

PHOTO ALBUMS FOR DOMESTIC ADOPTIONS

When your home study is completed you will need to prepare a 12-page photo album that represents who you are, what you look like and what you do. We suggest your picture album be no more than 12 pages and you should not include your last name.

Birth parents appreciate a nice selection of pictures. Begin with a good photo of you as a couple. Each birth family is looking for something different. One might choose you because your book shows that you have what they envision for their child. Another might find you have similar hobbies and interests to them. Another might see you value the same things and you were raised the way they were raised. Your book needs to clearly show what you look like, and who you are.

Be honest about who you are and what's important to you. You may choose pictures showing favourite activities or hobbies, playing a musical instrument, at your job site, vacation photos, your home and yard, pictures of pets, special occasions such as Christmas, baking cookies... Pictures with family, friends, whoever is important to you and a part of your life. Share pictures of anything that you might do that would probably be of interest to prospective birth parents.

These pictures should be briefly labelled so that birth parents have an idea of who they are seeing and what is happening. When you are presented to birth parents or a birth mom, they/she is given a brief one page written profile and your picture album.

We do our best to keep track of your books but occasionally we may not be able to get one back. Please do not give us photos you cannot replace. Take colour photocopies or scan photos of photos you would be upset to lose. Please prepare 3 copies of the same book so that our staff around the province has access to a book.

We would like to have digital copies of the books available for workers to show prospective birth parents on their laptops or tablets. (These would not be available to anyone on the internet, but only to our workers to show while meeting with a family.)

HOW TO USE DROPBOX TO SHARE YOUR ADOPTION PROFILE

1. Create an account at www.dropbox.com if you don't already have one (this is very simple, only requires an email and password)
2. Click on FILES (on left side option bar)
3. Click on NEW FOLDER and label appropriately (AdoptionProfileLastName)
4. Click on UPLOAD to add your pages (pictures/pages must be saved as JPEG, you can add all individually or as a file)
5. Click SHARE and enter the email address: kimberley.gee@christianadoption.ab.ca