

# Alan + Justin





HELLO FROM  
FITCHBURG, WISCONSIN!

WE ARE

**Alan + Justin**

**We love to explore the world, learn new things, and play with our two beautiful dogs Jethroe & Louis.**

We've both wanted to expand our family through adoption for years, ever since our marriage on the steps of the Wisconsin state capitol in the midst of 2020. We're humbled by the chance to raise your child. We want an open adoption, to bring your family and ours together to give your child a support system that can grow and nurture them. We've worked hard to ensure our child will have opportunities that we never had growing up, and want to give them a life beyond comparison. **Thank you for your courage, and for giving us a chance for you to get to know us more!**



**WE'RE SO EXCITED TO MEET YOU!**





## OUR Story



We met on a coffee shop tinder-date just outside of the Wisconsin state capitol.

Several hours of talking about our jobs, our families, our creative outlets, and our shared loves of Minecraft and dogs later, we knew we had something special. From then on, we knew we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together and start a family. **We didn't spend another moment apart, and married seven months later at the Wisconsin state capitol - just feet away from where we first met.** Today, we live in Fitchburg with our Labrador retriever Jethroe and our Dalmatian Louis - and our own personal guard-kitty, Mazzikin. We spend our time with our dogs, playing Minecraft, and creating new and exciting things - from creative writing, to music, to a podcast we host together.

**BEST DAY EVER!**



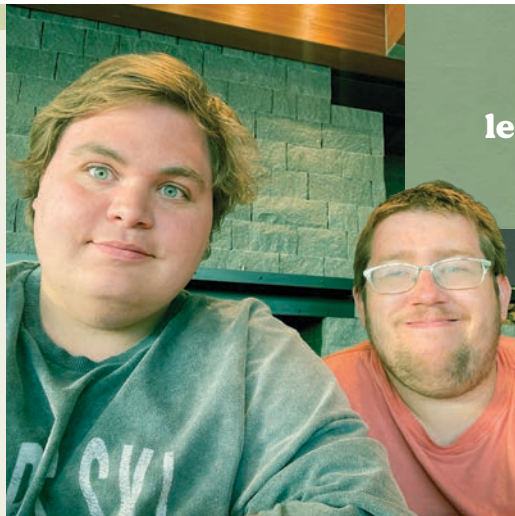
## Lessons

WE WILL TEACH  
YOUR CHILD

**Always be yourself  
and be confident**

**Kids often know what's  
best for them, and  
don't get the credit they  
deserve for it**

**It's ok to stand up for  
yourself and what you  
believe in**



**Every day is a chance to  
learn, or do, something new  
and exciting!**



**Alan is kind, incredibly generous, and works very hard to make the world around him a brighter, better place.**

In a single day, he wears many hats - whether it's spending time helping to feed the homeless, teaching little kids how to swim, or working part-time as a recess monitor at our local Catholic school, he's always spending every free moment of his time to make the world better. This is in addition to his day job: a combination of social media entrepreneurship and consulting with the U.S. Department of Defense. **While he's always hard at work, he always makes time for family and the things that matter most to him** - in the first few months after we met, I didn't even know when he was working! He loves children, and that's clear in how much of his time outside of work he's spent taking day-jobs that allow him to be around them.

ABOUT

# Alan

WRITTEN BY JUSTIN



TRAVELING IN LONDON

HE'S MOST EXCITED TO GIVE CHILDREN OPPORTUNITIES HE NEVER HAD GROWING UP - IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, AND IN TERMS OF CREATING **A WARM, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.**



FUN

## Facts

ABOUT ALAN

Instrument I play:

**Flute**

Dream job:

**Editor-In-Chief of Vogue**

Favorite place to take a child:

**The Louvre**

Favorite lunch box snack:

**Pizza lunchables!**

Favorite children's book:

**Madeline**

What I like to collect:

**Hermes bags**

Source of inspiration:

**Science!**

Favorite dessert:

**Macarons**

Favorite ice cream flavor:

**Anything with peanut butter!**

ABOUT

# Justin

WRITTEN BY ALAN

## Justin is calm, caring, and creative.

In his free time, he's always doing something - creative writing, journalism for our podcast, creating music, or just designing houses in Minecraft for fun. In his day job, Justin works as a software development manager, and loves both the opportunity to grow and nurture new staff and to solve complex problems that nobody else can.

**Because of his role, his job offers significant flexibility in terms of work-life balance that allows him to adjust his work schedule to any needs that come up.**

Justin's most excited to be a parent to give a child an environment to pursue their passions and explore what interests them, whatever it may be.



KAYAKING ADVENTURE!

## ENJOYING A GREAT CUP OF COFFEE



## FUN Facts ABOUT JUSTIN



Instrument I play:

**Saxophone**

Languages

I speak:

**Italian, English**

Dream job:

**I'm working in it!**

Favorite place to take a child:

**The zoo!**

Favorite author:

**Octavia Butler**

Favorite lunch box snack:

**Welch's Fruit Snacks**

Favorite children's book:

**The Little Prince**

Favorite musical artist:

**Cosmo Sheldrake**

Favorite ice cream flavor:

**Butterscotch**

JUSTIN BELIEVES STRONGLY IN TREATING CHILDREN WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPECT GIVEN TO ADULTS, AND THAT UNDERSTANDING A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE CAN GO A LONG WAY IN **HELPING THEM GROW.**

# OUR Home

AND COMMUNITY

We live in the suburbs of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, and we've spent the past two years intensely customizing our house to meet all of our wants and needs.



We built a series of shelves for books in our living room and kitchen, to create a warm and inviting space where reading is more important than the television. **Our community has activities for every season** - whether it's swimming in the summer at Monona Community Pool, picking pumpkins in the autumn in a nearby farm, enjoying hot coffee in winter

at Michelangelo's coffee shop downtown, or enjoying a rainy spring afternoon at the Fitchburg library, there's always something to do or some place to go. Our favorite spot is just off Monroe street, where the school we'll send our kid to, Edgewood Campus school, sits within walking distance of the local Trader Joe's.

## We have two dogs and three cats in our house total!

Our yellow lab Jethro's favorite movie is Frozen 2 - he gets comfy and stares at the screen every time the reindeer are on, and we think he wishes he was one. Our Dalmatian Louis loves to give kisses and snuggle up at night. Our cat Mazzikin is the most mild-mannered kitty we've ever met. And we also have the two "pirate twins" Rurik and Misha - two one-eyed cats who love naps, their cat tree, and shrimp!

## OUR Furry FRIENDS



**BEST BUDS!**



OUR  
**Family**

**Justin's dad and mom live on Long Island and are planning to move to Wisconsin in the future to be closer to us.**



**CELEBRATING WITH LOVED ONES**

His dad grew up in a large family with a lot of siblings - and his father (sadly no longer with us) was adopted and always regretted not knowing both his adopted and birth family. **They both keep telling us how excited they are to be grandparents!** We love to go to Long Island and get pizza together!

Alan's aunt and uncle live in Florida with their son - we make it a point to go down there once every few months, and consider them to be a part of our core family. When we visit, we always make a point to go swimming together and see the local wildlife.



**FAMILY TRADITIONS**

Every year we do a family vacation - this year we're going to London, and next year we'll be in Paris! Both of us went to Disney World when we're younger and we want to make sure our kid goes there at least once. We also go kayaking at least once a year in Florida, and we want to take our kid there with us!



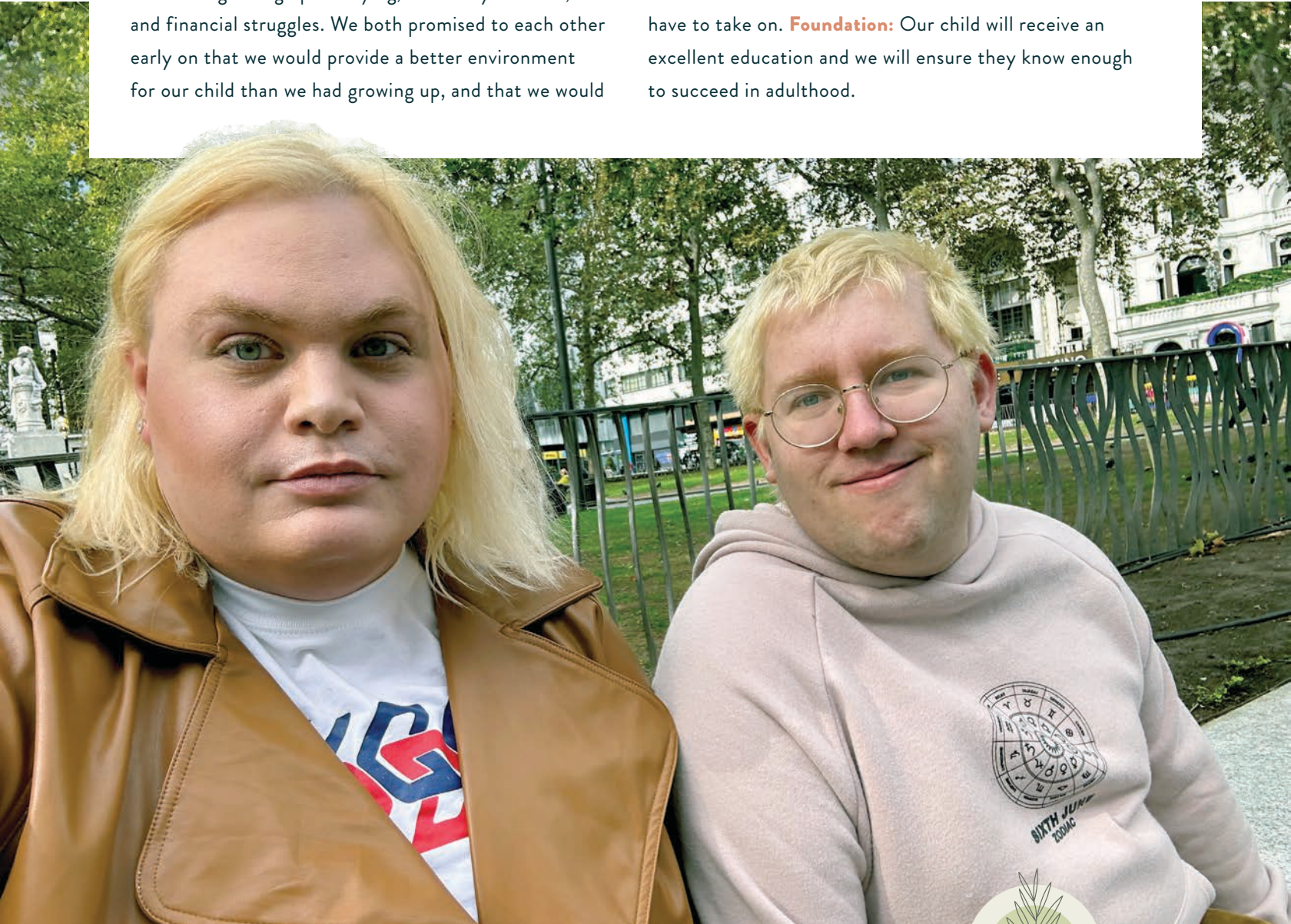


# THOUGHTS ON **Parenting**

**We want to create a safe, loving environment for our child and nurture them so that they can truly become their best selves.**


Both of us were able to pursue our passions from an early age, and it helped us go far in life and in our careers. At the same time, both of us struggled with difficult situations growing up - bullying, instability at home, and financial struggles. We both promised to each other early on that we would provide a better environment for our child than we had growing up, and that we would

provide: **Support:** We will always have our child's back, no matter what. If our child needs help with anything, we will provide it. **Stability:** Our child will never have to worry about finances or other concerns that children should not have to take on. **Foundation:** Our child will receive an excellent education and we will ensure they know enough to succeed in adulthood.



**We're absolutely committed to provide a supportive environment for your child - and we want an open adoption so that you can stay a part of it.**

We've struggled with tracing our family histories, and we never want your child to have to worry about where they came from or how they got where they were. We love children, and we want to raise a child right because we've both been there first-hand to learn how to raise a child wrong. **Thank you for your courage and considering us.**



**WE WANT OUR CHILD TO BE OUR WHOLE WORLD, AND WE WANT TO BE THERE TO GIVE IT TO THEM - AND GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES THAT WE NEVER HAD.**

