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Thank you

FOR

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.



HI!

I'M

Aurora



I ENJOY COOKING

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.

MY STORY

I'M A *Human Rights Lawyer*, VISUAL ARTIST, FUN AUNT, TRUSTED FRIEND, AND FUTURE MOM.

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.

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.



ORANGE IS THE HAPPIEST COLOR



RIDING A CAMEL IN EGYPT



GIVING A PRESENTATION AT YALE'S CHINA CENTER IN BEIJING



SPEAKING ABOUT MY ART IN CHINESE



ENJOYING SAN DIEGO'S BEACHES AT SUNSET

7 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



STRIKING A POSE IN BURMA



CHECKING OUT ANCIENT ART IN CHINA



READING A NOVEL IN SPANISH IN MY BACKYARD

MY Home AND COMMUNITY



I LOVE BOARD GAMES

YOU

MAY

BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT

- ▶ I was once featured **ON A BILLBOARD**
- ▶ I am fascinated by **ANCIENT CAVE ART AND ROCK PAINTING**
- ▶ I've lived on **4 CONTINENTS** and **TRAVELED TO 6**
- ▶ I hosted a **CHINESE COOKING SHOW** for one season
- ▶ My closest friend and I have been **BEST FRIENDS** since I was 6 and she was 5

MY CURRENT HOME IS IN *San Diego,*

though I anticipate relocating for a period of time to Upstate New York, so that your child will be able to spend their early years bonding with extended family. Both locations have so much to offer. Here in San Diego, we have beautiful beaches, a large park with museums and a zoo within it, and a mild climate year-round. Mountains, desert, and the ocean are all within an hour's drive. Back east, we have all four seasons, great schools, an extensive network of aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins. When there, I like visiting Niagara Falls, spending time at the beaches along Lake Ontario, going to the Museum of Play with the children in my life, and playing board games with friends and family.

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,

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.**



HIKING TO THE TOP OF A PALACE IN BURMA



ENJOYING SAN DIEGO'S BEACHES



HIKING IN A RIVER IN UTAH



MAKING ART IS A BIG PART OF MY LIFE

- ▶ **ANIMAL**
Giraffe
- ▶ **KIDS TV SHOW**
Sesame Street
- ▶ **HOLIDAY**
Thanksgiving, family and food!
- ▶ **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT**
Chapstick
- ▶ **VACATION SPOT**
Paris
- ▶ **HISTORICAL FIGURE I'D LIKE TO MEET**
Harriet Tubman
- ▶ **MUSICAL ARTIST**
Nina Simone
- ▶ **DREAM JOB**
United Nations diplomat

MY Favorites





GO TO THE BEACH WITH MY SISTER AND NIECE

I Love 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 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.

MY EXTENDED FAMILY INCLUDES CITIZENS, NON-CITIZENS, AND NEW CITIZENS AND WE ARE Welcoming to Everyone



PLAYING WITH KIDS IN KYRGYZSTAN

MY FRIENDS SUPPORT EQUALITY



MEET
MY
LOVED ONES



HANGING WITH MY NEPHEW



CHRISTMAS WITH MY FAMILY

TAKING THE TRAIN WITH MY NEPHEW

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.**



VISITING ONE OF MY BEST FRIEND'S KIDS FOR THE FIRST TIME



VISITING AN ANCIENT LIBRARY IN SOMALIA

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.**

AT THE PYRAMIDS IN CAIRO



5 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**



Thank
YOU
AGAIN



**FOR SPENDING
YOUR TIME
GETTING TO LEARN
A Little About Me
AND WHAT I CAN
OFFER YOUR CHILD**

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.

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

▶ **WITH GRATITUDE,** *Aurora*

