

Jāni





I love collecting shells at the beach

Hello!
MY NAME IS **Lani**

AND I LIVE IN SUNNY
San Diego



EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, I KNEW I WANTED TO BE A MOTHER.

I haven't yet found a partner to start a family with but feel more than ready and have known for a long time that adoption was the natural path for me. **My interest in adoption was first sparked when I volunteered in Ghana about 10 years ago. During my month long stay, I developed strong bonds with some of the children I worked with and visited at the local orphanage.** The connections I created with these kids significantly impacted me and deeply inspired me to become a mother.

I've waited until now, which I think is the perfect time in my life to adopt, because **I HAVE CREATED A WORK LIFE BALANCE THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO BE A HANDS-ON PARENT WHILE PROVIDING A COMFORTABLE AND NURTURING LIFESTYLE.** My friends and family are very supportive of my decision and can't wait to help me welcome a child into my life.

- 5 THINGS I WILL Teach my Child**
- SELF-CONFIDENCE
 - RESPECT OTHERS
 - COMPASSION & FORGIVENESS
 - HONESTY
 - HEALTHY LIVING



They'll always have a piece of my heart

I AM THANKFUL for your **consideration** and the **opportunity for you to get to know me** a little more.





THE Most Important

3 — THINGS IN MY LIFE



Hiking in the sun!

1

MY
FAMILY

2

MY
FRIENDS

3

MY
HEALTH

I was raised in an incredibly encouraging and nurturing family, filled with unconditional love. I am grateful for the strong sense of family values that were instilled upon me in my childhood like compassion and respect, which I live by today and hope to pass on to my child. Much of my time today is spent with my family as well as friends that I consider an extension of my family. Like my family, my closest friends are my support system and I feel like I can talk openly with them without judgment. Most of them have known me for over 15 years.

Having a strong support system is also an important aspect of health, along with good food and an active lifestyle. I grew up in a family where meals were made of fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden and where my parents enjoyed taking us on hikes and bike rides. Today, I prefer to eat organic and natural foods, and one of my favorite things to do is cook with family and friends.



Fresh veggies are always part of my meals

HERE'S WHAT SOME OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS HAVE TO SAY



- Lani is **compassionate, reliable, loyal, calm and a great listener.**
- Lani **literally lights up around children.** You can see the spark come alive in her and **she takes a great interest and delight in interacting with children.**
- When she attends one of my kids' birthday parties, **she usually ends up being the 'big kid' of the group.**



In my spare time...

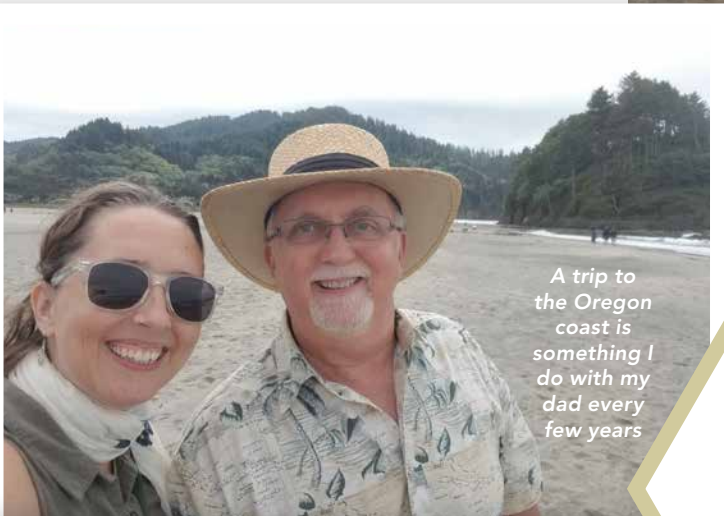
»»» (THINGS I DO FOR FUN!)



My love for travel and for cooking go hand in hand, as food is a great way to connect with people and learn about other traditions and cultures. I look forward to passing down some of my favorite recipes to my child and trying new ones together. I also love a good excuse to bake anything sweet, so I am very much looking forward to baking birthday cakes, cupcakes, and other yummy treats!



Discovering beautiful fountains



A trip to the Oregon coast is something I do with my dad every few years

THINGS I CAN'T Live Without

LOVED ONES
LAUGHTER
SUNSHINE



Work & Play

I work from home for a family-owned company that develops organic personal care products, which completely aligns with my value of good health. The company deeply cares for its employees, which allows me to maintain a healthy balance between work and life.

WHEN I'M NOT WORKING, I enjoy outdoor activities, such as collecting shells at the beach, hiking in the mountains, and tending to my garden, something I can't wait to share with a kiddo.



Hiking with family is a regular activity

I enjoy visiting botanical gardens



Show shoeing at Christmas is a tradition



WELCOME TO MY Home & Community



I live in a multi-cultural neighborhood in San Diego in a home that has lots of space to play, both indoors and out. Since

it's sunny year-round here, I enjoy spending a lot of time in my backyard, particularly hosting family and friends on my new deck. My neighborhood has a family feel, and there are children of all ages on my block. My neighbors are some of the kindest people I know and are always happy to help when I need an extra pair of hands or need to borrow a garden tool. But the best is that they host kid-friendly movie nights in their backyard every Friday. It's so much fun!

I live about 15 minutes away from the ocean and less than an hour from the mountains. There is a great zoo and a children's museum nearby, along with lots of parks.

I'M SO EXCITED to be a MOM and enjoy all these fun outdoor adventures TOGETHER WITH A CHILD.



Gardening • Baking • Home



Picking zucchini from my garden



Decorating holiday cookies with friends

MY HAPPY, ACTIVE LIFE!



Plenty of grass to play on in the backyard

INTRODUCING MY Family



Snow shoeing with Mom on Christmas



Playing with my niece at Thanksgiving



My brother and niece are so sweet together

WHAT MAKES ME Happy!

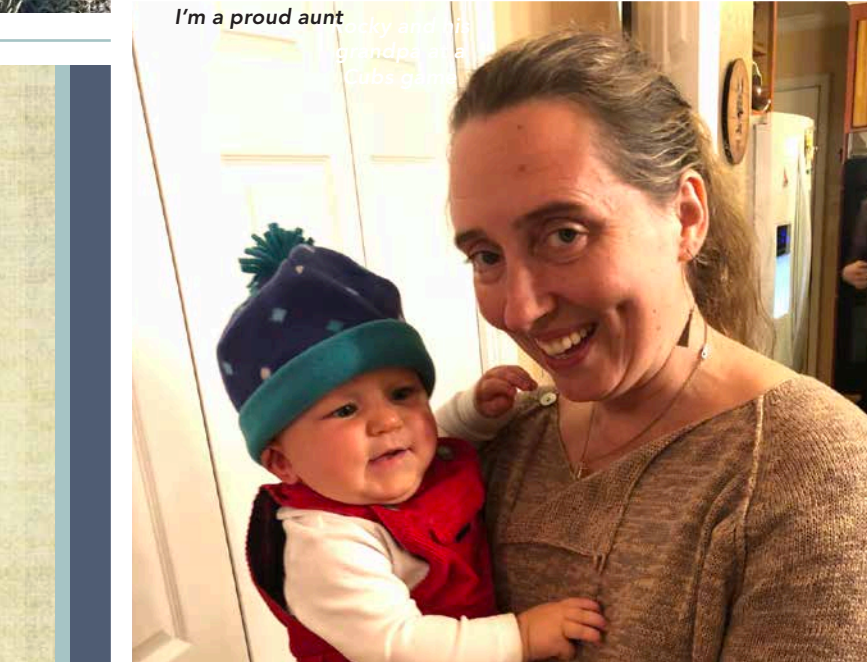
FAMILY • GOOD FRIENDS • GOOD FOOD • THE OUTDOORS • LIVE MUSIC



My mom and step-dad on a hike



My brother and sister-in-law are some of my favorite people



I'm a proud aunt



Hugs are cherished family moments



I am the lucky older sister of two amazing younger brothers and awesome sister-in-laws. Uncle Seth is a hands-on dad, good cook and avid kayaker. Uncle Dale has a patient demeanor and is great at making kids laugh. A typical day with any of them would likely include a big home cooked meal, a little play time with my niece, followed by a walk, hike, bike or time on the water.

My mom and stepdad enjoy hosting Christmas at their home in the Sierras, where they have a large garden, goats and chickens. A family tradition over the years has been to snowshoe on Christmas Day. With only one grandchild so far, they are excited and ready to welcome another!

I consider my dad an artist. He has a vivid imagination and is great at writing and drawing. He is jovial and loves to make people laugh. **My dad and stepmom are thrilled at the thought of me having a child and will be very attentive and loving grandparents.**



As our extended family continues to grow, so do our family celebrations and Thanksgiving meals. We love getting together with our cousins, who we grew up with and when over 20 of us get together to cook, laugh and eat, we have the best time.

5 FAVORITE Family Traditions

- DECORATING Christmas cookies
- COOKING Thanksgiving dinner with extended family
- HIKING or snowshoeing at the holidays
- ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP
- BAKING the "Perfect Chocolate Cake" for birthdays



Thank
You



I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH for taking the time to read a little bit about me. **If I have the honor of becoming a mother, I promise to always be there for them - to be supportive, patient and gentle.** I will provide unconditional love and a nurturing home full of smiles, good food and laughter. **I will always speak of you with love and respect and promise to always**

do what is in the best interest of the child. I am open to an open adoption to whatever extent makes you comfortable, including texts, phone calls, emails, and visits.

I hope to get to know you, as I already know your strength.