



| Gift of Adoption Overview | |
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| Mission | Gift of Adoption is a national charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents —giving children in need of families a permanent home and a chance to thrive. The organization provides the final funds to complete the adoptions of children born in the U.S. and around the world. |
| History | Gift of Adoption was founded in 1996 by adoptive parents Gene and Lucy Wyka of Grafton, Wisc. Due to overwhelming response for adoption assistance grants, the Wykas 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 COA accredited agency is eligible to apply. Financial need must be demonstrated. |
| Need | Gift of Adoption receives more than 50 requests for financial assistance each month. On average, 20 of those meet the application criteria. Gift of Adoption only has resources to fund eight of the qualified requests each month. |
| Impact | Nationally, more than \$4.4 million dollars has been awarded since 1997 to help complete the adoptions of more than 1,475 children. |
| What makes Gift of Adoption unique? | Gift of Adoption prioritizes grants for the most vulnerable children facing what is possibly their last or only chance at adoption. This includes families who are working to unite or keep siblings together and those adopting children with critical medical conditions or kids aging out of orphanages. Gift of Adoption offers grants of up to \$7,500 to provide families – regardless of race, religion, age or marital status – the financial support needed to welcome a child home. |
| National Presence | The National Board of Directors, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., joins regional chapters successfully operating in Arizona, the Carolinas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin. The goal of the regional chapters is to assist with raising funds to support local adoption grants and raise awareness on Gift of Adoption across the U.S. |
| How to get involved? | Through Gift of Adoption, everyone can make a difference. You don't have to adopt to give a child a safe and nurturing home. A donation to Gift of Adoption makes an adoption possible, giving a child in need of a family a place to call home. |

For more information and to learn how to get involved visit: <http://www.giftofadoption.org/>