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Megan



**Hi! Thank you so much for taking time
to learn a little bit more about me!**



**I AM A SINGLE WOMAN WHO LIVES AND
WORKS IN THE AMAZING CITY OF CHICAGO!**



**I am a pediatric nurse
practitioner and have
worked with kids my
whole nursing career.**

I have always known that I have wanted to be a Mom. I am so grateful to have three separate friends and coworkers who have also adopted children in recent years. They have shown me how brave your decision would be, and I would be eternally grateful for it.





I know that being a single mom will have its challenges. But I am so grateful that my family and friends are so supportive, and that they are ready to walk this journey with me!

I UNDERSTAND THAT

Adoption

WOULD BE A LIFELONG JOURNEY WITH YOU,

and I would love to walk that path with you as well as part of an open adoption.

HIKING IN COLORADO



My biggest hopes for a child would be for them to grow up knowing they are loved so much.

I will do everything I can to make sure they are able to pursue their dreams and live life to the fullest!



GETTING TO Know Me



I started out my working career as a nurse in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. But for the last 17 years, I have worked as a nurse and now nurse practitioner who cares for children who are born with heart disease.

I absolutely love working with kids because of their bravery and resiliency that they show every single day.



MY FRIENDS AND I AT A BEYONCÉ CONCERT



SEEING A MUSICAL IN CHICAGO WITH MY MOM AND AUNT



BIKING ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN

My career as a nurse practitioner is important to me

BUT I ALSO LOVE LIVING IN CHICAGO AND ENJOYING ALL THAT MY CITY HAS TO OFFER.

fun! But what I love the most about living in a city is that there is always a new festival, concert, restaurant, or street fair to explore. I know it can get cold in Chicago, but we would bundle up and still have fun in the snow.

My friends and I love going to the theater, and we have season tickets to Broadway in Chicago. My mom and I always see a couple plays every summer at an outdoor theater in Wisconsin. My dad has been a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and we try to go to at least a game or two per season - win or loose, we have



I love running, biking, skiing, hiking, and gardening.



SKIING IN LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA



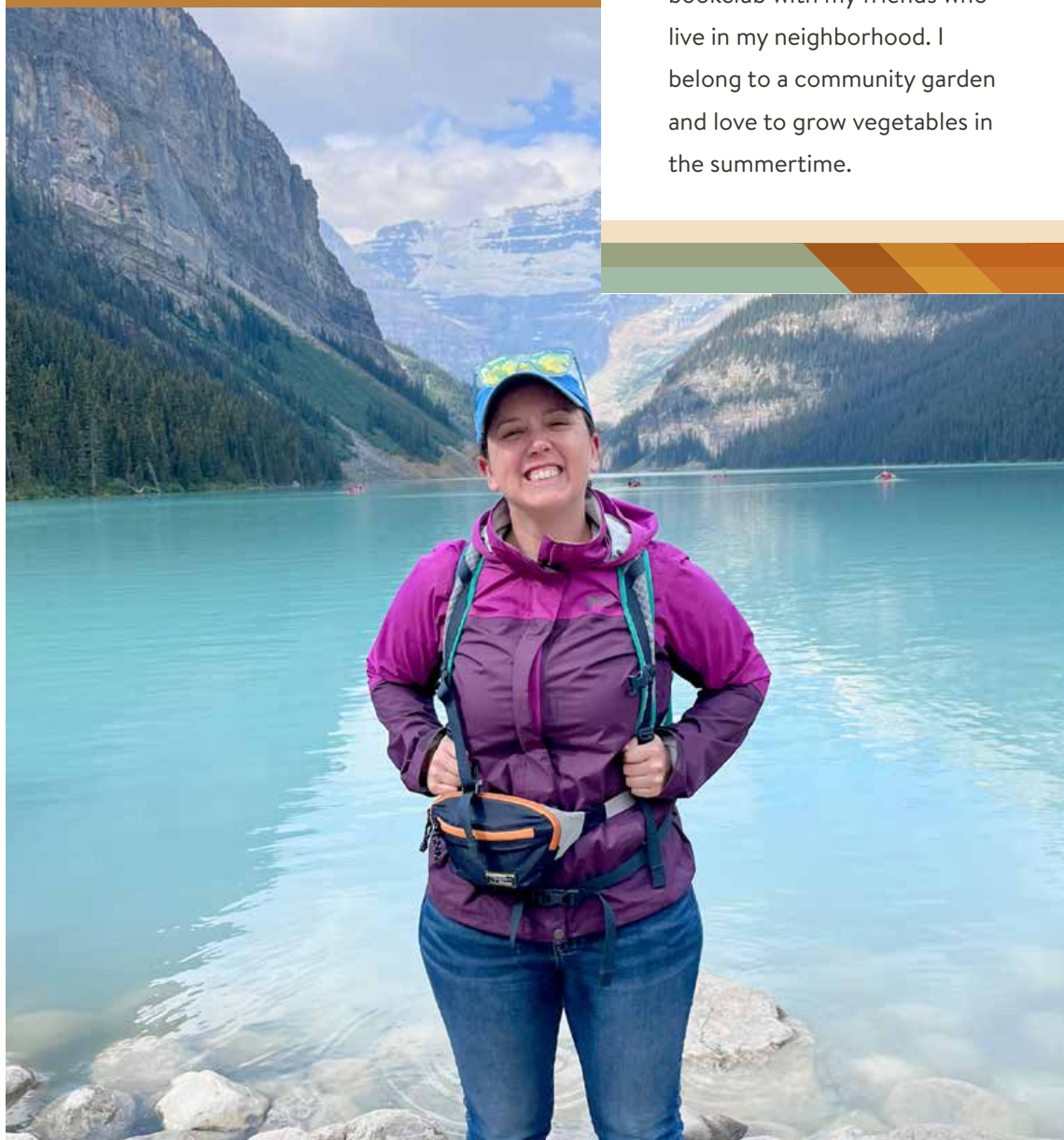
RUNNING THE BOSTON MARATHON

Really, I just love being outside! I have run 5 marathons in my life - most recently I ran the Chicago Marathon in 2019! During the summer months, I bike along Lake Michigan to commute to work - it is quicker than driving to work! But I also love to read and belong to a bookclub with my friends who live in my neighborhood. I belong to a community garden and love to grow vegetables in the summertime.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE TO
Travel

I grew up in a family who was always going on road trips to explore new places (in our pop up camper!) My parents and extended family all live in the Midwest but my brothers and their wives and families live on each Coast. We all either travel to see one another (or travel together!) to new and fun places. My whole extended family most recently went to Canadian Rocky Mountains (Banff) last summer. We are going to the Wisconsin Dells this fall, (the world's largest indoor waterparks) and my nieces and nephews can't wait for the waterslides!

HIKING IN BANFF, CANADA





VISITING TOKYO DISNEY WITH MY BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY

Fun Facts

ABOUT ME

● **HALLOWEEN IS SO FUN; I LOVE TO GET DRESSED UP AND BE SILLY.** My friends and coworkers love to plan our outfits for Halloween at work at the Children’s Hospital.

● **MY SISTER IN LAW IS FRENCH** and we have been to visit her family a few times in the French Alps. She and my brother speak French to one another.

● **I LOVE THE HARRY POTTER BOOKS.** I even went with friends to a bookstore at midnight in New York City when the 7th book was released.



I LOVE COLLECTING NATIONAL PARK STAMPS



DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN AT THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

TRAVELING IN JAPAN



● **I LOVE OUR COUNTRY’S NATIONAL PARKS.** I have a National Park Passport book which I get stamps for all the parks that I visit.

● **MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE WERE STATIONED IN OKINAWA, JAPAN.** I visited them twice while they lived in Japan, during which we visited Tokyo Disney World with my nieces and nephew.

● **I STUDIED ABROAD IN COLLEGE** in London for a whole semester.

● **I LOVE ALL TYPES OF MUSIC** and usually have something playing on a speaker in my condo. I love to sing and dance while I cook dinner.

More About My Career



I am so blessed that my Aunt Nancy is also a Nurse Practitioner (now retired). She, along with my older brother, who is a doctor, helped me to find my nursing career. Nursing school and Nurse Practitioner school were incredibly challenging. But the pursuit of my career taught me the value in hard work and perseverance.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS!

Although caring for kids and their families while they are in the hospital can be challenging, it is one of the most rewarding things in my life. I often get the question, “How can you care for kids when they are sick?” but kids are so incredibly resilient. I consider it an honor to build relationships with kids and their families at usually one of the most vulnerable points in their lives.



MY

Home



I live on the north side of Chicago in a 2 bedroom condo.

I am so lucky in that I have a strong network of extended family and friends with kids, many of whom live within a mile of my condo. My good friends live 2 blocks away, and we often have each other over for dinner. I live in a loft type condo with high ceilings which I love most at Christmas time. (I try to find the tallest Christmas tree on the lot every year). My front door opens up to my building's courtyard where I have a patio and a small garden.



MY NIECE VISITING ME IN CHICAGO



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THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES WITH KIDS

who live in my building, including my next door neighbors!

There is a little pocket park across the street where all the neighborhood kids play after school, before dinnertime. My condo is a block away from the elevated train (subway). I just hop on the train and can go anywhere in the city.

WITH MY NIECE ON HER FIRST COMMUNION



MY THOUGHTS ON

Parenting

- I hope to be a parent who instills the values of **TREATING OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT.**
- **I ALSO BELIEVE LIFE SHOULD BE FUN** and making sure it's about doing things that spark joy.
- My hope for any child is to live a life that brings **HAPPINESS, FULFILLMENT, AND JOY.**

VACATIONING WITH MY NIECE AND GODDAUGHTER



WITH MY NEPHEW ON HIS FIRST BIRTHDAY





IN PRAGUE WITH MY FAMILY



ABOUT MY



Family

AND FRIENDS

I am so lucky to be very close with my family.

Although we live far apart, we videochat once a week. And we love to take trips together that involve the outdoors - my nieces and nephews love to hike too. And when we are all together, we love to play boardgames and put together puzzles, especially at Christmas time.



GOING TO SEE A MUSICAL WITH MY MOM



ANNUAL CANADIAN FISHING TRIP WITH MY DAD

I LOVE MY PARENTS (GRANDMA JOAN AND GRAMPS) SO MUCH

and have close relationship with them.
We talk or text almost every day.

My dad is a big fisherman. He, his best friend, the adult kids, (and now my oldest niece!) go on a big fishing trip to Canada every year. Two years ago, I caught a 45 inch fish, my biggest fish to date!

My mom loves to sew and quilt. She has taught me to quilt over the years. I'm definitely not as talented, but I am pretty good! My mom and I love to go see musicals, plays, and ballets, either in Chicago, Madison, or even New York!

WITH MY PARENTS AND OLDER BROTHER'S FAMILY



HIKING WITH MY NIECES AND NEPHEW



VACATIONING IN COLORADO WITH MY BROTHERS

My oldest brother and his wife are doctors for the Navy and currently live in Northern Virginia with their 4 kids. They own a small farm where they raise chickens and goats. I love my nieces and nephews so much - they call me Auntie Megan. They can't wait to have a cousin!

MY WHOLE FAMILY TOGETHER ON A TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA



My middle brother and his wife live in Northern California and teach at small colleges. They have a beautiful fruit and vegetable garden in their backyard including a cherry tree. On my most recent visit, I helped them pick gallons of fresh cherries.

I have a group of friends from college, including two of my college roommates with whom I'm still very close. We still get together at least once a year. Their kids call me Auntie Megan too!



Finally, I'm so thankful to have a wonderful group of friends at work as well, many of whom have kids. I work with a group of doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses who love to pass on kids clothes, toys which their kids have grown out of. But more importantly, they are such an important network of people who are my mentors and support system in the journey to becoming a mom.

VISITING NEW YORK CITY WITH MY BEST FRIENDS



MY BIGGEST HOPE AND



WISH IN LIFE IS
TO BECOME A

Mom

I PROMISE TO PROVIDE A LIFE
AND A HOME THAT IS NOT ONLY
SAFE BUT HAPPY AND JOYFUL.
BUT I ALSO PROMISE TO INSTILL
THE VALUES OF HONESTY,
INTEGRITY, AND HARD WORK.



I would love to maintain an
open relationship with you if
that aligns with your wishes.

Thank you for considering this incredibly courageous
decision and for taking the time to get to know me
a little better. I will work hard to honor you through our
journey together.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND STARTING OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER!