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TO: SERGEI - 1-732-905-2724
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FROM: Hannah Druger (fax: 609-321-0809)

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January 26, 1998

Matthew A. Mancuso
158 Shearer Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Families Through International Adoption
312 S. Lincoln Avenue
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Attention: Hanna

Subject: References

Dear Hanna,

Enclosed are some other reference letters that you asked for, along with another statement from me concerning my reasons for adoption. I hope that this is what you were looking for.

Please call me if you need anything else.

Thank you,



Matthew A. Mancuso

WHY MATT WOULD MAKE A GOOD PARENT:
~~TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN~~

MY NAME IS ANN PENNACCHIO / MANCUSO
 MOTHER OF MATTHEW ALAN MANCUSO
 MY RESUME IS ENCLOSED.

BIRTH ORIGIN:

MOTHER - MARY SANTUCCI - BORN IN USA
 FATHER - ANGELO PENNACCHIO - BORN IN AQUILA, ITALY
 (CAME TO AMERICA 1917 WORKED ALL OF HIS LIFE
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 AN AUTO MOBILE, MY FATHER WON A BLUE RIBBON
 FOR AN IRON SCULPTURE OF "DON QUIXOTE" WHEN
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 & VERY CREATIVE PARENTS.

AS PART OF MY SKILLS & EXPERIENCES - RAISING 4
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 CHANGES (DUE TO MOVING 8 TIMES) & ADJUSTMENTS (DUE
 TO NEW ENVIRONMENTS) AT A VERY EARLY AGE. THE
 FAMILY ALWAYS STAYED TOGETHER.

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 FOR HIS AGE AS FAR BACK AS THE 4TH GRADE.

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MATT WAS & STILL IS A HIGH ACHIEVER. TEACHERS
SINGLED HIM OUT AS "EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A
FRIEND LIKE MATT" HE BECAME A CUB SCOUT, HIS
FATHER JOINED AS SCOUT LEADER. TALENTED IN MUSIC & ART,
MATT WON A BLUE RIBBON FOR A PAINTING; TAUGHT HIMSELF
HOW TO PLAY THE DRUMS, PLAYED THE ACCORDION, HELPED

Don't

FORM A BAND. ALSO HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, LEARNED
 HOW TO COOK & BAKE @ 12 YRS OF AGE. AT ONE
 POINT WE LIVED ON A FARM & MATT WAS THE
 BEST ONE OF ALL @ MILKING OUR COW.
 HE IS A MULTITALENTED NURTURING INDIVIDUAL @
 A BROAD SENSE OF HUMOR WHICH COMES NATURALLY
 TO HIM MAKING HIM FUN & EASY TO BE WITH.
 HE IS A GOOD LISTENER & WILL GIVE HELP WHERE
 NEEDED.
 AMONG HIS CREDITS, MATT HAS TRAVELLED THE WORLD
 OVER, HAS HAD HIGHER EDUCATION & ACHIEVED
 ULTIMATE SUCCESS @ HIS JOB WHICH BY THE WAY
 HE STARTED @ AGE 16 & RARELY MISSING A DAY.
 MATT IS VERY EAGER & THOROUGH ABOUT ANY NEW
 UNDERTAKING. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO BE A QUITTER.
 FROM HIS MOM'S POINT OF VIEW OR ANY OUTSIDER
 (I MIGHT ADD) - MATT IS TO BE ADMIRER AS A
 PERSON WHO BECAUSE OF HIS NATURAL TALENTS &
 HOW HE APPLIED THEM WILL ALWAYS GET MORE
 OUT OF LIFE THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON.
 AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'M PROUD OF HIM &
 LOVE HIM DEARLY.

Sincerely,
 Ann Marcus

Ann Mancuso
 1075 Third Street
 North Versailles, PA 15137
 412-824-7991

Work Experience/Qualifications

Country Lane Pet Hotel, North Versailles, PA 1988 to Present
 Owner and Operator -- reopened the Country Lane Pet Hotel in North Versailles

Country Lane Pet Hotel, New Kensington, PA 1979
 Owner and Operator

- Developed Bowerino Biscottos
- Developed formal training for animals and owners
- Worked closely with Animal Protectors which included housing and placing their dogs
- Formed Pet Exchange
- Continued working on developing doggie products

Registered Nurse 1953-1978

- Worked in the nursing profession during this time period.
- Attended Seton Hill College for a three month nursing program
- Three year nursing Degree - R.N. at Pittsburgh Hospital
- Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA; training program for *Cardiac Intensive Care* special nursing unit.

General Background Information:

1962-1968 - Very active in PTA in Verona, Pennsylvania. Was elected president but was unable to serve in this capacity due to my husband's transfer to Chicago.

Was being groomed to hold a political office in Verona, PA but was unable to because of the transfer.

Became active in the PTA in the Chicago area. Was active in organizing festivals; serving on committees.

High School -- Was vice president of Student Council Junior and Senior year. Member of various clubs [Leaders/Commercial/Chorus]. Leading parts in Junior and Senior Plays. Served on various committees for fund raisers.

Publications/Dog Behavioral Training/Consultations

Published book titled, "Discipline with Love". 1995

Formed Bite Prevention Team. 1996

Involved daily with Dog Behavioral Training and consultations.

January 26, 1998

From: Rachelle (Mancuso) Byers
Daughter of Matthew Mancuso

To: Russian Adoption Agency

First of all, I want to say that I have no problems with my dad adopting. Because that's the first thing my husband asked me - "Does it bother you if your dad is adopting another kid?" Actually, I think it's great! I think my dad is the perfect father for raising children because he is always calm about things. He deals with every situation firmly and with patience. He always seems to know the right way to handle everything and I admire that quality. I also think it is an important quality to have for raising children. He is also a very intelligent man and I think he will be a good teacher for any child. He also exercises a lot which means he has enough energy for children and I also know there is no problems on his financial end. So I know that won't be any problem. I always know my dad is there for me when I need him and he supported me all the way through culinary college. I love my dad and I think he did a pretty good job raising me even though they were divorced. I know he will do the same thing for another child. So I am all for it.

Sincerely,


Rachelle Byers

1/25/98

Dear Adoption Council,

I have known Matt Mancuso for about 4 months and we have become very close friends. I feel that I am the primary female friend in Matt's life right now because we spend a lot of time together and we make plans to do things together almost every weekend. We met through a business relationship and now we see each other frequently, going to each other's house to have dinner or watch television or play cards. Sometimes we go shopping together or to a restaurant or something else. My 8 year old son is fond of Matt too and they have gone fishing together and to a Penguins hockey game. Matt also took Garret to where he works and showed Garret some of the big machines and that was a big hit. I trust Matt with my son and I feel that Matt is a good role model for Garret. I have been divorced for 3 years and I think Matt has been a good father figure for Garret too. When Matt told me he was thinking of adopting I was a little surprized but very happy and excited for him. I know that he enjoys children and being around them and I know he will make a good dad. Matt and I have talked a little bit about our future together but right now I know he wants to get the adoption taken care of first. As for what happens after that I think we will continue to spend time together and do things together because we get along very well. I am always in close contact with Matt and I will be anxious myself to get to know his new daughter when he brings her home. I live about 5 miles from his house so I'm sure I will be spending a lot of time with them when they get home. I admire Matt for taking this step in his life to adopt another child and I want to be a close part of helping him with a new daughter. He has already told me that I am his number one choice for picking out clothes for her because he says I am better at clothes shopping than he is. I also feel that I will be able to offer motherly support for a little girl because I will probably be around her a lot. It will be fun for me to have a little girl to be around because I always wanted to have a daughter too and I am looking forward to it. There are not a lot of men that would want to take on this kind of responsibility and I think it is just a part of Matt's personality. He is not afraid to do things and make things happen and that's a big part of why I like him. I hope everything works out with the adoption process because I know Matt has been waiting a long time for this to happen.

Yours truly,

Denise Anderson



January 25, 1998

Matthew A. Mancuso
158 Shearer Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Citizenship: USA
Passport: 091081336

As an adult, I have always loved being around children. I think it's because by nature, I am an easy going person and I have matured without losing my youthful side. Children make me happy, and when I am around them, I have a natural instinct to get involved in what they are doing. Whether it is playing outside games or reading from story books, I am drawn into their activities. It's not something that I purposely do, it's just the way I am.

There are lots of people that I know who have children, and when I visit them, I'm usually greeted with "Hi uncle Matt". When kids approach me like that, I know that I have gained their friendship and trust, and it makes me feel needed and loved. A lot of times when I visit, I will spend as much time with the kids as I do with the adults. I like the enthusiasm that children have and I feel good inside when I am able to teach them something or answer their questions. As I've gotten older, I've noticed even more the way children respond to adult attention. I get a lot of satisfaction giving that attention.

This past summer, our company picnic was held at a nearby amusement park. Some good friends of mine were there with their two daughters, and I spent some time in the afternoon taking the kids through the park, riding the rides and playing some games. Later, when the girls were back with their parents, for some reason, I was particularly noticing their family group and how they interacted. I could see the bonded, dependent relationship between my friends and their young children and a strong feeling came over me. It was that day that I realized how much I wanted to have another child of my own.

After thinking more about my feelings and my situation, I also realized that my lifestyle had moderated in the past few years. I tend to be a domestic, stay-at-home type person now and I enjoy cooking and taking care of my house. I don't have any desire to chase the single's life anymore as far as going out to clubs and such. I am deeply rooted at home and that is where I want to be. With this direction, I knew that I needed to reestablish a family situation in my home and in my everyday life. It became clear to me that I really need the day to day routine and family tie to make my life complete. I then began to investigate the possibility of adoption.

I don't know if I am able to put all the right words together to explain my reasons for wanting to adopt, but I know that I have a deep feeling and desire to raise another child. I know I will be a patient, caring, and loving parent and I have the support of my family and friends in this decision. I have given a lot of thought to having another child in my life and I am very sure and anxious to make it happen. I have raised one daughter to adulthood, so I do know what to expect. Please understand that this is not something I thought up on a whim. This is something that is coming from my heart.



Matthew A. Mancuso

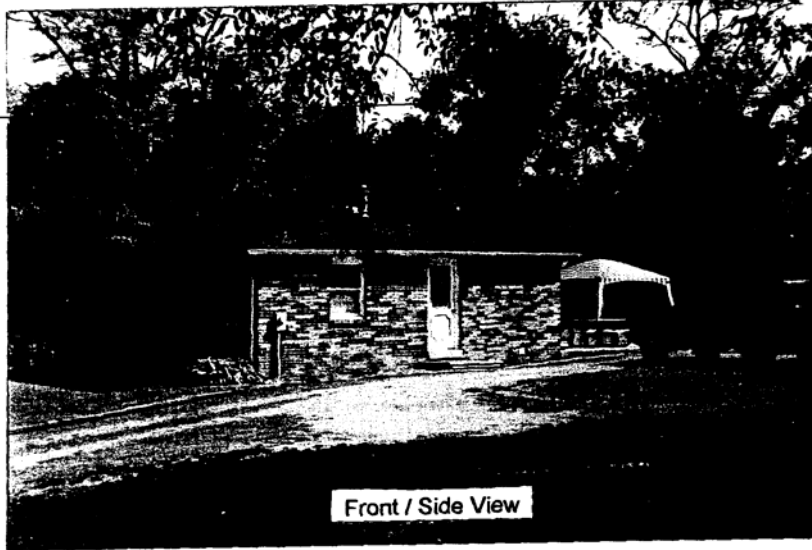
A picture of me at
a cook out



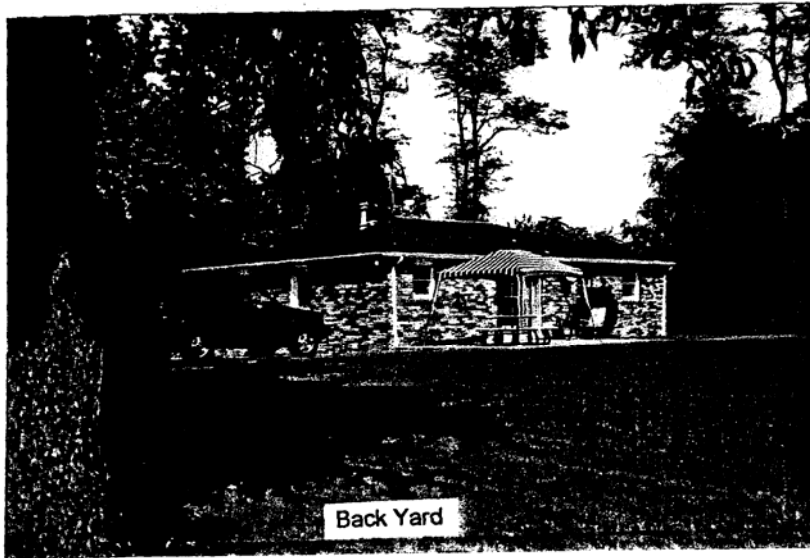
Me with sister, mother and brothers



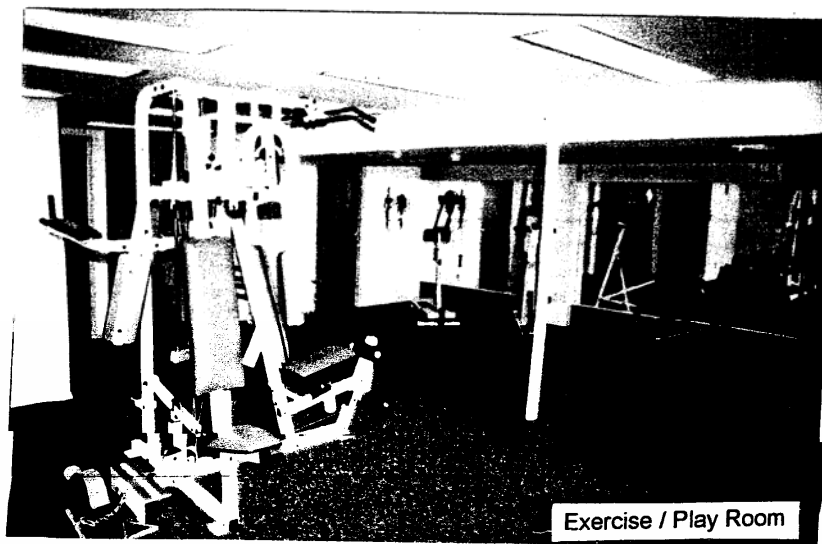
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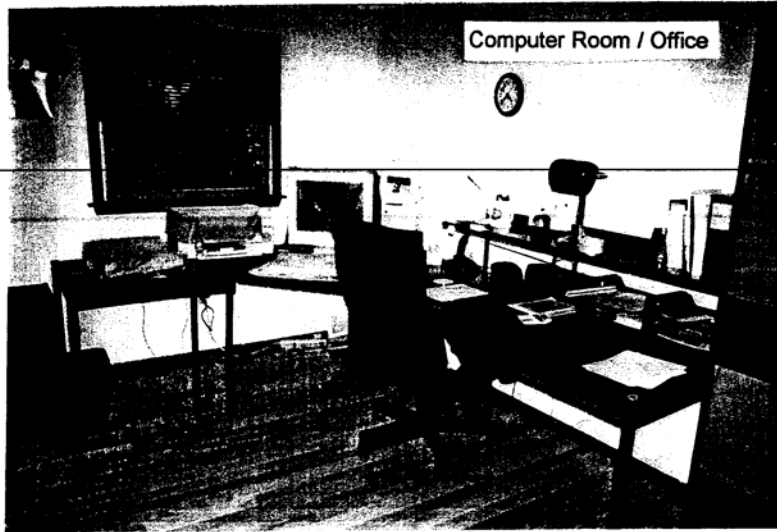


Front / Side View



Back Yard







HANNA

JOSEPH

I HOPE THIS HELPS EXPLAIN
MY POSITION AND PLAN

ON THE "FEMININE NEEDS"
QUESTION.

PLEASE CALL ME AT HOME
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

THANKS

Quitt.

P.S. I KNOW IT MAY BE
DIFFICULT, BUT I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE THE PHOTOS
BACK IF POSSIBLE.

THANKS