/fishing with my dad, to a sporting event with my brother, concerts with my cousins, taking my nieces and nephews on an adventure, or a special trip to someplace new with my mom.

My mom and I have made traveling into a tradition by trying to take a vacation together every year to a place we've never been before. We've cruised to the Caribbean and even to more far away places such as France to visit Paris and Norway to see their glaciers. Enjoying a day at the pool next to the relaxing ocean waves is definitely another favorite for me.

I grew up camping and taking yearly family vacations. I value the time I spend with my family doing all of these wonderful things that we all love to do and share with each other and look forward to sharing these same things with this child. I also look forward to creating new family traditions during the holidays, while eating dinner together, nightly bedtime stories & kisses, and new family vacations.

My House and Neighborhood

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I live in a home in the suburbs of a large city. The suburb is like a small town reminding me of where I grew up. I bought this home with family in mind. My mom, who was retiring, and my 90 year old grandma, who moved from the small home town I grew up in, came down to the "city" to live with me. I now live in a large home filled with three generations hoping to make it a four generation home.



My Home

My House and Neighborhood, continued



The Back of My Home

are also newer and very well funded, making this a great neighborhood to raise a child.

My home is a large two-story home w/ 4 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths. The open kitchen-family room area with a fireplace is perfect for when the family gets together and dinners with friends. We enjoy the 3 season room that is all windows and the new patio right outside. I also enjoy my basement area that has a pool table for when friends and family come to visit and can't wait to turn the other side of the finished basement into a great child's play area.

I love that our home is on a cul-de-sac and has next to no traffic. It is also within walking distance to several parks. One park offers a great pool with water slides, children's pool area, tennis courts, bike trails and soccer/baseball fields. Another park has a huge playground, and yet another that's a metro park with wonderfully shaded paths, a waterfall, child's park, and beautifully landscaped with tons of flowers. The metro park is special to us since it's the one my gramma volunteers gardening at weekly. I also love that our home is within minutes of top rated schools in the district. These schools

My Family and Fun

I can't talk about my family without talking about fun! We are a family full of love and laughter! My family is very close and we get together often. I have a brother, Jeff who still lives back in our small hometown. I live across town from my twin cousins Tina & Tania (we call each other sisters). We are best friends and living so close is great. This also allows me more chances to see their girls. My parents are divorced and my dad remarried giving me another mom, brother, and sister who both have children of their own now.

Growing up was spent with all of our family whether we were with my mom, dad, or step-mom's family. Getting to see all of my cousins so often growing up has kept us all very close. There are so many of us "cousins" that my brother and I started an annual "Cousin Reunion" so we could all keep in touch better and allow the "new" cousins the same chance to grow up with all their "cousins".

Our families all camped together growing up, so that's what we do at our reunions now. We all camp as much as possible whether it's reunion time or just a weekend camping trip. Who's ready for pizza pies and marshmallows over the fire, or a game of kick-ball or volleyball? Pretty much anyone in my family! Get ready for a laugh because no one in the family forgets a funny story about the "good ole days" or the story that just happened an hour ago!

I may be single but with the support I have from my large, strong, loving family I can provide as much, if not more, for a child that any couple could. I'm also not sure who's more excited about the hope of another child coming into the family. It's a close call between me, grandpa (my dad), Uncle Jeff (my brother and the kid's favorite uncle), grandma (my mom who lives with me) or "Great-Great" (my gramma who lives with me and everyone's favorite playmate).



Christmas with My Dad's Family



Christmas with My Mom's Family at My House

Additional Family Traditions

With having divorced parents and also step parents there were many family traditions that have been combined and keep evolving into new, yet similar, traditions. Holidays are a great example of this. When growing up, Christmas was always a special holiday, especially since we'd start preparing for it right after Thanksgiving. I still do this today and now that I have my own home I decorate with special mementos from all of my family. Some day I hope to decorate my house like the Griswalds' from the movie Christmas Vacation.

I decorate one large main Christmas tree that is decorated with nothing but special ornaments that have been in the family for years, to special reminders from the many places I've traveled to. I also have another tree that I decorate that has all of the special ornaments from when I was a child and played with that now my nieces play with when they visit and that this child will also be able to play with. It also has ornaments that represent all of the family's favorite sport teams. My family and I are die hard Cleveland & OSU fans.

Sports, brings me to another family tradition, mainly watching sports. My brother has season tickets to the Cleveland Browns since forever and he takes me yearly to games with him. I also try to go watch different sporting events live such as baseball, basketball, football, NASCAR, horse racing, ice skating, etc. Win or lose, it's always fun to go root for your favorite team live. Much better than watching on TV! There are still several sports I'd love to catch live but until then I may have to settle for kick-ball in the back yard or the Olympics on TV! I'm a BIG Olympics' fan and I'm excited about the summer Olympics this year and can't wait for the next winter Olympics.



Indian's Game with My Brother



Annual Halloween Camping Trip
with My Nieces and Cousins

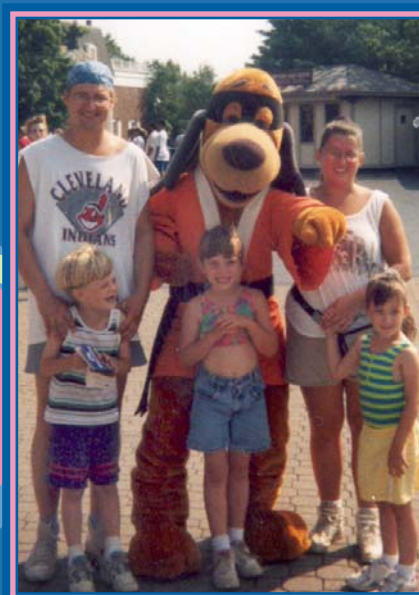


At the Pool in Mexico



A Day in Paris

Jeannine



A Day at Kings Island
with My Brother, Nieces
and Nephew



Fishing with My Dad



Concert Night with My Cousins,
Niece and My Auntie Minnie

Dear Birthparent(s),

Hello. I'd like to start off by thanking you for considering the adoption process. I imagine this must be difficult for you. Know that I am praying for you and your child as you make your decision. Allow me to thank you for taking the time to read and find out more about me and how I might fit into your decision.

My name is Jeannine. I am a single Christian excited to start my own family. I have had a yearning to adopt for years and feel that now is the time God is calling me to move forward with this process.

I have been in the travel business the majority of my life. Today I own my own travel web site. Travel is my passion. I hope this business will again be my full time job. Until then, I continue to work for my church's café which is a coffee house that also handles the church's catering needs. I've worked for the café for many years starting as a volunteer and now full time staff. I do scheduling, ordering, shift supervising, and help coordinate the catered events which include events such as weddings and conferences.

Besides traveling and work, my life is my family. A little over 2 years ago I bought a larger home with family in mind. My newly retired mom and 90 year old grandma moved from our small hometown to the big city "suburb" to live with me. I now live in a 3 generational home hoping to make it a four generational home. I also live across town from my cousins Tina and Tania. We've grown up together, are best friends, & are always together like "sisters". We go through withdrawal when we can't talk & see each other weekly. They each have a daughter of their own that I just adore and I'm grateful to see them as often as I do.

The rest of my family lives out of town but we all try to visit each other often. I talk on the phone with my brother and dad weekly. My family loves to camp and looks forward to our yearly outings. My nieces ask for "get-a-ways" for a combined birthday & Christmas present from me and my mom so that we will take them on "mini" vacations with us like white water rafting, amusement parks, beaches, camping, etc. I can't wait to possibly do the same with this child.

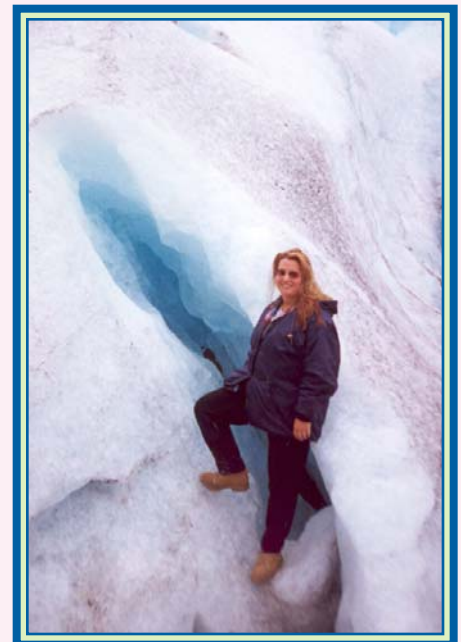
Now, you may be wondering how a single woman who works full time would be able to handle a child too. I believe I can do this because of the strength my parents instilled in me growing up. I would be a single mom but I have the support and encouragement of strong men from my dad, my brothers', one of which was also adopted, my long time college friends, to many male cousin-in-laws who are wonderful fathers and role models. There is also the early childhood center/preschool that is located and run by my church where I work. This is extremely convenient since it's just down the hall from my office. My mom also plans to help in the area of babysitting and wanting to be "grandma". I also live in a good safe community on a cul-de-sac with very little traffic and within walking distance of several parks offering many things to do for family fun.

The main things I want to be able to do for your child are to be able to love, respect, and nurture him/her as he/she grows. I want to let them know my unconditional love for them and to know the love of Jesus. I want to fill this child with love and laughter in their heart and home. I am so excited to possibly get the chance to share my life, my family and my friends with your child. I also want you to know that I will proudly share any information I may have on you with your child. I plan to raise this child by being very open and most of all honest about their adoption, proudly portraying you. This child will know how painful this decision must be for you, how selfless you are and that your decision is made with nothing but love and the best intentions in mind for your child. I would also send you pictures and letters if you would like, to hopefully help reassure you in your decision.

I want to thank you again for taking the time to find out a little about me and my family. I pray God's wisdom, peace, and clarity over you. I pray for you and your baby's health. I pray you know how honored and blessed I would be if you chose me to raise your child. I pray God gives you strength to make your decision while blessing you during this process giving you contentment now and in the future. Thank you again for your consideration.

God bless you!
With all my heart,

Jeannine



**Glacier Climbing in Norway
on a European Cruise**