



Hello, my name is Emily

Greetings from Portland, Oregon!



**Thank you for taking
the time to hear my
story and to consider
taking this adoption
journey together.**



ABOUT ME

Occupation: Community Manager at Art Tech Company

Fun Facts/Hobbies:

- * **Fluent in Spanish**
- * **Portrait painter and art lover**
- * **Animal advocate and volunteer supporting animal rescue organizations**
- * **Proud auntie of four wonderful kiddos**
- * **I really enjoy travel and have friends around the globe**
- * **I love music, dancing, time in nature, swimming, and spending time with friends and family**





I was born and raised in beautiful San Francisco, CA, with my two older brothers, Nicholas and Jacob, and my loving parents' Michael and Diana. My parents always encouraged me to pursue my artistic interests, and from a young age I learned to love drawing, painting, and community muralism. This interest in creativity has endured and is a huge piece of my identity and work today.



My mom worked as a nurse, and my father was a gardener in Golden Gate Park. We had a good foundation of love in our home and enjoyed camping trips, long dog walks on the hill near my childhood home, and working on art projects together. I feel nostalgic thinking about these memories and look forward to creating wonderful moments with my future child.





I went to a Spanish immersion elementary school, and thanks to my unique education, I became fluent in Spanish. With this experience and my Early Childhood Education training, I was able to work with Spanish-speaking children and families as a preschool teacher and administrator for many years. Seven years ago, I transitioned into a career in community management at an art tech company, and I have the privilege of helping artists make money by sharing their talents with the world.



Though I no longer work with children and families, my background in early childhood education and experience supporting families through traumatic life events have strengthened my capacity to be compassionate and empathetic. I work to keep these values in all aspects of life, both inside and outside my home.





MOM & DAD

My mom, Diana, is the light of my life. She is kindness and love personified. She loves gardening, weaving, dog walks, making healthy meals, and is such a good listener. She is one of the most resilient people I know and has passed down her optimism and sense of determination to me.

She can't wait to share her home with a new grandchild.



I lost my dad to Parkinson's Disease this last November. I'm so sad he won't meet my future child but his legacy will continue in how I parent and who I am today.



My dad read to me, taught me to garden, showed me how to make a perfect omelette, inspired my love of music, and taught me so much about love and empathy. We had favorite movies we watched every year together, including "It's a Wonderful Life." I look forward to sharing these memories, traditions, and learnings with my son or daughter.

MY BIG BEAUTIFUL FAMILY



We are lucky to have close relationships with my cousins, and have family on both the East and West Coasts (including lots of fun kiddos). We look forward to trips to visit and camping trips together.



My nieces and nephew are super loving and fun. I can't wait for my child to celebrate holidays and to go to the beach with them.



MY VILLAGE OF WONDERFUL FRIENDS



These are some of the people (and kiddos) who will know our child and be part of their story. Here are their words about who I am, and also how they plan to show up in the life of our child.





Emily is one of the kindest people I know, and she has cultivated a family of her own through her work. She has connected so many people from across the world through their love for art, and has made each person feel like the most important person in the room. She is brave, vulnerable, generous, compassionate and incredibly kind. I'm so excited to watch her bloom as a Mother.



Home



We live in beautiful North Portland, walking distance to community gardens, a rec center and pool, multiple parks, cafes & restaurants, and near quality schools and childcare centers. I love so much about our home and area, but what I love most is how the nature here changes through all the seasons. So many of our neighbors love to garden, and we have every local tree, flower, bug, and bird in sight.



Our home is on a quiet residential block, and we have a lovely space with 4 bedrooms, a cozy living room, and front and backyard made bright with flowers and trees. My mom loves to weave, and I love my art, and we have a creative area downstairs that we share. I look forward to arts and crafts with my child, and of course time in our yard digging and playing.



Lola & Mina



We share our home with Lola (7) and Mina (5), two very sweet, well behaved, and child friendly dogs. They enjoy exploring the yard, joining us on walks, and of course eating lots of treats. Both have spent ample time with children and infants, and we are confident they will be loving companions to any child who joins our home.





Favorite Traditions and Life Joys

We are big into celebrations in our family, and enjoy Christmas, birthday parties, and Halloween! Even as adults, we still hang stockings for Santa, exchange gifts, share meals, dance, and see extended family on these big occasions. Halloween is extra fun with dogs, and we love getting dressed up and going to community parades.



When I can, travel is my biggest joy. I love visiting global friends and seeing the beauty of the world. On the left, a garden in Scotland and below, Barcelona!



Open Adoption Aspirations

With my best friend's son

The idea of open adoption is so beautiful to me. We are all the sum of so many people who make up our life constellation, and knowing your story and having access to your family community is so important. I understand birth families will have varied levels of comfort and dreams around open adoption, but I would embrace a world where my child has access and can love their birth family. This would look like spending time together, celebrating traditions, going to games/graduations together, sharing life updates, and genuinely building a foundation of trust and togetherness.



Dreams for Our Child

My biggest hope is that this child will feel incredible love, security, and self-confidence. I want them to feel they are never alone, and have support and guidance always.

I believe in the importance of wonder and play, and want my child to explore things that excite them (be it books, hobbies, and talents).

I want to give them a strong educational foundation so that they can step into adult life prepared and self-assured.

But most important, I want them to have strong family roots, a sense of belonging, and access to all the people who love them.



Thank you so much for taking the time to read my book, learn my story, and consider partnering on an adoption journey.

**With Gratitude,
Emily**