

# Amanda

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A woman with brown hair, wearing a maroon zip-up jacket over a black and white striped shirt, blue jeans, and white sneakers, is sitting cross-legged in a field of tall grass. In the background, there is a brown house and some trees. The image is framed by a dark green border on the right and bottom, and a light brown vertical bar on the far right.

# Hello!

I am *so grateful* that  
you are reading  
my adoptive  
parent profile.



You are facing an important and life-changing decision and I admire your bravery. I hope you will keep reading and learn more about who I am, the loving family that supports me, and the life I envision for myself and a future child.

As a prospective single parent, I am fortunate to be surrounded by a supportive community of family, friends, and neighbors. I welcome an open adoption and, to the extent it is the best for everyone involved, want to include you in that community.

#### GRABBING A FEW THINGS AT THE STORE



MY SISTER, NIECE AND I AT THE MINNESOTA GOPHERS GAME



CHEERING ON THE MINNESOTA LYNX

I hope to meet you soon and learn more about you.

*- Amanda*

# About Me

*I was born and raised*  
in a small town in  
outstate Minnesota.

I have one younger sister who was and continues to be my best friend. My parents are high school sweethearts that provided a loving and supportive home that allowed me to thrive. They encourage me to explore the world and find my passions while teaching me how to always work towards being the best version of myself.

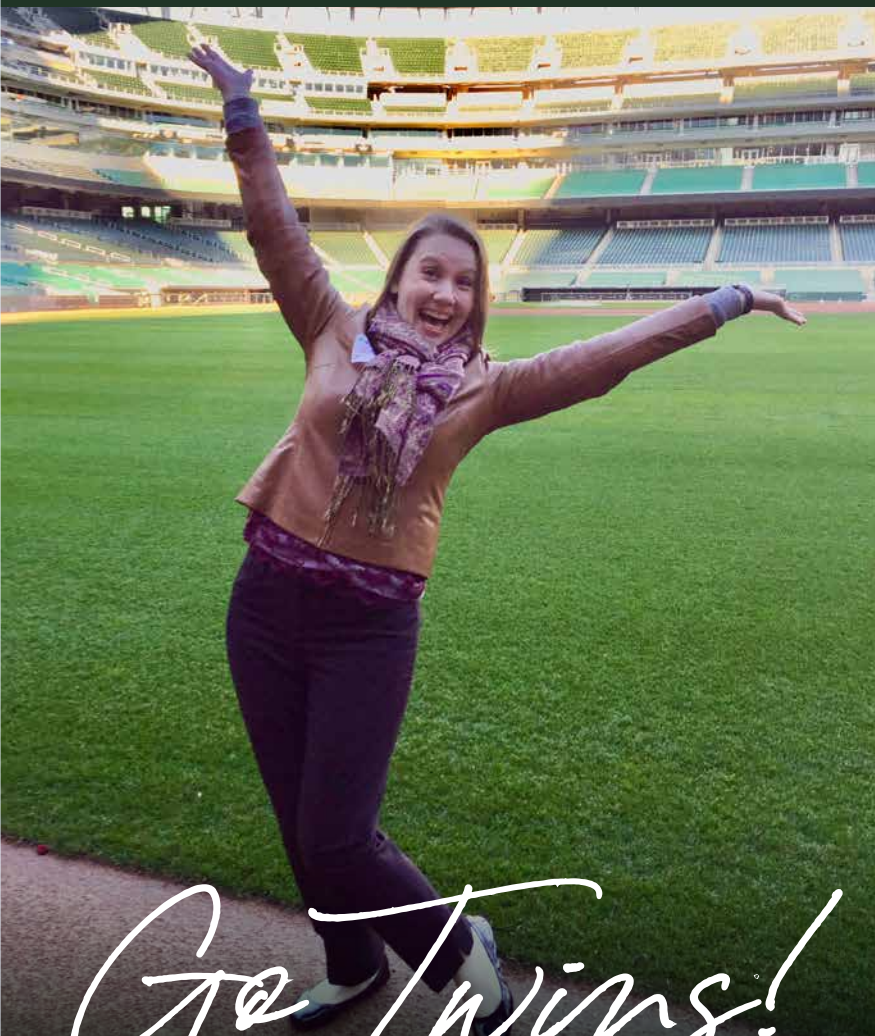
## GRADUATION DAY FOR MY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN BANKING



## MY PARENTS AND ME IN THE SWISS ALPS

I attended college with plans to follow in my dad's footsteps of being a banker. Those plans changed when a summer internship in Washington, D.C. left me with the desire to attend law school. After graduating law school, I combined my interests by pursuing a career in consumer finance law. Today I work as an attorney in the legal department of a bank. I've been with the bank for twelve years and have no plans of leaving as I continue to grow my career.

ON THE FIELD WHERE THE MINNESOTA  
TWINS PLAY BASEBALL



*Go Twins!*

AN AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK  
WITH MY NEPHEW



Outside of work, I'm a big Minnesota sports fan and love going to games. I adore traveling and am usually planning my next trip. My friends and I are always up for trying the newest restaurants. I also enjoy quiet nights at home spent playing the piano, crocheting, and reading the latest pick from my book club.



HIKING IN UTAH WITH MY FRIENDS



VIEW OF THE MATTERHORN FROM  
ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND

MY NIECE SHARES MY LOVE OF READING



## Fun Facts and Favorites

**01 Not So Secret Talent:** I'm a classically trained pianist. I started lessons at age 6 and studied through college.

**02 Favorite Way to Unwind:** I get outside and walk around the lake while listening to an audiobook.

**03 A Cause I'm Passionate About:** I do volunteer legal work for voter's rights.

**04 Favorite Nerdy Hobby:** I love to crochet and make gifts for my friends and family.

**05 How I Explore the World:** I am a lifelong learner. When I travel, I enjoy exploring museums, visiting historical landmarks, eating the local cuisine, and attending performances or events.

ENJOYING MY MORNING COFFEE



PLAYING PIANO AT MY HOME





Welcome  
to my  
Home

WINTER AT MY NEIGHBORHOOD LAKE



I LOVE MY LOCAL LIBRARY



MY HOME IN THE SUMMER

I own a home in a charming neighborhood in *Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

I moved here eleven years ago, drawn to the family-friendly area with plans to raise children here. The elementary school, one of the top public schools in the county, is two blocks from my home. And in three blocks the other direction is one of Minnesota's 10,000 beautiful lakes, complete with swimming beaches, playgrounds, and bike paths. In the summer, the lake bandshell hosts concerts, outdoor movies, and summer festivals. When the weather becomes cold, it becomes a winter wonderland as the place for ice skating, sledding hills, and winter festivals. **We make full use of all our seasons in Minnesota.** There is also a small neighborhood "downtown" area with wonderful restaurants, the local library branch, and, my personal favorite, the ice cream shop.



# My Support System

*I share my neighborhood with my sister, brother-in-law, nephew, and niece.*

We live just a few blocks apart and I love being so close to them. We get together quite often, whether it be grilling dinner on the deck, playing at the park, or meeting up at the neighborhood farmers market. My parents are just a short car ride away. They will play important roles in raising a child as well. **I also have many friends who are rooting for my success in my adoption plan and have already offered their support.**

## AT THE MINNESOTA GOPHERS GAME



## MY SISTER CAUGHT A BALL!



I understand if you are concerned that I will be a single parent. I have the support needed to help a child thrive. My job is stable, encourages employees to prioritize family, and allows me to work from home several days a week.

Near my home is a range of child care, after-school programs, music programs, and athletic leagues. Living a few blocks from school will make it easy to participate in school activities.



AT A MINNESOTA TWINS GAME WITH MY FAMILY



CHEERING ON OUR FAVORITE LITTLE LEAGUERS



MY PARENTS AND ME AT A SWISS CASTLE

# My Family

My younger sister, Alison, is married to her college sweetheart Wade and they have two children, Leo (9) and Zella (7). Alison is smart, quick-witted, fiercely loyal, and my biggest cheerleader. Wade is unbelievably kind, thoughtful, funny, and the brother I always wanted. Leo is empathetic, outgoing, and always making sure that every kid on the playground has a friend. Zella is fiery, clever, sweet, and has a confidence I hope that she never loses. **They can't wait to add a cousin to the family.**

My dad, Dave, and mom, Ann, just celebrated 50 years of marriage and continue to be each other's best friend. My dad is a retired banker and my mom is a retired elementary teacher. They are loving parents that encouraged and supported me while leading by example of pursuing their dreams while not losing sight of what matters most: family. **They love being grandparents and want nothing more than to heap loads of love on more grandchildren.**



MY NEPHEW PROUDLY SHOWING OFF HIS CATCH

## TEACHING THE KIDS HOW TO SHUCK CORN



We also love to travel together. The whole family recently took a trip to Disneyworld (a first for Leo and Zella). My parents and I just got back from Switzerland.

My parents live on a lake in my hometown, *so the family spends most of our summers on the water.*

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKEOFF





# Thank You

*for taking the time  
to read my profile.*

This is a glimpse of my life, and I welcome any opportunity to get to know you and your hopes for your child. **I would love to be a mother and build a family.**

I cannot imagine all your feelings, but I want you to know how much I support you and the plans you make for this child. **If chosen, I promise you that your child will learn about your loving choice for adoption and how that decision made our lives together possible.** And regardless of whatever you choose for openness in adoption, there will always be a place for you in this family.

Sending you *all my support and best wishes* for everything to come.