

To the Family Lucky Enough to Hire Samantha Frenkil –

Words cannot even begin to express what a wonderful addition Samantha Frenkil has been to our family, and will be to yours. In September 2012, a friend recommended a babysitter who was a swim instructor at the MAC in Timonium. I figured she must be CPR-certified and like to work with children – she's hired! What I didn't expect was how integral she would be to our family.

At the time when Sam began with us, our daughter, Charlotte, was just 19 months old. She was a delayed walker and Sam worked with physical therapists in our home – learning techniques and encouraging to take her first steps. Charlotte did that next month and I know Sam played a big part in that. In November, we moved from having Sam just two days per week to three to four, and then in the beginning of 2013 she became our full-time nanny, alongside my business partner's 13 month old son, James.

Sam gave Charlotte and James the best experiences of their little lives and they have developed a passion for adventure from being with her. Just a few of the activities that she sourced and brought them to include:

- Pool
- Irvine Nature Center
- BCPL's Story Time and Visits to Storyville
- Hikes in the Woods
- Santa Visits at Kenilworth
- Barnum & Bailey Circus Annual Elephant Parade
- Maryland Fire Museum
- Her Farm
- MyGym
- Oregon Ridge Park
- Etc.

Sam sings songs with the children and always has children's music in her car. She will employ skills the children learn in school and practice them at home. She helped to potty train Charlotte before she turned two! She finds special crafts to do with the children always, but has come up with the most thoughtful gifts to make with them for our families on holidays like Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas and birthdays. These are things I will treasure forever.

Over the past nine months, Sam has gone from just Charlotte and James as her charges to my eight month old, Norah, and James' younger brother, Henry, nine months. To have two very new babies PLUS the two older children and be able to balance all four has been exceptional to watch. She is able to effectively project manage, engage our children and continue to smile through it all.

Sam sees my daughters more during the week than my husband and I do. She aids in their development and loves them beyond just a caregiver, but as a family member. If my mother were not moving to Baltimore and taking over watching our girls, we would never give Sam up. We have been beyond lucky that she stepped into our lives and know that the next family with whom she works will be as blessed as we have been these past three and a half years. There is not much more to say – Samantha Frenkil is the best!

Sincerely,

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