Dear Potential Adoptive Parents,

As it is with life, there's always a journey, and you are embarking on what may be the most anxious journey of your lives. I understand the journey. I also know how important it is to be guided by a good team of people, so that the inevitable risk can be minimized. After undergoing numerous infertility treatments, never once considering adoption, here I am, the adoptive mom of a beautiful daughter. Why not adoption for me? I didn't want my life on display for the whole world to read or see. I didn't want to be told to run ads with an 800 number in 25 states in hopes that some woman would pledge me her unborn child (or be invited to appear on 20/20 with 15 other couples who had been pledged the same child.) I did not want to be duped by someone wearing a plastic tummy insert assuring us that she wanted us as the parents for her "child." And I did not want to hear advice from friends and family, none of whom had adopted a child, nor hear enthusiastic offers from those wanting to have a child for me. I just wanted MY child. . .no hoopla, no public outcry, no sob story. . . just my child.

When it became apparent that adoption was my only option, I was told to count on a two-year wait for a domestic adoption, and to write a "Dear Birth Mother" letter. I geared up for the wait, and wrote a 30-page letter, only to be told what I really needed was a profile. More photos. Fewer words. This began the next part of my journey: marketing my own life. I created books, all bound, graphically constructed and complete with tissue paper and ribbons and submitted them.

That done, I started planning all the things I still wanted to do before I became a mother. But two weeks later, the phone call came. "You're going to be a mommy!" Hello? Hello? As I looked around, searching for the cast of Candid Camera, I realized that this was really happening. My adoption journey took six months, and although no one prepared me nor told me that this was my labor and delivery, it was. I have left out a lot of bumps, bruises, gray hair and soul searching, but in the end, a stranger gave me the greatest gift. MY child. Although years have passed and we've had no contact, I will forever and always be grateful to her.

Shortly after my daughter's birth, I was asked to write profiles for people looking to adopt. Since then, my involvement in helping other people find their children has grown and Full Circle began. The consultancy includes attorneys, education professionals, social workers, and medical professionals, among others. Our goal is to help other future parents create their families and bring home their child. Although there are no guarantees, and each journey is unique, if we can shorten the distance, make the road a little less bumpy, hold hands firmly, and protect the assets of those we help, then a once-imagined dream for you can turn into a reality from the beginning of the journey to the end, full circle.

Thank you for visiting our site. Please read more about us. We have helped over 40 couples find their child, and would love to help you find yours.

Michelle Shea's mom

## **About Us**

Full Circle Adoption Consultants, Inc. provides education, information and guidance to pre-adoptive parents throughout the adoption process. We are not an adoption agency, nor do we represent birth mothers. We do work closely with attorneys and agencies in several states, although we are not affiliated with them, nor do we have a financial interest in referring you to any particular specialist. We do not match a specific child to specific parents for adoption.

We do begin your journey with you, helping you develop your profile, and we stay with you to provide legal services and legal advice with respect to state residency and adoption laws, when consent forms can be signed, when a consent becomes irrevocable, the validity of any revocation claim based on fraud or duress, the rights of the birth father, readoption, and any state or federal statutes.

We treat your privacy seriously. We do not sell any information to third parties. Only with your permission and express consent will we reveal relevant information to adoption agencies and adoption attorneys in connection with the services Full Circle provides to you. We utilize a website to provide clients and prospective clients with information about our services. While we provide links, the organizations or individuals listed are not affiliated with Full Circle.

Most important, we are a team working for you. We listen first. We want to know what the most important factor in a possible adoption is for you and we listen to anything you share with us about you and the child you would like to adopt so that we can find the best sources for you.

Click here for a confidential questionnaire that is the first step in your journey to adoption with Full Circle.

Click here to read the required agreement for consulting services.