

## **FACTS ABOUT LOVE NEVER QUILTS**

- I wrote the book in just 5 weeks, and took 10 days off to visit family at Christmas. Once I decided to write our story, it just flowed. The experience was very therapeutic for the whole family.
- Our entire family agreed that this book was a worthwhile endeavor, and I do have permission from Maddox to share the stories in the book. Both boys contributed their own chapters for a different viewpoint.
- Several incidents or symptoms were left out of the book in order to protect my son from embarrassment. We were very careful with what information we shared, and managed to get the information across without specifics from our personal experiences.
- We hope our success story will offer hope to those who are struggling with attachment issues, RAD, developmental trauma disorder, or other challenges. When I was researching, there was so little information in the form of personal stories, and virtually no success stories.

## **FACTS ABOUT R.A.D.:**

1. RAD is caused by disruption trauma that occurs before the age of 3: adoption, abuse, neglect, or possibly a caregiver that is removed for health issues, deployment, or prison.
2. Symptoms of RAD include severe anger and violence, aggression, inability to give or receive affection, lack of cause and effect thinking, abnormal eating patterns, lying, stealing, bedwetting into the teen years, learning lags, hoarding food, lack of impulse control, preoccupation with fire, blood, and gore, etc.
3. Kids with RAD have very low self-esteem, so punitive punishments only exacerbate the problem. Regular parenting techniques often backfire on a child diagnosed with RAD.
4. Love alone cannot "cure" reactive attachment disorder and kids will not outgrow it. Professional therapy is imperative for long-term success.