

Thank you



taking the time to learn about me. My story began in rural Upstate New York,



AND TOOK ME ALL AROUND THE GLOBE, BEFORE LANDING IN

Sunny California.





Whether on the beach in San Diego, at an art museum in Paris, visiting
Niagara Falls with my family back east, or traveling by camel to the pyramids of
Egypt, I look forward to showing your child all the diverse riches this world
has to offer. My vision for my future family includes making art together, active play in nature, experiencing different places and cultures, and learning new things as a family. I deeply appreciate you taking a moment to get to know a little bit about my journey and, should it be the right situation for you, envisioning how it might become our journey.

THINGS

I will teach your child

- **A LOVE OF LEARNING**
- How to cook food FROM AROUND
 THE WORLD
- **MULTIPLE LANGUAGES**
- ▶ The joy of **PLAY**

- ► Respect for the **ENVIRONMENT**
- ► The importance of KINDNESS AND HELPING OTHERS
- ▶ Respect for DIVERSE CULTURES AND VIEWPOINTS



Having my own, independent legal practice allows me the flexibility to work from home, as well as increase or decrease my workload as needed. This enables me to balance my work life with my hobbies and with the people I cherish. While I certainly know how to accomplish serious tasks, I also love being silly and getting creative.

I AM *Passionate* ABOUT MAKING ART, GET EXCITED ABOUT COOKING, ENJOY NATURE, VOLUNTEER MY TIME, AND LIKE LEARNING NEW LANGUAGES.

RIDING A CAMEL

I'M A *Fluman Rights Lawyer*, VISUAL

ARTIST, FUN AUNT,

TRUSTED FRIEND, AND

FUTURE MOM.

My friends sometimes call me "the connectster" because I am always organizing family gatherings, initiating get-togethers with friends, and introducing people I know to one another. I have a strong friend network around the world and a close knit, supportive family, including a niece and two nephews who are super excited about the idea of a new cousin.

STORY





ENJOYING SAN DIEGO'S BEACHES AT SUNSET



THAT

> MY < **TRAVELS** AND ADVENTURES **ACROSS THE GLOBE**

Traveling has been a big part of my adult life. Apart from the U.S., I've lived in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. My vacations in recent years have included solo trips to Kyrgyzstan, Somalia, Colombia, France, and Uganda,

STRIKING A
POSE IN BURMA

as well as trips with friends to many other countries and locations within the U.S. I'm so excited to show your child the amazing world I have been fortunate enough to experience, and to explore new things together. I look forward to spending time with them helping others, and encouraging them to pursue their own dreams, whatever they may be.

My closest friend and I have been BEST FRIENDS since I was 6 and she was 5

one season









TLove Seeing my Extended Family WHENEVER I GET THE CHANCE!

Most of us are a little nerdy. We love going to museums together, playing games, and discussing current

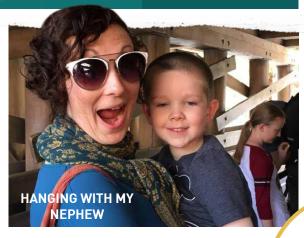
> CHRISTMAS WITH MY

events. We've visited everything from an abandoned coal mine to aerospace museums. Somehow, we always find something new to see and learn.

I am super close with my two sisters, two nephews, and one niece. One of my sisters loves Disney, so we often take family trips there with the kids. It's a blast going on the rides together, sampling foods, and just spending the day together. Our family also likes to visit DC. We try to go about once a year, to

soak in all the history and culture the capital has to offer.

MEET >MY LOVED ONES



FAMILY

I especially want to let you know how great my parents are as grandparents.

They are always at my niece and nephews' sporting events and concerts. They are passionate environmentalists and have instilled in me a respect for the planet. While I've lived in big cities most of my adult life, most of the rest of my family, including my parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandmother, all live either in the countryside or in smaller villages. Overall, my family is down to earth, straightforward, caring, and incredibly supportive.





MY EXTENDED FAMILY **INCLUDES CITIZENS, NON-CITIZENS, AND NEW CITIZENS AND WE**

ARE Welcoming to Everyone

MY FRIENDS SUPPORT EQUALITY



Diversity

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PLAYING WITH KIDS IN KYRGYZSTAN



I have friends and family of various faith backgrounds, including practicing Christians, Muslims, Unitarians, those of the Jewish faith, and non-believers. My closest aunt is an Episcopalian priest. I occasionally attend worship services with friends and family members, but do not subscribe to any particular one faith practice myself. Some of my family identifies as LGBT+. We are inclusive. Tolerance, generosity, and kindness are rules I live by and hope to teach your child.

VI/ **THINGS**

that make me happy

- DANCING around the house
- **BEING SILLY** with my niece, nephews, and little cousin
- Trying **NEW FOODS**
- ▶ Spending time in the **WOODS OR BY THE WATER**
- **▶ TRAVEL**





FOR SPENDING YOUR TIME **GETTING TO LEARN**

A Little About Me AND WHAT I CAN

OFFER YOUR CHILD

Whatever choice you ultimately make, it will be the right choice for you and your child.

If our paths align, I promise to share updates with you along the way, if that is your wish, so that you can watch your child grow over the years and explore this wondrous world. Your child will always know their story, and that they

are incredibly loved. Regardless of the level of openness you are comfortable with, your child will always know you and the courageous decision you made.

Sending you my deepest appreciation and love.

