



Katherine





Hi, I'm Katherine



FROM THE HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK



I am grateful that you are considering adoption as a possibility for your child,



and I admire and respect your discernment throughout this emotional and challenging process. I want to introduce you to the abundance of **warmth, care, and support** I will provide for your child, should you decide to go on this journey with me.



Enjoying one of the rides at the Dutchess County Fair

Being on the Hudson River for a boat ride is one of best parts of living in the Hudson Valley



✦ MY HEART'S ✦

deepest desire is
to become a mother

and to provide your child with stability, affection, and the type of creative environment that leads them to become the person that they wish to be. I am dedicated to serving the needs of your child, and I welcome the opportunity to walk this path with you.

✦ THANK YOU ✦

for taking the time to get to know me better!



Stopping to admire the Sedona, Arizona scenery

On a recent trip to Mexico City



Why I Am Adopting

I have always wanted to be a mother and, as a single woman, I started my fertility journey with IVF. Although unsuccessful, **I began looking into adoption, and ultimately felt this was the ideal path for me, especially with the advent of open adoption.**



✦ I'M HOPEFUL ✦

and enormously grateful for the chance to adopt and raise a child,

which I view as an unmatched privilege. I have a deep bench of family and friends who support me and also cannot wait to welcome your child into our lives so we can shower them with love and affection while encouraging them to share their gifts with the world as they grow older.

GETTING TO

Know Me



Before moving to New York in 2019, I had lived on both coasts, but **I ultimately identify as a New Orleanian, which means a deep appreciation for community and for getting together with others to share food, rituals, and dance.** It means rooting for the Saints football team and embracing Mardi Gras season. We also cherish storytelling, a sense of humor, generosity, and kindness.

My parents and extended family still live in Louisiana, so I spend time in both New Orleans and New York State, enjoying a diversity of cultures.

On the parade route on Bacchus Sunday during Mardi Gras



Christmas lights along St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans



This allows me to enjoy the best of both worlds: an easeful and nature-based environment in New York and a spirited, festive time in New Orleans.

In both places, being with friends, family, and neighbors is paramount.

More About Me



Work field trip to a recording studio in New York City

Attending a photo exhibit opening with friends to escape the NY winter chill and enjoy some art



Working on arts and crafts at the weekly Street Library in New Orleans



I have always been fascinated by culture: what brings people together and makes them tick.

My curiosity led me to become a **folklorist**, which allowed me to really learn about how people express themselves through art, cooking, stories, and beliefs.

Babysitting a friend's son at the ski lodge



MY CAREER

My job as a university fundraiser raising support for student scholarships involves relationship building and tending. I am completely enamored with my job, and feel like I am able to help students pursue educational success. My workplace has a childcare facility on campus, which will enable me to still work from the office as well from home, so I can be near your child always.

WHAT Makes Me Happy

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Outside of work, I take great joy in **cooking fresh food**, which I find meditative.

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When I am by myself, I prefer to be in **a peaceful environment**.

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I love to read fiction, watch mysteries and comedy on TV, sit on my porch, and generally relax.

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On Sundays, I am a member of an Episcopal church nearby with **a loving, supportive group of parishioners**.



Reading books, especially fiction, is one of my favorite activities

Big hugs from family friends



Cooking fresh food in my kitchen is one of my joys



Creativity

✦ & CONNECTION ✦



Enjoying art exhibitions every chance I get



Sledding
with a
friend's
daughter



For the past 15 years, I have taken great joy in producing an online magazine about the arts and culture of the American South alongside three other editors. I have always loved connecting things, whether they are ideas, people, or words. I think that's why I love puzzles so much. Introducing friends to one another and watching them get along or build something together is one of my all-time favorite activities.

I spend a lot of time with my friends and their children who invite me to participate in their daily activities outside of school. In the spring and summer, we go swimming at a dear friend's pool, which is only a 5-minute drive from my house. We also go on picnics together or meet up at the local playground or park. In the fall, it's all about pumpkins, apple cider donuts, and Halloween costumes. In the winter, we go sledding and on occasion skiing.

On a picnic with my friend and her daughter



✦ I CAN'T WAIT ✦

to involve your child in all
of the seasonal offerings
and activities!

★ FUN FACTS ★

About Me



Me and my brother in Mexico City



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I studied French growing up and now plan to learn Spanish.

2

I grew up playing sports (I was an All-state athlete) and enjoy being a part of a team.

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I love supporting other people and would prefer to do so than be in the spotlight myself.

4

I continue to love activities that I cherished as a child: bowling, roller skating rinks, playing Skee-Ball, trying to snag the stuffed animal with the claw machine, and visiting festivals and fairs and eating all the best food there.

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In addition to having an active prayer life, I am interested in intuition, energy work, and meditation.

6

My favorite people are ones that can make me laugh.

My Home

✧ & COMMUNITY ✧



One of the many gatherings I host in my backyard with friends and neighbors



Porch sits at my house where I can visit with passersby



✧ I LIVE IN ✧
the Hudson Valley,
about 2 hours north of
New York City.

My home is just down the street from the middle and high schools and one block from the local playground, with neighbors who have become some of my best friends. **I believe in the value of interconnection, mutual support, and community.**

Each week, we eat together at one of our homes, and in the wintertime, I host them

weekly for soup and game nights so that we stay connected despite the chilly weather. In all other seasons, I throw potluck parties in my backyard, and Popeyes fried chicken is always a staple.

My house has two bedrooms, a sunroom, and a large, fenced-in backyard, so your child will have their own room as well as plenty of play space for toys, books, and running around outside.

✦ OUTSIDE ✦

of city and urban life, I feel best when I am surrounded by trees and water.

My grandparents had a home on a lake, and growing up I spent time fishing, collecting rocks on the shore, and watching the sunsets on the water. When I moved to New York, I was fortunate to be a part of a group of ladies who go sailing on the Hudson River together. When we aren't sailing, my friends and I love to sit by the River with our picnic blankets (and snacks) and hang out, often until the sun sets and it's time to head inside.



My Family

I am very close to my parents as well as my brother, who is three years younger than me.

The combination of his infectious energy, enthusiasm, and ability to listen to folks makes everyone want to be around my brother at all times. **He is going to be the most engaging and loving uncle.**

My parents cannot wait to be grandparents! My mom is a retired 5th grade teacher and my dad is a retired Episcopal Bishop, whose ministry has been devoted to social justice and progressive causes. Growing up, my parents prioritized my brother and me and I knew I was loved and cared for at all times. I plan to raise your child with the same focus, helping them feel totally prioritized, valued, and secure.



Attending a concert with my parents and brother



Christmas morning with my family

TRADITIONS

One of our favorite holidays to celebrate is Mardi Gras.

This is a time for New Orleanians to express their abundant social life. We watch parades, attend crawfish boils, dance to live music, and dress in costume for Mardi Gras day. Children enjoy it most of all because of the colorful parade floats with toys and beads, the marching bands, the costumes, and the sense of joy everyone feels. **I look forward to bringing your child to Mardi Gras to watch their face light up with excitement during this community celebration.**

Crawfish boil during Mardi Gras



My Friends

Beyond my family, I have a large community of friends

of all ages who are elated about me adopting a child and have pledged their support to help me, especially as a single mother. My coworkers are equally supportive and excited to welcome your child into our lives.

Rooting for the New Orleans Saints at the Superdome in the section we've shared with friends since 2009



Visiting with my best friends from college on a road trip in Huntsville, Alabama



Reuniting with friends and former roommates over birthday dinner



★ YOUR CHILD ★

will receive an outpouring of love and devotion from my community both near and far. I am so excited to bring them into the fold so they can also enjoy loved ones and their eager attention, go traveling with them, as well as just be at home together where we can relax and play both inside and surrounded by the beauty of the Hudson Valley.

MY Thoughts on Parenting



Taking a break from Cajun dancing with my friend's son

OPEN ADOPTION

Open adoption — centering the needs of your child while also honoring your deep desires as a parent — is one of the reasons that I am most excited about adoption. I plan to be open and honest about adoption from the outset, and speak about you and your family with reverence and care. I look forward to creating a long-term relationship with you and your family members, and collaborating with you on the shape you would like this journey together to take.

While I have shared my interests and proclivities, as a parent, I will be open to embracing the activities that the child is most interested in pursuing, regardless of my familiarity with them. **While I can teach them so many things, they will also be my guide, and I plan to listen to and honor their unique sensibilities and what makes their heart tick.**

I am committed to creating a supportive and structured environment for a child so that they grow up with boundaries while also being invited to fully express themselves and pursue curiosities.

I want to instill in them empathy for others, a sense of responsibility and desire to contribute to the world, and the joy that accompanies kindness and generosity.

Meeting my newest neighbor at a Thanksgiving dinner





I am grateful

that you have spent time learning more about me and the community of family and friends who looks forward with open arms to offering a child boundless love, affection, and grounding. I know you are dedicated to providing your child with radical care and I hope that you find **peace, comfort, and clarity** through all stages of this process. I hold this decision and your wellbeing in the highest esteem.



WITH UTMOST LOVE
AND ADMIRATION,

Katherine



If you'd like to learn more about me
or have any questions, please contact
my adoption agency.



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