

## DEAR BIRTHMOTHER,

Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We imagine this is a difficult decision for you and we realize how brave you are for considering adoption for your child. Having come to your decision we want you to know that your child is going into a home where it will be loved and nurtured.

We hope to provide a happy, safe, laughter filled home surrounded by loving friends, family and pets. We promise to work hard to provide your child with the opportunities life has to offer and to help guide them through life's twists and turns. We are so excited to become parents and have wanted this in our lives for a long time now.

Your child will always know how much you love them and that your choice of adoption was in itself an act of love. We welcome the prospect of an open adoption and hope to exchange letters and pictures throughout the child's life.

## ABOUT US



Caren and Franny

We met nine years ago and have a very happy life together. We love spending time together and are each other's best friend. Together, we explore life, develop our strengths and soothe each other's tensions. The strength of our relationship stems from our willingness to communicate about everything from the serious to the ridiculous.

We both love to learn and to explore and can't wait to share our curiosity with our child. We are fond of traveling and try to take a vacation each year. Some of our favorite trips have been to the deserts and canyons of Utah, kayaking in western Canada, visiting old villages in Spain, and wandering through cathedrals and castles in Prague. Caren wants to travel to Vietnam sometime soon.

drive-in movies and take walks in the park with our dog. When we have time, we love to catch a movie or see a play.

We have many friends and siblings who have children so we often find ourselves doing child oriented activities and we both agree it's lots of fun.

We found a great children's music theatre and a park with a huge wooden slide. Baking cookies, skating, kid's concerts, or going to the aquarium are all things we can't wait to do with our child.



Francine & Caren on a beach trip with friends

We have five nieces and nephews and there are more on the way. Caren's youngest sister and brother-in-law have adopted a son from Ethiopia; he will be coming home in June and we can't wait to meet him.

Becoming parents is something that we have both always wanted. Now is a great time for us to expand our family because we are established in our careers and feel financially secure. As parents we will work our hardest to provide a loving and nurturing home and develop our child's individual gifts. We will do our best to encourage and enable our child to pursue his/her passions and dreams.



Caren and Francine in Spain visiting her Brother-in-law's family.

## ABOUT FRANCINE



Francine while on vacation in Vancouver, Canada one of her favorite places.

Francine is a very generous person. She is friendly and very kind to others. It is not uncommon for her to help an elderly neighbor shovel snow after a storm, to take an injured bird to the wildlife center, or to give a friend money to send their child to an after school class. She is the kind of person who will go beyond what is called for to help make someone else's life a little nicer.

She loves to make the most of her days and lives an active life. She enjoys spontaneity and often wakes up on a Saturday wanting to drive and explore somewhere new.

She especially enjoys nature and takes our dog Sadie to the woods every Saturday morning, which makes them both very happy. Biking, knitting, gardening and swimming are other ways she loves to spend her days.

Francine is also into health and nutrition and loves to cook. The kitchen is her favorite room in the house. She is already thinking about baking projects to do with our child.

Francine supported herself while going to college part-time and then continued on to law school. Francine is now an attorney with a law firm. She has volunteered as an immigration attorney for low/no income immigrants and is involved in community organizing. She would eventually like to work in human rights.

Francine's family, which includes her brother and sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, cousin and cousin's husband, lives near-by and plans lots of get-togethers. Many holidays are spent with her relatives around elaborate meals.

Another very special thing about Francine is if we are out with a friend who has children you can almost always find her on the ground playing with the kids. She is very playful, patient, and nurturing.



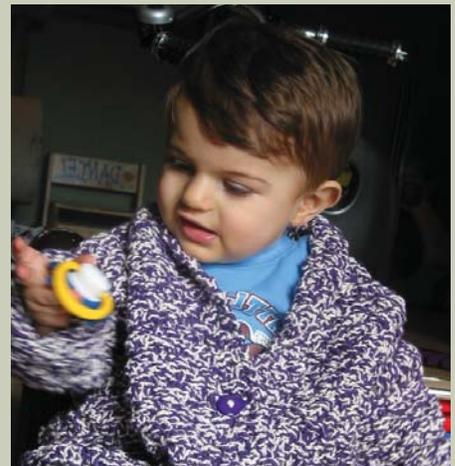
Francine with Ruby, our close friend's daughter



Francine with her brother making pizza



Francine with her friend Calla

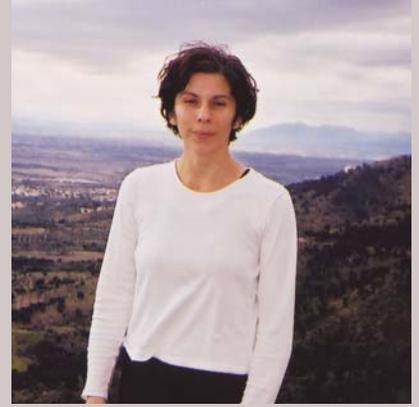


Francine's nephew in the sweater she knit him

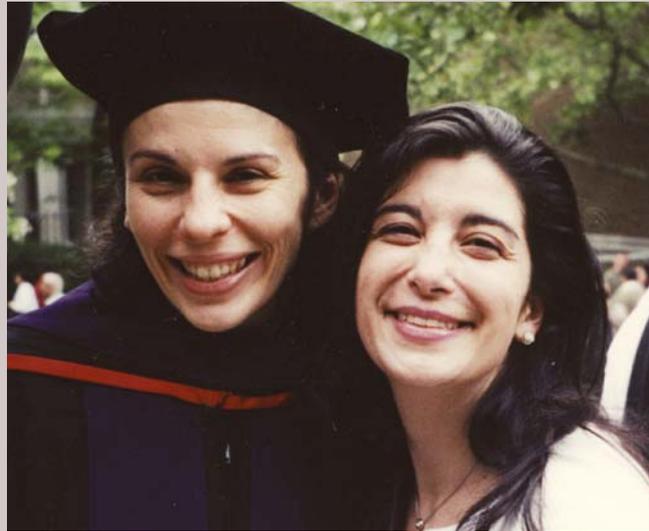
Francine pedaling away with our niece at a family reunion



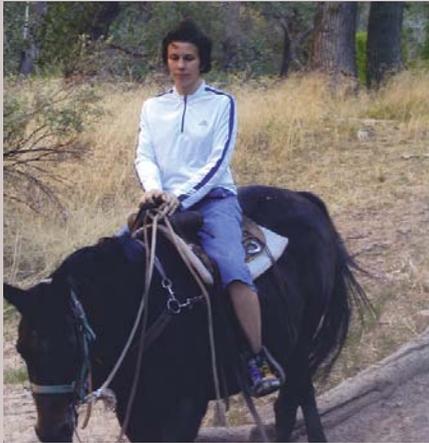
Taking a driving break from in the curvy Spanish mountains



Franny and her friend Christine



Franny at her law school graduation with her cousin Nancy



Francine horseback riding during a vacation in Utah

Caren, Francine and our friend Sarra



Sally, Francine and Craig singing Kareoke at a birthday party

## ABOUT CAREN



Caren with our friend Amara

Caren has a charming smile and sparkling eyes. She is strong, thoughtful and energetic. One of Caren's nicest qualities is how easily she connects to other people. She has an easy going, dynamic personality that people like to be around. She is loyal, reliable and caring with her friends; she still has close friends from her nursery school days. Two of her friends and their husbands have asked Caren to attend the

births of their children because of the love and ease they have with Caren.

Caren is a graphic designer and has run her own business for seven years. One of Caren's notable qualities is that she instinctively knows what people like to look at in design. She is talented, well organized and highly motivated, a great combination for a successful design business. She works from home and loves the freedom this offers. Working from home will enable great flexibility once we have a child. She recently started a business designing shirts with a friend. They are designing baby's, kid's and women's silk-screened shirts that are currently being sold in several stores locally.

One special thing that Caren wants to share with our child is her lust for adventure. Caren loves to travel. She has traveled throughout Europe, the western coast of Canada and many states in the U.S.A. What Caren likes to do is pick a destination, fly there, get in a car and explore. We never plan our route beforehand we just follow the road - and a trusty guidebook! On our adventures we've met many lovely people and had wonderful experiences. Traveling and exploring new cultures is one of her biggest pleasures and she can't wait to share that with her child and family.

She is very close to her three sisters. Although they don't live in the same city they make a point of seeing each other several times a year and fully share in each others lives through weekly phone conversations. She especially looks forward to her visits with her nieces and nephews. The kids enjoy time with Caren because she takes them out to explore new places. She loves them dearly and takes a big interest in their lives.

Some of the other things Caren enjoys doing with her free time are yoga, reading the newspaper, trail running with her dog, movies, dinner with friends, and gardening.



Caren's family together for Thanksgiving



Caren with her mother and dog Sadie during her mother's visit



Caren with her niece Cameron

Caren and our Godson Benjamin



Caren at her sister's wedding shower



Caren's with her nephew Kia



Caren with her mother in the back yard



with friends in New York



Francine and Caren at her brother-in-law's house in Spain.



Caren with her nieces and nephews

## OUR FAMILY, HOUSE AND NEIGHBORHOOD

We live on a pretty tree lined street surrounded by vast parkland that we visit as much as we can each week. We live with our adorable dog Sadie and our frisky kitten Sebastian who bring a lot of life to our family. Sadie is very sweet and gentle with children. Our home is a very sweet one hundred and twenty year old trinity.

Our neighborhood is quite special. It is well known in our city for being racially and economically diverse. We have neighbors who are Black, Indian, Asian, Middle Eastern, Caucasian and more. Some are musicians, teachers, social workers, journalists, lawyers, doctors and science types. But mostly our neighbors are rich in friendliness toward one another. For example, when we sit on our front stoop on a summer evening, within half an hour we will have six different neighbors hanging around, chatting and laughing.



Sadie



Sebastian

Halloween is an especially amazing time in our neighborhood - parents from other neighborhoods bring their kids to our section because of its great energy and fun.

There are many young children here for our child to play with; on our block alone there are 14 kids between ages three months and seven years and one more on the way.

Education is a value to both of us. Providing our child with a thoughtful and quality education is very important.

We hope we have given you a good idea of who we are as well as our hopes for our family. Any child in our home will be dearly loved. We will work to create a nurturing and supportive environment, where he/she can fully develop his/her abilities and pursue whatever interests he/she may have.

In closing, we want to thank you for your time and consideration. We wish you the best with any decision you make. We have tremendous respect for what you are going through.