

My name is Jovana Jones and I am married to Senior Master Sergeant Robert B Jones. We have three biological children and we are adopting a deaf child from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Early on we decided to adopt an older child with a hearing impairment. In April 2013 we found our daughter on Rainbow Kids, a special needs website. Since then we have prepared our hearts and homes for this very special princess.

I am intermediate in American Sign Language and I continue to take classes and volunteer at Gallaudet to improve my skills. As a family we communicate in sign language, use captions, and even sign our grace each time before we eat. We also enjoy watching a children's show that has all deaf actors weekly.

I recently stopped my full time home child care job of 13 years to offer sign language programs part time. I am passionate about others learning how to communicate in sign so that our daughter can see others excited to learn her first language.

We understand that adopting an older child with a special need will bring challenges but we are ready and have a support system with our family, church, and deaf community.

Our biological children are home schooled and our adopted child would be home schooled too. This will allow her to be educated at her own pace; we also have a deaf tutor that will work with all of us to make sure she is progressing.