



about me

Aloha! I am a mixture of calm balance and silly fun. I believe this is because I have always worked closely with children and teens. They have taught me to enjoy all of their complexities and treasure their silliness. Because of my experience as an elementary school teacher, I enjoy exploring, learning, and reading outside under big trees, on the beach, or in cozy indoor spaces. Recently, I have shifted my profession to youth and family counseling, which has sparked an interest in incorporating mindfulness and self-care in my life. Outside of work, I am a hiker, swimmer, and ocean paddler. Hawai'i brings a culture of 'ohana—family regardless of biology—that has been incredibly special for me. It is here that I spend quality time connecting with lifelong friends while learning, laughing, and supporting each other.

my home & pet

I live in Hawai'i in a one-story home near lush green mountains and the ocean with seasonal views of whales playing in the distance. My neighbors walk by daily and say hello, and I often receive armfuls of fruits and vegetables that they grow. Bella is my sweet and spicy kitten. She has been with me since she was four weeks old and is now a hanai family member. She insists on boxes that are too small for her and tiny stuffed animals for her daily fun. The community, home, kitten, and myself are ready to share our fun, weird, and caring life with the special baby who joins my family.

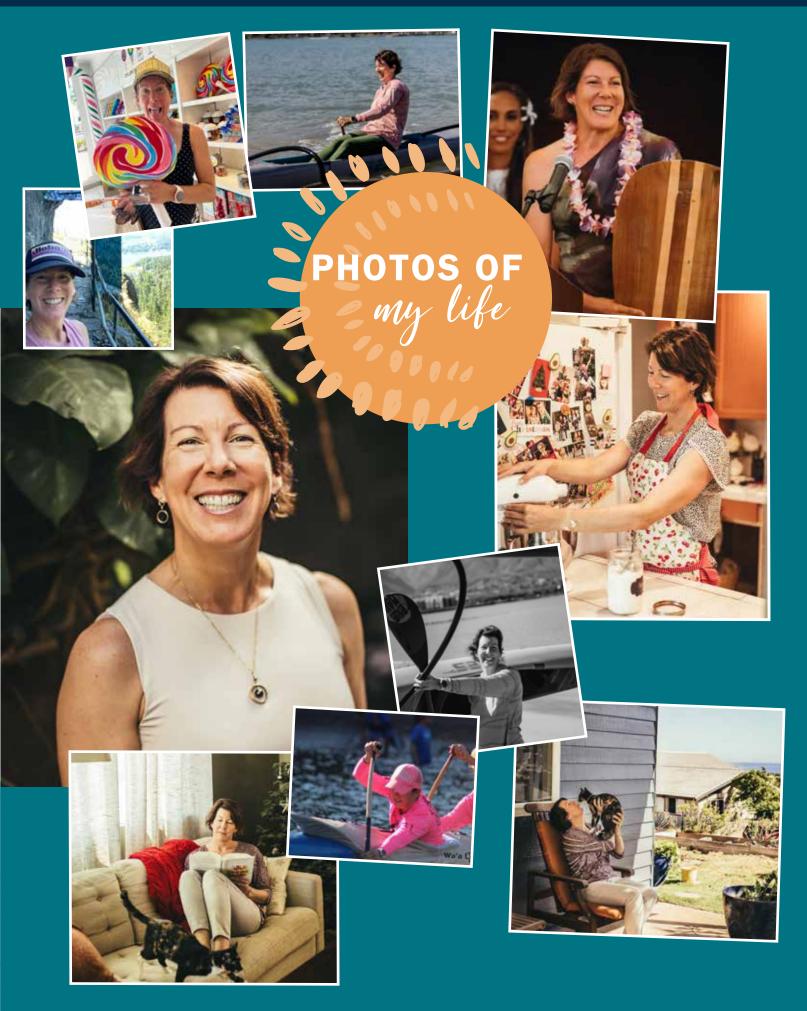






WHAT LED ME TO ADOPTION

I have worked to be in a place where I am emotionally, physically, and financially secure. I am ready to build my family. I have always enjoyed time with my family and the traditions we had as kids. It's time that I bring a child through the joys of this life I have to offer. The Hawaiian culture is very special. They hanai, or make people their family, regardless of bloodline and provide for and protect them as they make their way through life. I am a single woman with a large hanai family ready to share my life, traditions, resources, and love with the baby I am lucky to be chosen for.











MORE ABOUT...

Lisa

OCCUPATION

Family and Individual Counselor

EDUCATION

MA Education, MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

RACE

Caucasian

SPORT

Paddling outrigger canoe

FOOD

Tacos, burgers, fish

MOVIE

The Help

DREAM VACATION

Greece, Disneyland

HOLIDAY

The Christmas season

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Child development

BOOK

Where the Red Fern Grows



My extended family includes my blood relatives and my hanai Hawai'i family. I was raised near all of my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. We have traditions centered around the Catholic/Christian faith, where we gather to share food and laughter together. My grandmother always has a new game of the year that she is excited to share; we love to learn games from her! My family connects through playing games and spending time together outside.

My favorite memory is Christmas Eve at my grandmother's home, where we play games, eat well, and get an early Santa delivery. Now I partake in the gatherings as an adult and play with all my cousins' growing children. I very much look forward to sharing these traditions with my future baby as they were monumental in my growth and development.

Locally, I have my hanai Hawai'i family. I am very much supported by this group of diverse people. It's not just a canoe club. They provide me with support, love, laughter, cultural knowledge, acceptance, and competitive fun. We spend the weekends at the hale playing in the ocean, sharing food, and bringing joy to all. My future baby will be so loved; everyone is excited to meet them and love on us.





So much aloha and compassion for the decision you are making and the next part of this journey you are embarking on! You have so much courage and dedication to consider doing something this hard and life changing. I do not know the situation that brought you to this point, but it must have been so hard and likely continues to weigh on you. I cannot imagine how challenging of a decision this has been. I fully support you in the decision you are making. My hope for you, whether we are a match or not, is that you find peace through this process and that you find a family for your baby that you feel good about.

I am deeply grateful you have taken the time to read this far and consider me as the adoptive mother for your darling baby. I have waited a long time to build a family, and I am confident I will love this baby and provide them everything they deserve. The baby will grow up knowing their birth story and where they came from. I hope to honor both you and your baby in how we move forward in this life together.

With aloha and understanding,

Lisa



