

# *Annual Report*

FISCAL YEAR 2015

(JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015)



LIANG YUN  
ADOPTED FROM CHINA

GRANT AWARDED DECEMBER 2013  
TO HEATH & CARA  
OF AVA, MO

 Gift of  
Adoption  
FUND

# *Welcome to*

## GIFT OF ADOPTION

We are a volunteer-driven charity that raises funds to provide grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children – giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive.



ELLA & DAHELSON  
(WITH THEIR SISTER ZOE)  
ADOPTED FROM HAITI

GRANT AWARDED NOVEMBER 2011  
TO BRENT & JULIE  
OF ERIE, PA

## Dear Friends,

Because of your abiding generosity we are relieved and hopeful for what lies ahead for the 212 children we have reached this year with the gift of adoption. Seeing Liang Yun on his dad's shoulder and Ella and Dahelson with their older sister Zoe, we trust that their lives have new promise.

Your generosity has paved their way. It's given them the road home to a family.

Since 1996, we've awarded more than \$4.6 million in "final mile" funds to bring 1,575 children home for good. To further our impact, we are embarking on a "500 in 5" Plan, developed with pro-bono consulting from the Boston Consulting Group Chicago. Our plan is to reach 500 children a year by 2020, which will allow us to unite another 1,800 children with loving families, doubling the number of children we have served at four times the pace.

What drives us and what will get us there is our steadfast belief that a loving family is a basic necessity for children everywhere. We'll engage smart, dedicated volunteer board leaders (like many of you) to expand our chapter footprint into new cities around the country and we will tell the 'Gift' story more often, more vibrantly and in a bigger way.

It's a steep road to climb, but the children who continue to wait for a family of their own, deserve nothing less than our best.

Because when a child comes home to a family, all of our lives are bettered.

This note from a grant recipient family reminds us:

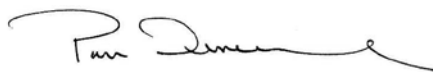
"We want to thank you for the part you played in Jackson joining our family. He has been home for two months now and is adjusting remarkably well. As we were driving home from the airport the night we brought him home, he said, 'Mama, this is a good road... because it's the road that goes to our home.' I thought of how we drive down that road over and over and it has no meaning, until we saw it through his eyes. The value of having a home is so much greater to those who have never had one."

The value of your gift to Jackson and the other children reached this year is greater than you may ever know. It takes the shape of the relief, hope, and promise of an ordinary road transformed into the road home.

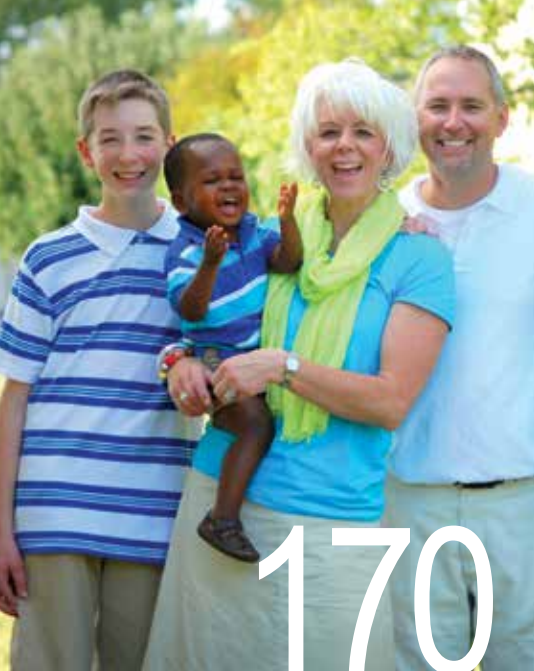
Thank you for everything,



Paula Van Ness  
National Board President

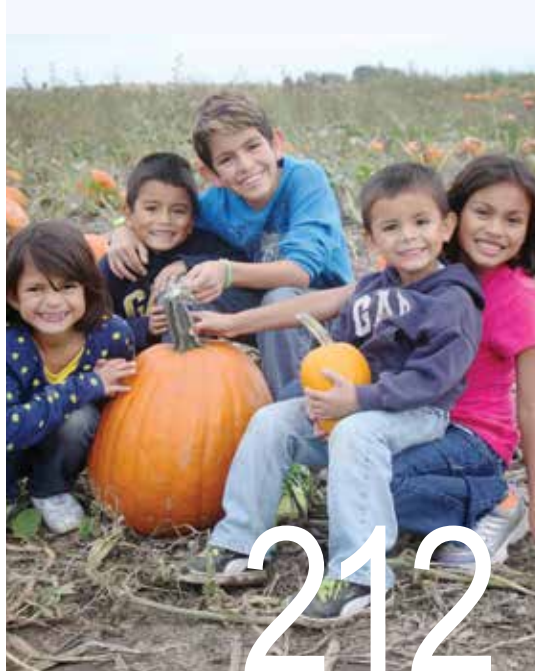


Pam Devereux  
Chief Executive Officer



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NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT  
RECEIVED GRANTS



212

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED  
FROM GRANTS



45%

DOMESTIC  
FROM 43 U.S. STATES



55%

INTERNATIONAL  
FROM 19 COUNTRIES





**MISSION:** GIFT OF ADOPTION IS A NATIONAL CHARITY THAT FILLS THE VOID THAT SEPARATES CHILD FROM FAMILY – BY PROVIDING THE FINAL FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ADOPTIONS OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN.

## FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Total Amount of Grant Awards: **\$629,723**

Average Grant Amount: **\$3,704**

Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family: **15%**

Grants that kept children from unnecessarily entering the U.S. foster care system: **14%**

Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage: **13%**

Grants that helped children with critical medical conditions: **36%**

Applications Received: **631**

Through June 30, 2015, Gift of Adoption has awarded **1,285 grants**, representing **\$4.4 million** and **1,565 children** who now have permanent families and a chance to thrive.

During fiscal year 2015, Gift of Adoption established the Peter S. Gutrich Memorial Fund. Peter, an Investor Board member, passed away in April, 2015. From this outpouring of generosity, 14 adoptions will be completed in the coming years.

Additionally, with the support of a pro bono team from the Boston Consulting Group, Gift of Adoption leadership developed a five-year strategic plan that sees the organization growing to reach 500 children per year in 2020.

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He was not able to receive his needed heart surgery in China. Immediately after the adoption we returned to the United States to prepare for this vital heart surgery. If his heart defects were not repaired, his life expectancy would be significantly shortened. (50% survive to age 5, and about 10% survive to age 10.) His heart surgery has given him an opportunity to have a typical lifespan and participate in nearly a full range of activities as he grows.

Adoption also allows him to have what every child on earth deserves, a family and a community of people who love and nurture him, who will raise him to live out his full potential, to explore the world and have the opportunity to dream and make some of his dreams come true. He will have his own parents, brother and sisters, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who are already embracing him as family.

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Ezekiel



EZEKIEL  
ADOPTED FROM CHINA  
GRANT AWARDED FEBRUARY 2015  
TO BRIAN & EVA  
OF DAYTON, OH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2015

## ASSETS

Cash	\$292,152
Investments	149,241
Pledges and contributions receivable	237,653
Adoption loans receivable	34,448
Prepaid expenses	6,527
Property and equipment, net	0
Cash surrender value of life insurance	64,514
Other assets	7,167
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$791,702</b>

## LIABILITIES

Grants payable	\$177,258
Accounts Payable	31,849
Accrued expenses	8,913
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>218,020</b>

## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	211,029
Temporarily restricted	362,653
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>573,682</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$791,702</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2015

## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

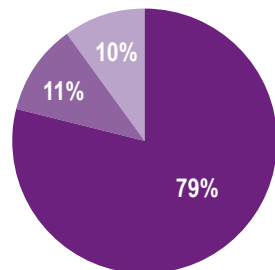
Contributions	747,614
Special events revenue	556,905
Special events expense	(242,608)
In-kind donations	29,034
Program service fees	31,450
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4,798)
Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions	7,818
Miscellaneous revenue	4,942
Net assets released from restrictions	—
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>1,130,357</b>

## EXPENSES

Program	856,788
Management and General	125,034
Fundraising	106,953
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,088,775</b>

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>41,582</b>
Net assets:	
Beginning of year	532,100
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$573,682</b>

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION  
OF EXPENSES FY2015

- Program Services
- Management and General
- Fundraising



# *Eliana*

& HER BROTHER COLE

ELIANA  
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.

GRANT AWARDED OCTOBER 2014  
TO MONIKA & PAUL  
OF MADISON, WI

Eliana will grow up in a stable home free of substance abuse. She will have access to good medical care, a strong education, and will have a supportive family and a big extended family who loves her a lot! She would have ended up in the foster care system at birth if we had not been there to adopt her. We got to bring her home from the hospital when she was just three days old. Right away we knew we had a special little girl. She has a big smile that lights up her whole face. She looks for any excuse to flash that smile and squeal with delight!





*Isaac*

**YISHAK**  
**ADOPTED FROM ETHIOPIA**  
**GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**TO EVYN & JENNA**  
**OF CROSSLAKE, MN**

Isaac was found abandoned in Adama, Ethiopia when he was one month old. When attempts to find relatives were exhausted, adoption became a way for him to have a family. Adoption will be the beginning leaving everything he has ever known but he will now have a mom, a dad, sisters, and a home. Isaac is absolutely in love with his daddy and with fire trucks. (Just like his daddy is!) Gift of Adoption's support in getting him home means more than you could ever know.

# Nathan



NATHAN  
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.  
GRANT AWARDED AUGUST 2014  
TO NICKY  
OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Nathan has a loving, stable home with me. He is safe and his needs are being met. He is very loved and has a great life. He will have every opportunity as he gets older. Every day is full of wonderful moments. Some of the best moments have been the firsts – the first smile, the first time he crawled, the first time he said ‘mama’, the first time he pulled himself up. It’s all so very amazing to watch this little human develop his own personality.



# Elena

**ELENA  
ADOPTED FROM UKRAINE  
GRANT AWARDED AUGUST 2014  
TO RANDALL & ANGELA  
OF DANVILLE, IA**

In the short time she has been home, she has grown from the 50th to the 75th percentile. She has learned so much this past year. She started preschool and is learning counting, colors, letters, etc. She loves to entertain and make us laugh. Donors need to know how much they have changed lives. Not just the child who was adopted but the entire family. We have all been positively changed by Elena. She is such a blessing.

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Pam Devereux





# Josiah

JOSIAH  
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.  
GRANT AWARDED JUNE 2015  
TO JOHNNY & PAOLA  
OF DALLAS, TX

Even here in the land of the free, children are being abused, suffering loneliness and living in poverty. Other children are being born to mothers that choose to place their children into an adoptive home to give them a life they cannot offer. We admire these birth mothers. We admire their bravery and selfless love. Birth mothers make a sacrifice of self in order to provide a better life for that child. Josiah will have two parents, a loving extended family and opportunities to excel in life.





**YOSIE**  
**ADOPTED FROM BULGARIA**  
**GRANT AWARDED OCTOBER 2014**  
**TO JESSICA & JOSHUA**  
**OF CURWENSVILLE, PA**

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**NOTE:** All Board  
 rosters reflect  
 membership as of  
 October 27, 2015.

# *Give the Gift that* **BRINGS HER HOME**

You do not have to adopt to give a child the gift of a family. You can immediately impact the trajectory of a child's life for the better, by helping to eliminate the financial barrier that delays or deters families from completing an adoption. Your donation to Gift of Adoption offers a priceless sense of belonging to a child who otherwise might not ever have a family.



RAIMEY  
ADOPTED FROM CHINA  
GRANT AWARDED OCTOBER 2011  
TO ANGELA & ANDREW  
OF TURNER, OR



*We invite you to*

## JOIN THE CAUSE

Rethink the impact you can have. If you believe that a loving family is a basic necessity for children everywhere, volunteer with Gift of Adoption and further the cause. Get started by connecting with the smart, dedicated leaders in your home state.

OLIVER  
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.

GRANT AWARDED NOVEMBER 2014  
TO REBECCA & JAMES  
OF ANDERSON, SC



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