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The Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute conducts research, provides education programs and shapes policies to tangibly improve the lives of everyone touched by adoption, especially children. A study commissioned by Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children in 1994 found the adoption field needed an independent, research-based voice to work for better, more ethical practices, policies and laws; the Adoption Institute was created in August 1996 to meet that need.

Evan B. Donaldson served on the Spence-Chapin Board of Directors from 1977 until her death in 1994, including the last nine years as president. Mrs. Donaldson, an adoptive mother herself, was a devoted advocate for children in need of permanent, loving homes. By naming the Adoption Institute for its beloved leader and volunteer, Spence-Chapin paid tribute to her enduring spirit.

Matt Donaldson, son of Evan B. and William Donaldson, is an avid outdoorsman. For six years he worked for Trek America guiding travelers throughout the United States, Canada, and Alaska. Now employed by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in New York City, Matt continues to find time to be physically active and is currently training for his next challenge: the Iron Man Triathlon. He honors his mother, and her passion, by using this opportunity to help the Adoption Institute achieve its mission.

Matt Donaldson is doing all three to benefit the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute

## **The Iron Man Triathlon**

**Sunday, July 23, 2006**

LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Please sponsor Matt's miles and support the important work of the Adoption Institute.

Here's the breakdown:

26 mile run

2.4 mile swim

112 miles biking

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