



## Facts-At-A-Glance

**Mission:** Gift of Adoption is a national charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents – giving children who need families a permanent home and a chance to thrive.

**The First Gift:** Gift of Adoption awarded its first grant in 1997.

**National History:** Gift of Adoption was co-founded in 1996 by adoptive parents Gene and Lucy Wyka. They began a foundation in 1996 with a single focus – to help more children become adopted. Due to the overwhelming demand for grants, Gene and Lucy converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2001.

**Eligibility:** Any U.S. citizen adopting from anywhere in the world (domestic or international) who has an approved home study from a licensed agency or social worker is eligible to apply. Financial need must be demonstrated. Gift of Adoption does not consider an applicant's marital status, gender, age, race, creed, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation when reviewing applications.

**Number of Grants:** More than 600 grants, representing more than \$2m, have been awarded since 1997.

**Number of Applicants:** Gift of Adoption receives more than 50 applications each month, 20 of which meet our strict funding criteria. Current funding allows an average of only 8 grants to be awarded each month.

**Grant Size:** The amount varies depending on the specific situation of each applicant. The average award given in 2009 was \$3,500. Currently, the maximum grant is \$7,500.

**Support:** Financial support for the Gift of Adoption Fund comes from individual, corporate, and foundation donors. In addition, more than 500 volunteers and 3 staff are an integral part of GOA's success.

**Grant Frequency:** The Grant Selection Committee approves Grants every month.

**Operating Cost:** GOA's expense for Fiscal Year 2009\* (July.'08 - Jun.'09) totaled \$670,710. Expenses include the value of in-kind donations. Our program service expense ratio in fiscal year 2009 was 75 percent. \* Based on audited financial results.

**You don't have to adopt to give a child a loving home.**



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