



Tupelo
Adopted from China
Grant awarded November 2013

 Gift of
Adoption
FUND

ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 2014
(July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

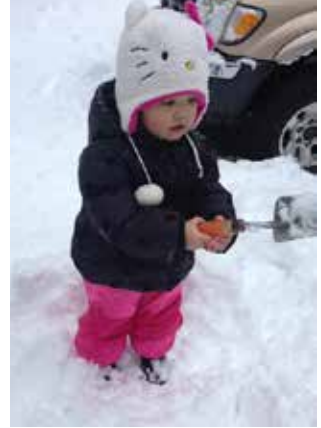
**Tupelo, adopted from China ■ First Colorado Chapter grant
Awarded November 2013 to Brian & Shelly of Nederland, CO**



“She was abandoned in China at 9-months. She had a dislocated hip that was unsuccessfully treated.”



“Because of this grant, our future is more secure and brighter. The grant made a big difference in our present and future lives.”



“The gift equates to seeing our daughter’s face... to meet this person we had been staring at in pictures. It meant something real and exciting.”

**Caroline, adopted from South Africa ■ First Texas Chapter grant
Awarded August 2013 to Amanda of Lubbock, TX**



“In her years at the orphanage, she saw other children adopted and prayed for a family of her own.”



“Adoption will give her the place of belonging she has longed for.”



“Adoption recognizes the simple truth that every child deserves a family.”

Sintayehu, Medhanit, and Gifti, adopted from Ethiopia
First Connecticut Chapter grant
Awarded February 2014 to Brian & Kelly of Windsor Locks, CT



“They are enjoying new opportunities like school, riding bikes, having friends, going to church all in the context of a family.”



“Thank you for helping provide these three kids a home. We are a family now and we thank your donors for their generosity.”



“There is still a big language barrier, but they all want to tell you, ‘America good!’”

Ria, adopted from U.S.A. ■ First Church of Eleven 22 Fund grant
Awarded June 2014 to Kelsey & Nikki of Jacksonville, FL



“Ria is playful, eats and sleeps well, loves her big sisters, and our bonding is going beautifully.”



“She was never given a 1st birthday so we are making that happen (everyone needs a first birthday).”



“GOA made the process stress free and feasible and made funds available a lot quicker than we could have ever imagined.”



Dear Friends,

Tupelo's airplane ride on the beach is quintessential childhood.

Remember what it felt like to get an airplane ride from one of your parents – to have your hands held so tight that from your shoulders to the tips of your toes you floated through mid-air?

There is nothing like the freedom and confidence of children when they are well loved by a family who has got them. When you look at Tupelo with her mom's smile and eyes beaming at her, you have no doubt that she is held in a grip that will not fail her.

Her life is now on a good path. She can count on it and so can we.

This is what your generosity has done for Tupelo and for 196 other children this past year. It has transformed their lives for the better. They now have someone whose face lights up when they enter a room. They now have a whole circle of people (teachers, physicians, coaches, clergy, siblings, grandparents and neighbors) who have their best interests at heart and who will help them to grow up strong and resilient.

The way we look at it, for vulnerable children without families, adoption is binary. At the moment of opportunity, these children are either adopted or not. Gift of Adoption exists so that in these deciding moments more children become adopted – allowing them to know, first-hand, the night and day difference of having a family and generating, for all, benefits that continue through generations.

Many more children are waiting for families to love and care for them. By supporting Gift of Adoption you are a part of the caring circle that gives these children the chance to fly.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Van Ness".

Paula Van Ness
National Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Devereux".

Pam Devereux
Chief Executive Officer

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 2014 STATISTICS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total Number of Families that Received Grants: **151**

Number of Children Placed from Grants: **197**

Total Amount of Grant Awards: **\$549,300**

Average Grant Amount: **\$3,638**

Types of Adoptions Facilitated: Domestic – **45%**, International – **55%**

Number of U.S. states served by grants: **37**

Number of countries served by grants: **20**

Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family: **20%**

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: **37%**

Applications Received: **513**

DURING FISCAL YEAR 2014, Gift of Adoption hosted the 3rd Annual Domestic Fund event – a donor-designated fund created for the sole purpose of helping vulnerable children in the United States become a part of a family.

Additionally, Gift of Adoption chapters opened in Texas and Connecticut, becoming the organization’s 9th and 10th chapters.

Gift of Adoption also began testing zero interest loans as an additional program offering. In fiscal year 2014, five loans were issued to complete the adoptions of six additional children. All loans were funded by restricted gifts to a designated loan fund.

Types of Adoptions Facilitated



Through June 30, 2014, Gift of Adoption has awarded 1,115 grants, representing over \$3.8 million and more than 1,350 children who have been given permanent families and a chance to thrive.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2014

ASSETS	
Cash	\$194,705
Investments	154,928
Pledges and contributions receivable	232,170
Adoption loans receivable	27,991
Prepaid expenses	6,147
Property and equipment, net	0
Cash surrender value of life insurance	59,572
Other assets	500
Total assets	\$676,013

LIABILITIES	
Grants payable	\$132,253
Accounts Payable	1,000
Accrued expenses	10,660
Total liabilities	143,913

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	246,874
Temporarily restricted	285,226
Total net assets	532,100
Total liabilities and net assets	\$676,013

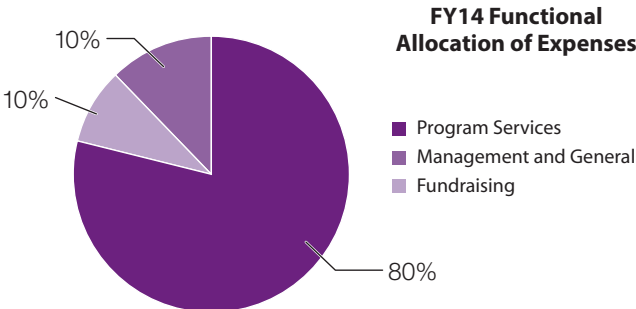
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

June 30, 2014

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Contributions	641,487
Special events revenue	496,934
Special events expense	(185,129)
Program service fees	25,587
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	21,550
Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions	3,914
Miscellaneous revenue	4,015
Net assets released from restrictions	—
Total support and revenue	1,008,358

EXPENSES	
Program	762,726
Management and General	91,815
Fundraising	95,336
Total expenses	949,877

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	58,481
Net assets:	
Beginning of year	473,619
End of year	\$532,100



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**Abraham, adopted from Ethiopia ■ First Grant + Loan
Awarded August 2013 to Steven & Meggann of Delaware, OH**



“Our Gift of Adoption grant and loan saved our adoption journey. We were very close to postponing our court date due to lack of funds.”

“Abraham watched his father pass away, followed by his mother. His sister and he begged for food and shelter for years until his sister felt she had no choice but to relinquish him to an orphanage.”

“He will not go hungry again. He will be able to attend school for the first time in his life.”

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness about the millions of children around the world in need of families and to eliminating barriers that hinder them from realizing the basic right of a family.

Each fall the CCAI awards Angels in Adoption awards to honor individuals, couples, and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions on behalf of children in need of families.

We are pleased to share that in 2013 Gary and Lana Stachlowski and Sharon Komloske and in 2014 Jeff Krygiel received this prestigious award and recognition for their work on behalf of parentless children. They join the following Angels in Adoption award recipients actively involved with Gift of Adoption:

- Gene and Lucy Wyka, Gift of Adoption Fund founders and Investor Board members
- Wright Walling, Gift of Adoption Minnesota Board
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- Ralph and Eileen Swett, Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation – longstanding and generous supporters of Gift of Adoption.
- Jeanne Tate, Gift of Adoption Florida Board

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