Shawna

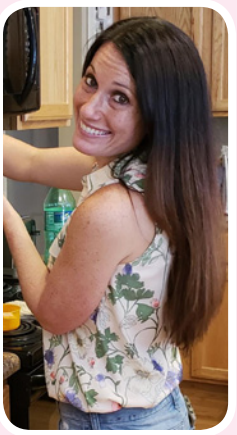
about me

Hi! My name is Shawna. I am 35 years old and I am a single mother to a four year old daughter. I am a radiologist in a pulmonary office. I have had this position for 6 years. Prior to this job, I worked in a level three trauma center. I really enjoy my job, but I especially appreciate the people I work for and with. I find comfort in the fact that I can look to my coworkers as a secondary support system.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my neighbors. Our neighborhood is very close-knit and I love that my daughter has many playmates close by.

Another activity I enjoy is going out to dinner with longtime friends to catch up on each others' busy lives. I am also a fan staying in, ordering take-out and watching movies, depending on the mood and the weather. :) I tend to hibernate in the winter.

Fun facts + favorites



Favorite food Pretty sure I could live on cheese-all different kinds :) As far as a meal, tacos are a favorite go-to.

Favorite movies I like most genres, just depends on my mood. Romantic, comedies, action, thriller, drama, and scary too (but only if I'm not alone :) Even animated ones, that thanks to my daughter, I've seen one million times, I'll catch myself watching when her attention span is clearly no longer.

I love the change of the seasons. The summer to just be outside enjoying the sunshine. The change of leaves in the fall along with the coziness of bonfires and pumpkin scents might make it my favorite time of year. I'm not a huge of fan the cold in winter, but snowfall is always so pretty, especially around Christmas with all the holiday decor. There's something about looking out the window and seeing all the tree branches lined with snow that brings such a sense of calm. Spring, I always look forward to for, not only the flowers in bloom, but all the little, fuzzy baby ducks we go see at the park. So, so cute!

Favorite holiday - All of them! Not only do I enjoy the change of seasons, but also am a huge holiday girl. Just as my lotions and candles change for the seasons, so does my decor :) From Valentines to Christmas, we decorate! :)

Favorite Hobby With somewhat of a guilty conscience, I'll admit to a favorite past time of mine being shopping. Whether online or going to the store, Its not likely for me to miss out on a sale or clearance items. Who doesn't love a good deal?! ;)

I'm not really considered an "outdoorsy girl" - i.e.: camping, fishing, hunting. Typical girl when it comes to getting dirty/muddy, bugs, snakes and/or rodents - Just simply not for me, lol!

I'm a huge animal lover! I've had pets all my life, and though impossible, I wish I could take all abused and strays in. I wouldn't dare go to the humane society, lol. But honestly, there's never been a time that a puppy or a kitten, or baby anything really, doesn't bring a smile to my face. Therapeutic for sure :)

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From Shawna's Mother:

How does one define a mother-daughter relationship of 36 years in one or two paragraphs? I would love to share with you memories of Shawna as a baby, a child, teenager and young adult. She has given me endless reasons to be a proud mom. I've admired her academic & athletic abilities, her ambition & drive to succeed and also her great work ethic. She has exceeded my expectations in motherhood. From the moment her daughter Layne was born, there has been a special bond that is evident every single day. I can honestly say Shawna and I also have shared that special bond since her birth. Shawna has always given me the respect a mother deserves. We laugh together, cry together and do life together. God has blessed me with three healthy, terrific (adult) children and one precious grand daughter. My prayer is for God to bless Shawna with another precious child to love and cherish. - Paula

From Jeffrey Miller, M.D. FCCP:

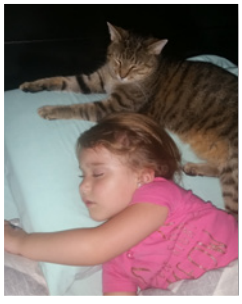
I have known Shawna for the past 6 years. She is a dedicated person to everyone whose life she touches. She works beautifully with her colleagues here at our office and I have seen her compassion towards our patients as well as her coworkers.

Shawna has had extreme challenges in her life. Throughout these challenges she always kept an outstanding attitude, making sure her daughter was taken care of both physically and emotionally. Shawna has been a wonderful, caring parent to her daughter and wants to share her love with another child, to be a sibling to her daughter. I have 100% confidence that Shawna would be an exemplary mother as she has already demonstrated through the most trying of circumstances.

In my 36 years as a physician I have met thousands of people, and I do pride myself in knowing the underlying beauty and character in people. I believe Shawna exemplifies the perfect parent, putting her child above her own needs.

my home . . . . . .

I looked for months before coming across what felt like home. When I visited my current residence for an open house, I immediately knew it was the right place for my daughter and I. The same day, I put in an offer and before I knew it, my dream had become reality. It wasn't long until the feeling I had was confirmed on what a perfect neighborhood I was living in. A wonderful school district, full of children and young families, all active and playing outside when weather permitted. Soon after, I realized, God had put me here for a reason. I had an amazing outpouring of love from several neighbors during tragic events, who at the time, were seemingly strangers. My relationship has grown with them over time, making it seem like an extended family. Not only did I find home, but an unexpected, yet amazing, additional support system.



my family

A Thanksgiving gathering with the family.

My family is very small but also very close. I feel fortunate to be able to say they all live in close proximity to me. I have one brother and one sister, both younger than I. My parents are no longer married, but have remained friends over the years. We definitely look forward to the warmer months, since family cookouts are a favorite pastime. We also share a mutual love for our home sports teams, so game days are always fun. My family members are my biggest advocates and my strongest support system in this adoption process and just, overall, with life in general.

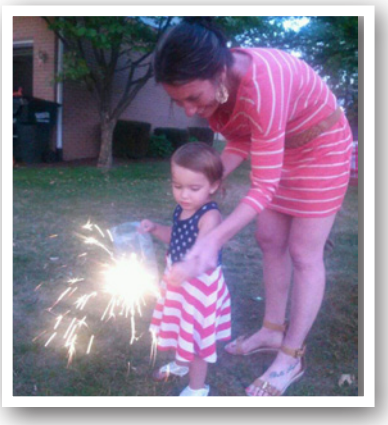
My favorite thing that we have in common is my daughter. She is the first, and as of now, the only grandchild in the family. She is the light of all of their lives, and of course mine, especially. She is by far the greatest thing that has ever happened to me and thus far, my greatest accomplishment.

A Christmas gathering at my Aunt's home.

Posing with my daughter & cousin during Thanksgiving day festivities!

Wedding reception for one of my very best friends.

Great trip to Disney World! We had to meet the Mickey Mouse & even got his autograph!



4th of July celebration!

My daughter at the pool with her Uncle and Aunt encouraging her to overcome fears and JUMP!

Dear Birthmother,

I understand this may be a difficult time for you, as it hasn't been the easiest for myself either. I know the feeling of loss and grief all too well, but I hope you can find comfort in knowing the open arms in which this child will be welcomed. The love I still have to give to another child is immeasurable and I just know my daughter would be the very best big sister. Rest assured your child will absolutely know all about their mother and how the decisions that were made were out of love and wanting the best for them. My whole heart tells me that I've undoubtedly been led to this process for a reason. I hope you will consider helping extend my family and contributing to one of many of my 2nd daughters' purposes for her existence: leading her Mommy to adopt. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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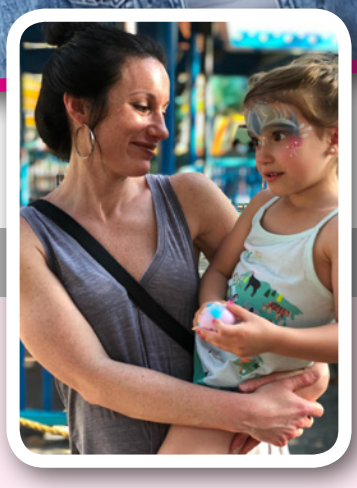

Why Adoption?

I always wanted multiple children. Even as a child, when I thought of the future, I never envisioned only having one. Granted, my daughter is my world, but the desire to grow my family still remains. After the loss of my second daughter, ultimately resulting in the inability to ever conceive again, I was drawn to adoption. While my second daughter only lived a short 3 days, her existence made a lifetime impact, including steering me in the direction of adoption. We have too much love to give, I as a mother, and my daughter as a big sister.