



**Chad & Evan**



**Chad (L) and Evan (R) with Desmond**

## **Introduction**

Hello. We appreciate you, that you are considering us as prospective adoptive parents. We are Evan, Chad and Desmond. We are excited to grow our family with an infant. Placing a child for adoption is an act of love and we know this within our own family. Chad was adopted as an infant and we adopted Desmond and cared for him beginning at birth. If you select us, we look forward to creating a relationship with you.

## **Our Story**

While volunteering in Minneapolis in 2005 our paths crossed. We instantly connected after discovering we share the same birthday. We are both curious, spiritual men with common interests. We dated casually until we decided to move in together in early 2009. Our social circles grew to include many new friends. We moved back to Wisconsin in 2012 to be closer to family. We were legally married in 2015 and had a reception for friends and family in 2016. Desmond was born on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 when we became parents for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

## **Meet Chad and Evan**



**Chad and his niece, always up for fun**

Chad is a kind and generous man. He loves animals, reading and being outdoors. Chad is dedicated to his adoptive and biological family. He also plays a prominent role in our church as a worship facilitator during service. Chad enjoys visiting friends and family, relaxing, listening and sharing. He is playful and loving with children including Desmond, his niece and nephews. He enjoys riding his bike and has completed 300-mile charity

rides. I love him most because he is a devoted partner. He supports Desmond and I in becoming the best we can be and I know he will do the same with additional children.



**Craft time with Chad's niece and nephew**

Evan is a very giving and loving man. Evan gives so much of his time in helping others. He faithfully assists his father with his dairy farm by assisting with chores. He's tutored kids in the best for a local charity and loves learning too. He is an avid gardener who is committed to the practice and cultivation of healthy fruits and vegetables. Evan has a drive and determination to continue to improve our home and family life. He gets a vision of what can be and then

proceeds to make it happen. He is very family-oriented and I'm excited to continue to grow our family together, with him.

### **Our Home and Community**

In 2012, we found the opportunity to purchase a property which touches the farm land of Evan's childhood dairy farm so we moved from Minnesota back to Wisconsin. We have renovated some of our home, with plans to continue making improvements.



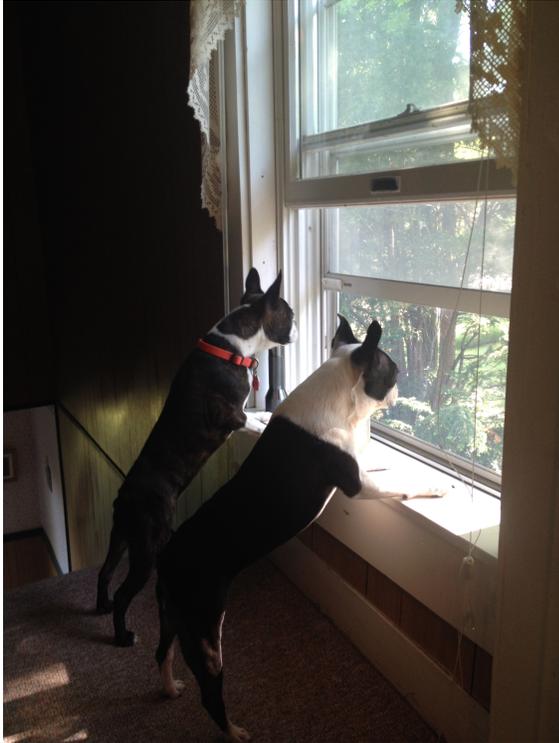
**Our goats are always curious**

Chad is an active member in our church in Waukesha. We have both sang in the choir and volunteer our time helping maintain the operation of the church.

We have several pets. We have two Boston Terrier dogs, which are the only household pets. There are also five red chickens that produce farm fresh eggs and 3 goats that effectively remove overgrowth and weeds on the property. The dogs get most of our



**The chickens give us great eggs and they are very funny**



**Our Boston Terriers are always excited to see us**

attention. We chose them because of how family friendly these dogs are. We love them deeply.

### **Meet our Family**



**Chad, Evan and Desmond on Christmas Day**

Desmond, Chad and Evan make up our immediate family. Desmond is our pride and joy. We love singing to him and playing barn with him. He loves to look at books and so much more. Chad goes by Papa and Evan goes by Dada.

We adopted Desmond in 2016. His birth mother selected us after meeting at AOW. Since his placement with us we have met with his birth mother a few times.

Otherwise we keep in touch via text and photos. We feel grateful for her trust in us to raise Desmond.



Father's Day 2017

parents and regularly too with his sister and family.

Chad located his birth mother and father several years ago having since established a wonderful relationship with her and her family as well as him and his family. We spend time together during the summer and on holiday visits. Chad keeps in touch regularly with biological relatives through Facebook and telephone.

Last year everyone came together for our wedding. Our two families fit well together and we love them very much.

Evan's parents, sister and brother-in-law are our neighbors. We enjoy spending time with them watching our favorite shows, enjoying local concerts and playing games. Evan's mom is a retired school teacher who now volunteers at the local day care where Desmond began attending recently. Evan's dad continues to farm. Evan has extended family living in the same area, with which we often spend time for birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions.

Chad's parents, sister and family live in northern WI. We regularly travel there to spend time together. Chad's dad also owns a cabin and land nearby which we enjoy traveling to for rest and relaxation. The whole family comes together there to enjoy the outdoors. Chad catches up weekly on the phone with his



**Everyone together last year at our wedding ceremony**



**Evan and Chad, with a cousin and Desmond**



Evan, Chad and Fenway headed to New Mexico in an RV

### Our Work

Evan works as an underwriter for an insurance company from home full-time. He worked for many years in the company's headquarters in Minneapolis before moving to Wisconsin. Chad recently began working at a new position as a product support engineer. To maintain balance, we communicate with each other often to ensure everything is tended to at home and with our family.

### A few of our Favorites

We enjoy watching movies, traveling, spending time with Desmond as well as with our extended family. We also love reading, painting, gardening and cooking. Both Evan and Chad like to cook which makes meal planning easier.

One of our favorite memories is traveling in Chad's parents RV to visit our friends and their baby boy in New Mexico. We saw so much of our country while traveling like retirees. There was something special about that journey across America for us which we will never forget. It took a lot of teamwork to make it all work.



Holiday Painting with Evan's family, who's the best?

We love traveling to visit family and friends. We have traveled to Germany, France, Iceland, and Dominican Republic to name a few.

Evan's favorite quote: *"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."* - Harry S. Truman

Chad's favorite quote: *"When you are content*

*to be yourself and don't compare or compete, everyone will respect you."* – Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching



**Chad with a friend's baby in New Mexico**

### **Thoughts about Parenting**

We want to be parents who bring out the best in our children. Positive reinforcement is an important component to our parenting style. We want to help children to grow by being an example to them of personal discipline, dedication and passion. It is important for a child to explore the arts, music, science, literature, sports and so much more to lead a fulfilled life of their choosing. We both believe opportunities for education are important to empower a child. With that said, education is not the only path to fulfilling a meaningful life. We want our children to determine their own path.

We are ready to meet and answer questions that you may have for us. Please know, we want to give a child a loving and supportive home from the bottoms of our hearts. It takes courage and love to consider us as parents for your child and we will trust you. We want the decision to be the right one for your child and for you. We wish you much love and happiness.

Yours truly,

Evan and Chad



Looking good, Chad biking the Red Ribbon Ride



After the finish line, the roses match the biking jersey



Evan's graduation for his Master's