Recent family picture or picture of child

Hi! My name is (insert name here) and I am a (occupation). I [a little about yourself here]. My (husband/wife’s) name is (insert spouse’s name here) and (he/she) is an (occupation). Our (son/daughter), (child’s name), is now (age).

We wanted to take a minute to introduce ourselves because (child’s name) will be joining your child in day care starting in (month). (Child’s name) has a rare genetic condition called Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome (SDS). This condition is comprised of three main characteristics: bone marrow failure, pancreatic insufficiency, and bone abnormalities. Here’s what we’d like you to know:

1. **This condition is not contagious**, it’s genetic**.** Interestingly, we are all carriers of roughly 5-10 different genetic mutations and when two parents are carriers of the same disorder, there is a chance of their child having the condition. We did not know we were carriers of this mutated gene.
2. **(Child’s name)’s bone marrow does not work like the rest of ours.** A lot of (his/her) cell lines are low. (He/She) is severely neutropenic, meaning that (his/her) body does not make enough neutrophils to fight off infection (specifically bacterial infections). It’s important that we take precautions to keep (him/her) from getting sick like practicing good hand hygiene, eating healthy, and minimizing contact with people who are sick. When (he/she) has a fever, it could be an indication of a life-threatening infection and we must take (him/her) to the hospital. (His/Her) body isn’t able to fight infections like the rest of ours can.

We strive to raise (child’s name) to live as normal a life as possible. (He/She) is a sweet and social little (boy/girl) who loves to be around other children. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions. We’re pretty open about it ☺

We are very confident that we have found the best of at home day care providers with (name) and look forward to meeting you.

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