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MEET THE SKEENS FAMILY

My name is Rebecca Skeens, I am the proud mother of Cara Grace, a beautiful 12-year-old who I adopted from China with she was ten months old. Cara is in the 6th grade. She is an avid reader, conscientious student, and lover of art, fairy tales, and animals, especially Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. I am extremely grateful that God has put Cara and me together, we love to cook, craft, camp, swim, and entertain guests whenever we have the opportunity. We both are music lovers, I play several instruments, ukulele being my favorite, and sing in my church choir. I recently earned my Master's degree in Education with a dual focus in Elementary Reading and Mathematics from Walden University. I am currently a 4th-grade teacher at Greenbrier Christian Academy, where I have the privilege to teach 23 young scholars, whom I love dearly!



Seven years ago Cara and I found ourselves in alone in Indonesia, after being abandoned by my now ex-husband, who had been teaching at an International Christian school, three days before we were scheduled to return to the United States. With no money, no job, and no home Cara and I were completely dependent on my parents, Bob and Ann Burton. I am grateful to my parents who sheltered, provided, and just loved us until I was able to find part-time employment and return to school full-time. During this time, I longed for a place that Cara and I could put down roots, find stability, and start rebuilding our lives, but I knew it would not be easy.

I have spent the majority of my life living in the South Norfolk area of Chesapeake, my parents still own a home in the area, and whenever I dreamed of owning my house I knew I wanted it to be in South Norfolk. While going to work one morning, I noticed a house with a "Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads" sign on the lawn, after encouragement from a dad I looked into the program and completed an application. Cara and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of strangers and are grateful for the opportunity to be part of Habitat SHR. This is truly a dream come true!

