

Chad and Sarah



Hello! We are a close knit, multi-cultural, biracial family. We've been married for twenty-four years and are experienced parents. Our family believes in honesty, compassion, and respectfulness. We hold adoption very close to our hearts. We are so excited to share all the love, joy, and stability with another child. Thank you for considering us as parents. Your child will always know how much you love them.

What It Means to Be Parents

Being parents is so important to us. It is such an honor, and we enjoy being parents beyond words. Being a parent is sometimes challenging, but always comes with blessings and rewards. It is amazing to see a child grow and learn. We are such a close family and treasure every moment together. We both enjoy nurturing and teaching our children. We encourage them that they can do whatever is set before them. We let them know we believe in them, and they know they can come to us for anything. We have a special bond with each of them and hope to share this same bond with another child.



How Adoption Has Affected Us Personally



Adoption is a treasure in our lives and has changed our lives forever in the best way possible. Ten years ago, we met a young woman. She was twelve weeks pregnant and had no family to support her. We took her in and became her family. Several months later she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, our sweet son, Elijah. We were present at the hospital when he was born, and Sarah cut his umbilical cord. Our three older children were ecstatic about having a new baby brother to love. Elijah's birth mom is an amazing part of our story, and she means so much to us.

Five years ago, we felt the same desire to adopt. God worked quickly, and we were chosen to be parents in just a few days. One month later our sweet Alayah Joy was born. We were both at the hospital for the delivery, and Sarah once again cut the cord. Alayah is now five years old and is such a delightful, spunky little girl. We have an open adoption with her birth mom; sending pictures and calling. Her birth mom is also a tremendous blessing to our family. As a family, we are all thrilled and excited to be adopting again and are looking forward to seeing what the Lord is going to do. Children truly are a gift whom we cherish.



Religious Beliefs

Our faith is the foundation of our marriage, family, and our entire life. It reflects in the way we act and how we respond to situations. We feel the Lord has called us to adopt again. He has prompted us to take a step forward in faith, trusting He has another child waiting for us. We respect Christian values and look for ways to reach out and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Chad has gone on several mission trips to Uganda, bringing the Word of God, clothing, personal hygiene items, and visiting sick children in the hospital. Sarah reaches out by working in the church nursery, buying and packaging Christmas gifts for the less fortunate, serving the widows, and mentoring young women.



Children We Met in Uganda



Our Previous Foster Children

Addressing Cultural Diversity

Traveling to Africa, we have learned about different cultures, races, and languages. Culture is important in so many ways. We will make sure your child is taught about their heritage, that they know where they came from, that they respect their heritage, and most importantly, that they embrace their culture. We will ensure your child is able to have opportunities to interact with children of similar ethnic backgrounds. (Not to mention he/she will have siblings who share their culture as well.) We have done this same thing with our youngest children Elijah and Alayah. We have had several children whom we hosted from other countries and of different races. In addition, many of our closest friends have adopted ethnically diverse children. Your child will be exposed to



Eli and Alayah's Friends

openly and willingly discuss any questions Eli and Alayah have about their heritage when the topic of heritage and adoption comes up. We feel the best approach is to be real and transparent. If you have any family or cultural traditions, we would be honored to incorporate them into your child's life, making these a lasting part of our family.



several different ethnicities. Just like the rest of our children, your child will come to love learning about different cultures. We



Our Friend's Foster Daughter

Our House and Neighborhood



We reside in Colorado. We live in a country neighborhood in a home with 9 bedrooms and 13 bathrooms. We have made our house fun and inviting for people of all ages. Our backyard consists of beautiful trees, a large grassy area, and a huge swingset/fort complex. We have hosted our church youth group and children from Rwanda, India, and Haiti at

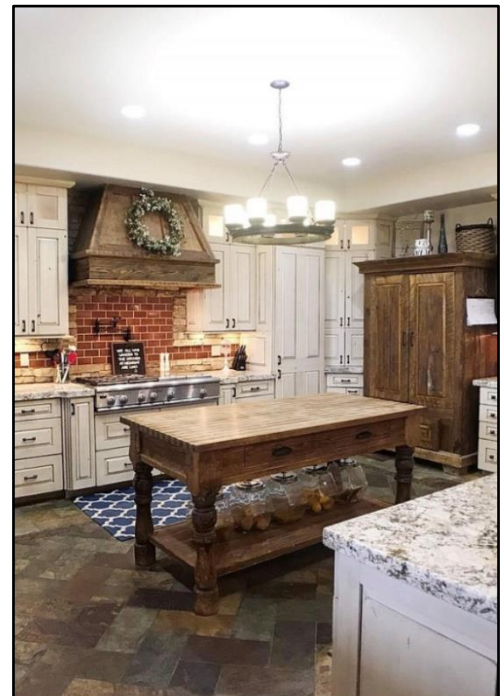
our home. Our children love learning of other cultures and making new friends with children of different nationalities. The inside of our house is just as fun on the inside as it is on the outside! We have a huge room containing ping pong, basketball, shuffleboard, and foosball, along with a theater room with popcorn and movie candy. It is a joy to share with others the blessings God has given to us. Our nearby town has several parks with playground equipment, including lakes (for boating and fishing) with sandy beaches. The views of the mountains we take



in while we are on the hiking paths are spectacular.

We really enjoy the tradition of watching

fireworks with friends every 4th of July over the local lake or over the neighborhood. We have the country life, yet we are still close to a bigger city that has every amenity imaginable. This all offers a great sense of community.



Cultural Heritage



Sarah's Step-Dad with Alayah



Sarah's Mom with the Kids

We understand that cultural background is a big part of who a person is. Sarah is of mixed decent. She is French, Irish, and German, along with some French Indian. Her father was of dark complexion, as are her brothers and many of her cousins. Sarah embraces different cultures because she has been exposed to different cultural backgrounds since birth. Chad is 100% Dutch. He was raised in a traditional American family. He has friends and relatives married into the family who are

ethnically diverse. We have traveled to different countries, experiencing, valuing, and enjoying many different and diverse cultures.



Sarah's Aunt and Uncle with the Kids

Qualities We Love About Each Other



Chad is truly an amazing person. He is very funny, light- hearted and compassionate. He is a tremendous provider, not only financially, but also emotionally. When I need an extra set of hands around the house, he instinctually knows what needs to be done-I don't even have to ask. He will have the laundry done, kitchen cleaned, and even have helped the kids with their homework. He is so thoughtful. It is such a joy to see him playing games with the kids, encouraging them to try their best at school and athletic tournaments, and tucking the little ones in for bed. I

don't have to guess or wonder what kind of dad Chad will be. He IS a wonderful, loving, experienced father. I am so thankful that he is my best friend and the love of my life.

Sarah has a very loving and compassionate personality. She is truly a person who puts others first. She loves to have our friends and family over and put on get-togethers for our children and their friends. Her hospitality towards others is second to none. Our children are her earthly sense of joy and fulfillment. She loves being a stay at home mother and enjoys homeschooling our youngest little blessings. She is very supportive of me as a husband and



shows me a great deal of respect. We are definitely not perfect, but we complement each other very well and love each other deeply.

From Us To You...

We cannot begin to fully comprehend the emotions you are feeling. What we do know is that you are considering adoption because of the tremendous love you have for your child. Our hearts go out to you.

We met 25 years ago and have been happily married for 24 years. Chad is a successful business owner. He has owned our company for 25 years. Being an entrepreneur gives him flexibility and financial stability.

Sarah's main and most important position is a stay at home mom. She homeschools our two youngest children and takes them to all their extra-curricular activities. Both of us put our kids' safety, happiness, and sense of self-worth above our own needs; and we would do this for your little one as well. Both of us value a education greatly.

From very early on, (during our engagement actually) we talked about adoption. From that moment on we felt it was something God placed on our hearts. Our children mean the world to us. We spend a great deal of time together playing board games and basketball, swimming, fishing, and traveling. Our children are: Michayla-22 (teaching special needs kids and obtaining a masters degree), Hannah-21, (senior in college and obtaining an RN degree to become a pediatric nurse), Matthew-21, (senior in college obtaining a double major in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security), Elijah-10, and Alayah-5. Having a larger family just multiplies the love!!

We would love to have a open adoption or semi open adoption with you! Really, it's whatever you are comfortable with. We'd be thrilled to send you pictures, letters, videos, or have in-person visits.

We promise you we will love this little one with all our hearts. We will hold them close, protect them fiercely, love them deeply, and give them an excellent

education. They will be encouraged to have goals and aspirations as big as they can dream—for nothing is impossible with God. We will be there guiding and supporting them every step of the way so they can become all God has intended for them to be.

Your little one will always be reminded of where they have come from and how much you loved and still love them. You will always be portrayed in a loving, respectful manner, just as you deserve. They will know the tremendous sacrifice you made and all the dreams you have for their life.

We have been hoping to adopt again and cannot wait to welcome another child into our family. Elijah and Alayah would be thrilled to have a new little brother or sister to love and cherish. It would be a blessing for your little one, Elijah, and Alayah to have a strong bond because of adoption.

We have a deep respect for you and your decision. We pray you will find peace in your decision about who will raise your child. We are ready and eagerly waiting for a new little one. We will love them whole-heartedly. If you choose our family, your child will always be loved beyond measure, and so will you. We will hold you dear to our hearts and be forever grateful.

With much love and blessings, Chad and Sarah

