

Diana and Lindsey



Hi!

**WE'RE DIANA AND LINDSEY
(ALONG WITH OUR PUPS
OSCAR AND FOZI)**



WE LIVE IN SUNNY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA!

We have been married for five years, and are excited to grow our family. We dream of teaching our child how to garden and paint, and to introduce them to music and explore the great outdoors.

We have a large, and welcoming family - and we would love for some connection with you, depending on your level of comfort.

SHARING ICE CREAM
ON A HOT DAY



SHOWING OFF OUR
HOMEGROWN CARROTS



We think we're
pretty down-to-
earth and easy to
talk with. We hope
we get the chance
to get to know you!

ENJOYING HIKES TOGETHER SINCE DAY ONE



WE MET ON A DATING WEBSITE,

and exchanged a significant number of emails in just a week and a half. We met for the first time at Point Reyes National Seashore, and quickly realized that we had different ideas as to what it meant to go for a hike! (Diana wanted to go three miles, and Lindsey was ready to hike 13.) Seven years later, we are still finding ways to meet in the middle and encourage each other's dreams.



MEET Diana

BY LINDSEY

DIANA IS CREATIVE AND FUN.

She loves dreaming about possibilities, and starting new projects. She makes art - with paint, pottery, and wood. On the eve of the pandemic, when other people were out searching for toilet paper, Diana was at the lumber store buying cedar planks to create raised beds to expand our vegetable garden. **Diana likes meeting new people, and exploring new places. She celebrates good conversation and authentic connection.** She is inquisitive and thorough, and when she laughs she lights up a room.

DIANA WOODWORKING



Diana's playfulness makes her a natural with young people.



WATERING THE GARDEN WITH A LITTLE HELP

She's quite tall, so when she's talking to a child, she gets down to their level, and listens attentively. She is well-versed in arts, crafts, games, and is quick on redirection. **In addition to working with children and families at work, Diana also volunteers with youth at a local community garden.** Diana is compassionate and nurturing - friends and family dote on her, and new acquaintances quickly feel close to her. **She creates a sense of safety, and cultivates a feeling of joy wherever she goes. She will make an incredible mother.**

DIANA WORKING ON A POTTERY PROJECT



PROUD TO GROW OUR OWN FOOD!



FUN FACTS

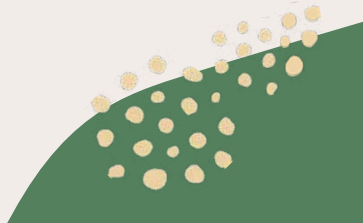
& FAVORITES

- **Musical Instrument**
Guitar
- **Vacation Spot**
The Beach
- **Seasonal Activity**
Eating what's in season

- **Favorite Accessory**
Multi-colored stones ring
- **Favorite Sports Team**
Golden State Warriors
- **Favorite Animal**
Sea Turtle

- **Children's Book**
How to Be a Grouch (by Oscar the Grouch)
- **Favorite Ice Cream Flavor**
PB & Chocolate

SNOW DANCING - TADA!



MEET Lindsey

BY DIANA

LINDSEY IS COMPASSIONATE, THOUGHTFUL AND COURAGEOUS.

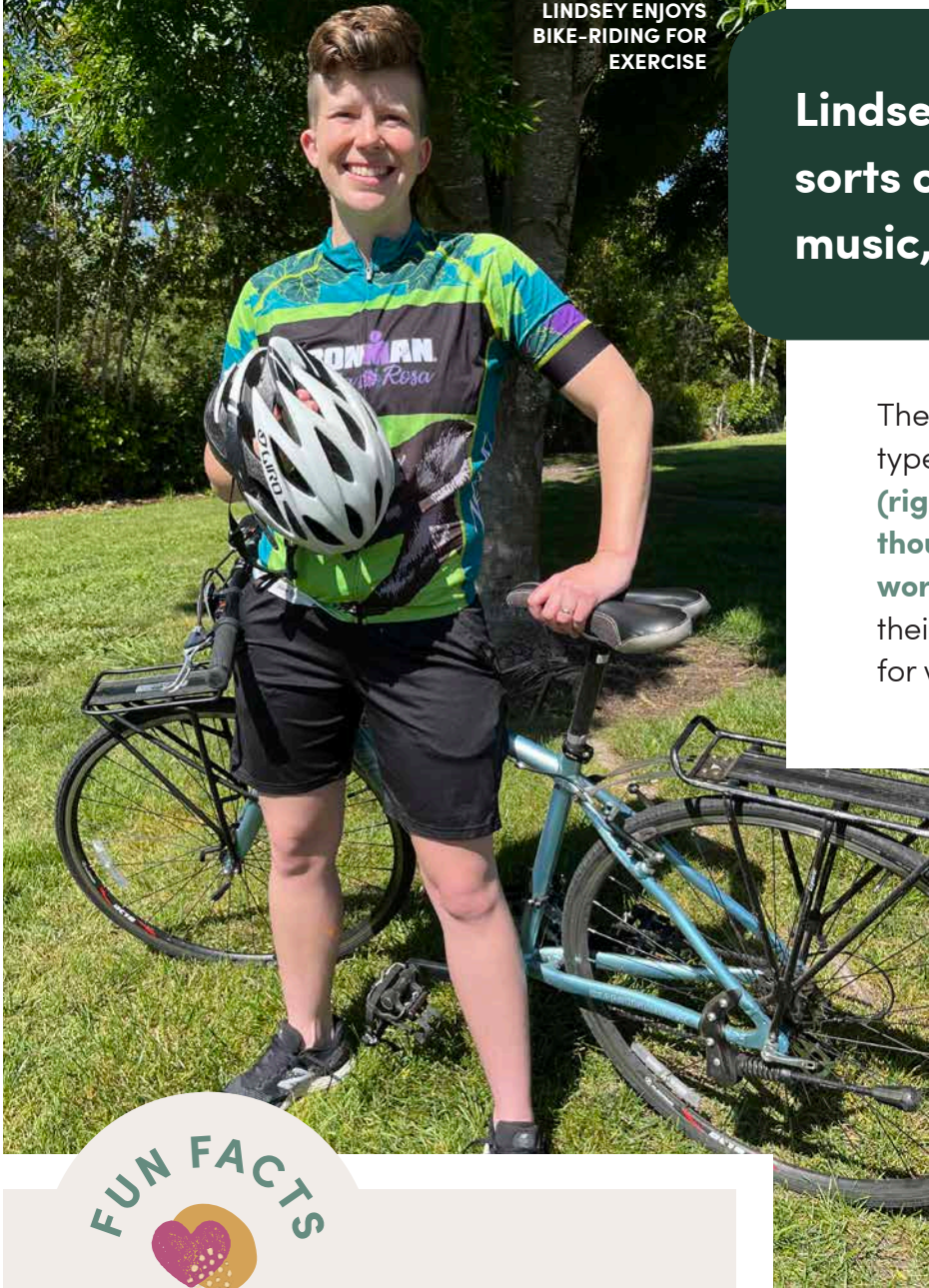
Lindsey is not always serious and in fact has one of the most delightful giggles you've ever heard! Lindsey can be silly around the house creating new lyrics to old tunes as they dance around the house putting away the laundry.

Lindsey loves experiencing life and introducing young people (and pups) to new adventures, and delights each time their godchildren visit by planning outings and activities they can share together. Playing at a park, ice skating for the first time, and reading a stack of books are some of the adventures Lindsey's led. For birthday gifts, Lindsey makes old-school mixed cd's that weave together music they know with artists Lindsey thinks they will enjoy. It gives them all lots to talk about.

PICKING FRESH CARROTS!



LINDSEY ENJOYS
BIKE-RIDING FOR
EXERCISE



Lindsey's heart is open to all sorts of expressions of culture, music, and history.

They do not shy away from solidarity with all types of people and situations. **Their boldness (right down to their pronouns) is a sign of thoughtful protest and hope for a better world.** They will teach our child to embrace their uniqueness proudly and to always fight for what they believe in.



OUT ON THE WATER

FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

- **Place to Take a Child**
The forest
- **Favorite Animal**
Mountain goat
- **Children's Book**
Clifford
- **Favorite Ice Cream Flavor**
Mint Chocolate Chip
- **Musical Instrument**
Violin
- **Vacation Spot**
Yosemite National Park
- **Seasonal Activity**
Hiking in the Snow
- **Favorite Accessory**
Bicycle

WINTER FUN IN THE SNOW



NEPHEW KISSES



Our Home

WE LIVE IN (AND LOVE)
SONOMA COUNTY.

Our home is a modest three-bedroom house with a beautiful fenced-in backyard that doubles as a primary living space. We have a beautiful garden (largely cared for by Diana) where we grow flowers and vegetables, though we also have raspberries that are doing quite well. We have fruit trees, and a large back porch where we like to host cook-outs all year round.

We live in a multi-ethnic neighborhood, and are close with several of our neighbors. We also have good friends right around the corner! On low-key mornings we like to walk to the local coffee shop. We live just across the street from a neighborhood playground, and a creek trail where children (and adults) can walk or ride their bikes. In the warmer months, we sometimes swim at our local public pool, which is less than a mile from our house, or we go out to the regional beach which is a 45-minute drive away.



Welcome to our home!

Our Pups

HIKING WITH OUR DOGS FOZI & OSCAR (STEALING A KISS)



WE HAVE TWO SWEET DOGS.

Fozi is a senior citizen shih tzu, and mostly just naps on the couch. Oscar is a three-year-old terrier mix who is often found chasing a toy in our fenced-in backyard (and down our hallway). He's a clever dog who likes to play hide-and-seek. He loves kids, and peanut butter!



FOZI - THE FUTURE IS SO BRIGHT!

OSCAR'S STEPPING STONE



Our Family

WE LOVE OUR FAMILIES, AND SEE THEM AS OFTEN AS WE CAN.

FUN WITH LINDSEY'S SIDE



WITH LINDSEY'S PARENTS AND OSCAR



WITH BRIAN AND SOPHIE



WE LOVE VISITS WITH BOTH SETS OF PARENTS



Diana's parents, Sandy and Doug, are in Texas, where Diana grew up. Sandy is a retired preschool teacher who is artistic and crafty. Doug is an avid reader, amateur musician, and is always quick to laugh. Diana's brother, Brian, is a theater director in Germany. He recently got engaged to Sophie (yay!). We keep in touch with weekly video chats. The family loves baking and sharing family recipes. Sandy brings several jars of our favorite Texas salsa every time they come to visit.

Lindsey grew up in Western Pennsylvania, where their family still lives. Lindsey's parents, Faith and Bob, are high energy folks. Faith likes to walk in their neighborhood, and Bob is a handyman who is always fixing something at their (or, more often, someone else's) house. Lindsey's brother, Bobby, is a school teacher, and he and his wife have a four year-old son, Raleigh. In the summers, we go boating with them at a lake.

In our families, we call grandparents everything from "Nana and Pop-pop" to "Gram and Gramps". **Our parents don't care too much what they're called - they just can't wait to meet their grandbaby!**

Pointing out all the beauty
of the botanical garden
with our Godchildren



WITH FRIENDS, MARA AND TONI

SELFIE TIME WITH OUR FRIEND, KIM



WORKING AT CHURCH

Our Faith Communities

**WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO
SERVING OTHERS.**

We are both Protestant pastors who care for marginalized people in our community, including children, the elderly, and people experiencing homelessness. We work for social change including immigrant rights and police accountability, both as part of our work, and as what we do on our days off. **We hope to nurture our child in these values of service and justice, and raise them in this loving community in which we have the privilege to live.**



In Closing

We hope this gives you a sense of who we are, and what kind of parents we hope to be. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We hope that we have the opportunity to meet you in person, and, hopefully, get to know you over the years to come!

Either way, we wish the best for you, and trust that you will find the right family for your child.

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