



Hello We Are...



Chad & Kelly



Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to build a family that remains close throughout life, a family where each of our children always knows they are loved, accepted, valued, and completely at home. No matter where their dreams take them or how much life changes over the years, we hope they will always know they have a family standing beside them, cheering them on, and ready to welcome them home.

There is a quote that has always stayed with us: "I remember the days when I wished for what I have now." It means so much because being parents was once something we could only dream about. Today, we have two wonderful boys, and we never take for granted the ordinary moments that make being a family so special. Our greatest joys are found in watching our children grow, discovering who they are, celebrating their accomplishments, supporting them through challenges, and simply getting to share everyday life together.

For as long as we can remember, adoption has been part of our hopes for our family. In fact, on our second date, Chad shared that he had always imagined adoption being part of his future family. He was surprised to learn that Kelly had always felt the same way. We continued talking about adoption throughout our marriage, even as our family grew, and that dream never went away. Now, we are ready to open our hearts and our home to another child.

If you choose us, your child will have parents who will put their needs first and be there to love, encourage, guide, and support them through every stage of life. They will also have two big brothers who are ready to welcome a sibling into the fun, laughter, traditions, and everyday moments of our family. We want your child to grow up with an undeniable sense of belonging, knowing there is no distinction in our hearts between our children. Each of our children will simply be ours, equally cherished and deeply loved for exactly who they are.

We also understand that loving your child means honoring the people and experiences that are part of their story. We will always speak about you with kindness and respect and make sure your child knows where they came from and how deeply they have been loved. If you desire an ongoing relationship, we hope we can build a meaningful connection with you. Our hope is that your child never feels they have to choose between the people who love them but instead grows up surrounded by all our love.

And for you, we hope for peace, healing, happiness, and the opportunity to pursue the dreams you have for your own life. We know we cannot fully understand what this decision may ask of you, but we can promise never to take your trust, or the responsibility of being your child's parents, for granted.

Respectfully,

Chad & Kelly

Graceful
Adoptions™

A Beautiful Experience

YourPartner@GracefulAdoptions.com | [GracefulAdoptions.com](https://www.GracefulAdoptions.com)



Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE WITHOUT CONDITIONS - We want our children to know that our love is something they will never have to earn. It does not depend on their behavior, accomplishments, choices, or mistakes. This is something we make a point of saying out loud. At bedtime, Kelly loves to lie beside the boys and remind them, "I love you on your good days and your bad days. I love you no matter what." We want those words to become something our children know deep within themselves. We believe growing up secure in that kind of love gives children the confidence to try new things, make mistakes, learn from them, and become strong in who they are. We also hope that experiencing unconditional love within our family teaches our children how to share that same kind of love with the people in their lives.



INTEGRITY - We believe integrity is about doing the right thing even when it is difficult or no one is watching. Honesty can sometimes be especially hard for children when they know they have made a mistake. We want our children to know they can always come to us with the truth, take responsibility for their choices, and grow from each experience. We talk openly with our children about the choices we make, why we make them, and why sometimes doing what is right isn't necessarily what is easiest. We hope they grow up knowing that every experience is an opportunity to learn, grow, and strengthen their character.



KINDNESS - Kindness can make a meaningful difference in another person's day. Even the smallest gesture can help someone feel seen, valued, or cared for, and we want our children to recognize those opportunities. We model this in the way we treat the people around us. We know we rarely understand everything another person may be going through, so we choose to approach others with kindness, compassion, and understanding. As our children watch those everyday interactions, we hope they learn that kindness doesn't have to be a grand gesture. It can simply be the way you choose to treat people every day.

RESPONSIBILITY - We want our children to grow into capable and independent adults, and we believe that begins by allowing them to contribute while they are young. Our boys have age-appropriate chores they complete each day, helping them understand that what they do matters and that everyone has a role in making our home run. We also encourage them to take responsibility for their own belongings. These may seem like little things now, but they are teaching our children to pay attention to what they are doing, understand the consequences of their choices, and take pride in what they can accomplish on their own. As they grow, their responsibilities will grow with them, giving them the confidence to know they are capable of doing hard things and caring for themselves and others.



EMPATHY - We encourage our children to think about how another person might be feeling and, just as importantly, how their own words and actions can affect someone else. As they grow, we hope this helps them become compassionate adults who listen, communicate openly, and try to understand perspectives and experiences that may be different from their own. We believe empathy is at the heart of strong relationships. Our hope is that our children will carry it with them throughout their lives, in their relationships with one another, with us, with friends and with everyone whose life crosses their path.

A Beautiful Experience





Our Home

Our home is a place filled with laughter, toys, family meals, conversations, celebrations, and all the everyday moments of family life. Our main floor is open and bright with lots of natural light. We hope that when people walk through our door, they immediately feel comfortable, welcomed, and at home.

We have intentionally made our children part of the spaces where we spend the most time. A portion of our living room is their "kid zone," with a shelf of toys and a cozy reading nook. We also keep an art table there because our oldest son loves to draw and create. We want our children to know this is their home, too, and to feel free to play, create, relax, and simply be kids.

That same feeling extends into our backyard. There is plenty of room to run and play, along with a large playset, climbing dome, trampoline, ride-on toys, bikes, trikes, scooters, and wagons. On especially fun days, the inflatable playhouses and water slides come out. Our home has naturally become a gathering place for our children's friends, and we love seeing a yard full of kids playing and making memories together.

Our outdoor spaces are fun for the grown-ups, too. Summer days are often spent cooling off in the pool or enjoying time together on the boat. When the weather cools down, we love eating dinner on the patio, relaxing outside, and spending time with friends and family while the children play. Whether we're enjoying a summer day on the lake, sitting by the pool, sharing a meal outside, or simply watching the kids run around the backyard, being outdoors is an important part of our family life.

Inside, our kitchen and living room are often filled with people we love. Our home is the gathering place for our friend group, and its open layout means the children can play in the living room, playroom, or outside while the adults gather nearby in the kitchen and living room. Over the years, we've hosted Friendsgiving, Christmas parties, end-of-the-school-year celebrations, birthday parties, Easter egg hunts, and more playdates and get-togethers than we can count. We also host Thanksgiving for our families each year and love having the grandparents over for dinner.

Our child's room is ready and waiting to become a space that is uniquely theirs. Because we don't yet know the age, interests, or personality of the child who may join our family, we have intentionally kept the room neutral and cozy. Once we know our child, we look forward to making the room their own, a peaceful and comfortable place where they can fill it with all the toys, books, puzzles and anything else they enjoy.

More than the house itself, what makes our home special to us is the life we share here. It gives us room to be together while still allowing each person space to play, create, relax, and grow. We hope another child will experience all the big and little moments with us that make our house feel like a home.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Spending time with family and friends, traveling, Pilates, mahjong, puzzles, and art

Adoptive Father: Nature and sports. Boating, camping, hiking, walking, and snow skiing. Playing basketball, soccer, football, baseball and anything my kids are interested in

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Stay at home mom

Adoptive Father: Small business owner

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



A Beautiful Experience



YourPartner@GracefulAdoptions.com | GracefulAdoptions.com

Our Family

We first met in elementary school. After high school, life took us both out of state, but in our mid-20s we found ourselves back in the same area, reconnected, and we dated for two years before getting married.

Over the years, we have learned how well we complement and balance one another. We work as a team, communicate openly, and share the same commitment to creating a loving, stable, and supportive home for our children. Kelly is a stay-at-home mom and loves devoting so much of her time and energy to our family. She manages much of our family's day-to-day life and is actively involved in the children's school.

We have two boys who bring so much personality to our family. Our oldest is funny, energetic, and a natural leader who loves soccer, art, and anything that lets him be creative. Our younger son is filled with joy and has an outgoing personality that tends to put a smile on everyone's face. He can be incredibly silly and loves making people laugh. We can't wait to see the relationships they build and watch them embrace being big brothers.

Some of our happiest times are simply spent together. We love traveling as a family and have made wonderful memories on ski trips, camping adventures, Disney vacations, and trips to the beach. We enjoy experiencing new places, learning about different cultures, and giving our children opportunities to see things beyond their everyday lives. Recently, Chad took the boys on a father-kids weekend at a local camp, where they swam in the lake, tried archery, and spent the weekend having adventures together. Whether we're far from home or enjoying something nearby, what matters most to us is the time we get to spend together.

We also believe childhood should feel a little magical, and Kelly loves finding ways to turn ordinary moments into special memories. The first day of school includes themed pajamas and a fun breakfast, birthdays begin with favorite donuts and streamers, and the last day of school is celebrated with a decorated car. Even holiday lunches often have a special theme. These little traditions are our way of giving our children moments to look forward to year after year.

Holidays are especially fun in our family. At Christmas, we head to the mountains to cut down our tree, ride the Polar Express, see Christmas lights, and attend Christmas Eve church. We celebrate the smaller holidays too. On Valentine's Day, for example, Chad and the kids make homemade pizzas together. We love that traditions give us a reason to slow down, have fun, and create memories together.

Our children are also fortunate to grow up surrounded by extended family. Kelly's parents live next door; Chad's family are also nearby. Our boys regularly spend time with their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins swimming, taking boat rides, and simply being together, and their extended family are often in the stands at games and in the audience at school performances.

When another child joins our family, we look forward to discovering their unique personality and interests. There will be a place for them in the everyday moments, on family adventures, celebrating holidays, playing with their brothers and cousins, and being cheered on by grandparents, aunts and uncles. Most of all, we know they will grow up surrounded by the same closeness, laughter, and unconditional love that are currently at the heart of our family.



A Beautiful Experience

YourPartner@GracefulAdoptions.com | [GracefulAdoptions.com](https://www.GracefulAdoptions.com)

