

*Hello, I'm*

# Rebecca



Hello! I'm Rebecca, from Durham, North Carolina.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I deeply respect the bravery and love you are showing in considering open adoption. I would love to get to know you and learn about the hopes you have for your child. I hope to hear from you, and that you find what you are looking for during this journey.

~ Rebecca Gibson

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## About Me

I'm very excited to be starting a family through open adoption. I grew up in a close, loving family where friendships were valued as highly as other kinds of relationships. We spent our vacations and happy holidays with dear friends who were part of our "chosen family" as well as beloved relatives. For me, family means the whole tapestry of loving connections, from the ones that are given to us when we are born, to the ones we choose as we grow.

My child will always know that families grow through bonds of love! You will always be welcomed into our lives and hearts, too.

Sandcastles at the beach with my friend Karen and her children, Xak and Nova



Me and my pal Xak playing in the backyard!



My niece, Jaden, showing me a school project she was proud of



Helping my 6th graders with a research project

## Career

I'm an Administrative Assistant at Duke University, and I love both the stability and flexibility my job gives me. I work close to home, my hours are flexible, and my colleagues at work are very supportive and excited for me to start a family. I can't wait to bring my child on lunchtime picnics in Duke's gardens. We will explore the winding paths, feed the ducks and watch tadpoles turn into frogs in the goldfish pond.

I also taught Middle School for ten years. Teaching is still my passion and I volunteer as a tutor in my neighborhood schools. I'll be very active in my child's education. I'll love teaching my child to read, and later, helping him or her build bottle rockets and models of Rome for class projects, and being a chaperone on fun school field trips.

## My Home

I live in a cozy brick house with a big backyard, at the end of a quiet street. The neighborhood kids all play together and we're a short walk from the elementary school and 3 different parks with playgrounds. It is a safe, cheerful neighborhood, where my child can meet friends after school to play together on the swings in the park, or ride bikes around the block.

Durham is a wonderful place to raise a family. Close to the beach and to the mountains, our city was included as one of the ten best places to live! It's just the right size and has a wonderfully diverse population. I just know my child will love the puppet shows, the parades downtown, going to baseball games and hiking with mommy on the nature trails along the Eno River nearby. Spring and fall in Durham seem to go on forever, and during the long twilight hours in the summer I like to go to outdoor music concerts. I can already see my little one dancing around on the grass at the bluegrass music festival.



Building a secret hide-out in my backyard, with my niece, Jaden



Adventures at the "Swimming hole" in the nearby Eno River with my niece and nephew, Jaden and Kyler

Playing tic-tac-toe in the park with my nephew Kyler



Snuggle time with my friends' daughter, Nova

## Just for Fun

I'm very creative! I've never been one to follow a recipe, pattern or set of instructions. I like creating things my own way and my child will always enjoy that freedom too. I'll love hanging up my child's finger paintings on the refrigerator. I can already see us decorating the Christmas tree with ornaments we'll make together.

I also love to read, and I dream of the day when I can snuggle up with my child to read a favorite bedtime story.

## My Family

My mom and dad are devoted grandparents who would love to welcome a new grandchild into the family. They live only 20 minutes away, and they can't wait to make cookies together, visit the library, or go for a splash in the pool with their grandchild.

My brother Mike and I have always been close and are best friends. He's in the Navy, and lives with his wife and kids nearby in Virginia. We all get together often, and my niece and nephew are so excited to have a cousin to join in the fun -- summer camping trips, hide-and-seek, make-believe and family game nights!



Family game night with Grandpa Jim and Nanny Ruth!



Grandpa Jim reading to Jaden on Christmas Eve



With Emily at the Pumpkin Festival

## Open Hearts

Emily, a young teenager in my neighborhood, has come to be part of my family. She lived with me for a while during a transitional time for her at home, and we're still very close. Emily will love joining us for backyard picnics or a fun movie-night sleepover. She's excited to be my child's number-one playmate and babysitter!

Contact me anytime!

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## Thank You

Thank you for reading this letter! I'm grateful that you're considering option adoption, and I'd love to talk with you. I warmly welcome you to look at my website, email me, or call me any time so we can get to know more about each other.

With my love,  
*Rebecca*