

QUARTERLY

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A publication for Gift of Adoption Investor Board members. Please pass along to others who may be interested in this cause. Send comments and feedback to pdevereux@giftofadoption.org

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Gift of Adoption is a national charitable organization that fills the void that separates child from family by providing the final funds needed to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children.

Dear Investor Board Members,

This quarter's perspective is provided by Investor Board members Sol & Angela Bahng.

From Angela:

Just last week, we celebrated our 8th year as a family with our daughter Chloe. I still vividly remember the day we brought her home from South Korea; September 21, 2009. Sol and I were brand new parents who had suddenly been given a very strong-willed and stubborn 15-month-old child to bring home on an international flight. I'm not sure how we survived that flight, but the pictures from that day show us as two very bedraggled parents coming out of the international terminal at O'Hare with a beautiful, chubby little baby with rice crackers stuck to her cheeks, a pink onesie, and for some reason, no pants.

Eight years later, Chloe is nine-years-old and in the fourth grade. She has a little

sister whom she loves to boss around, and she has just started becoming a little more interested in talking about her adoption.

Friends we have met through Gift of Adoption have wisely encouraged us to follow her lead in this area, and be open to the direction she wants to go. We are grateful for the advice of these families who have gone through the same journey before us, as in many ways, we still feel like those parents eight years ago who have so much to learn.

What I love most about Gift of Adoption is this ability to support those families who are just beginning their adoption journey, or adding to their already full families because they just have so much love to give. I also love the many wonderful parents and children we have met through Gift of Adoption events. It is a precious reminder to me that of all the things we do in this life, building a family is one of the most important.

From Sol:

We adopted our oldest daughter over eight years ago, yet I occasionally still feel a brief moment of anxiety then relief when I look at her. Her life would be so different if she was still at the orphanage in Korea. She was spared from a situation that wasn't suited for our sweet yet sensitive child. Yes, her adoption has brought her some benefit. We're not perfect parents, but she has been given love and opportunities that she would not have otherwise received. But I think the positive impact of her adoption has been just as great for our family.

For example, our younger daughter has developed in character way beyond her six years. She'll often help to soothe her older sister or try to make her laugh when big sister becomes anxious or loses control. I once thanked her for helping in one of these situations and she said, "that's what sisters do." In a separate conversation she was telling my wife, "God brought our family together

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In Memoriam: Peter S. Gutrich

** joined this quarter ** renewed this quarter*

Dear Investor (cont)

because we are the right people to help my sister.”

I often wish I could do more to change this world for the better. What we’ve given is so small compared to what we’ve received.

This is why our family supports Gift of Adoption. Adoption is an investment that yields disproportionate returns not just for a child, but to families and communities as well.

Meet Savannah & Ava

Savannah and Ava are sisters who once lived in a dangerous and unhealthy setting. They witnessed physical abuse and experienced neglect and unsanitary living conditions. The police were called when the girls were found wandering around their apartment community in the cold. As further details of their living conditions were uncovered, the birth parents were cited for abuse and the girls were destined for foster care.

Phillip and Kate stepped up to adopt the girls and change their fate.

Savannah, age 8, is smart, funny, loves to read, do math, sing, and be just your average silly child. She loves school, playing softball, clothes, and jewelry.

Ava, age 6, is also very smart, loves math, coloring, drawing, and dancing. She loves to make people laugh.

Phillip and Kate are thrilled to be Savannah and Ava’s parents. They say, “We will love them, play with them, read to them, laugh with them. We will give them the safe, happy, stable, and positive home that they didn’t know existed. We will show them that they are worth more than anything in this world and deserve a life that affords them the possibility of having all their dreams come true.”

A Gift of Adoption grant covered the final expenses so that the sisters’ adoption could be finalized this June. Their parents say that the girls are happy, healthy, excelling at school, and have lots of friends and a large family that loves them very much. Kate adds, “We will forever be grateful for the gift that was given to us to help offset the costs of the adoption.”

Upcoming Gift of Adoption Events

Investor Board members receive gratis entry to any of these events. Contact Pam Devereux to reserve a spot for you and a guest.

National

7th Annual Gather for the Gift
Thursday, June 14, 2018
Chicago, IL

Arizona

Picnic in the Park
Saturday, November 4
Scottsdale, AZ

Carolinas

4th Annual Cornhole Tournament
Saturday, November 11
Charlotte, NC

7th Annual Carolinas Gala
Saturday, February 24, 2018
Charlotte, NC

Capital Region

2nd Annual Event
Thursday, November 2
Washington D.C.

Connecticut

Litchfield Distillery Tasting Event
Saturday, November 4
Litchfield, CT

Florida

Come Together for the Kids
Friday, November 10
Tampa, FL

Georgia

Georgia Wine Tasting
Sunday, November 5
Atlanta, GA

2nd Annual Adopted by You 5K
Saturday, June 12, 2018
Atlanta, GA

Illinois

2nd Annual Stair Climb
Sunday, November 12
Chicago, IL

Minnesota

11th Rod Simons Golf for the Gift
Thursday, June 21, 2018
Hudson, WI

Wisconsin

2nd Annual Gather for the Gift WI
Wednesday, May 10, 2018
Milwaukee, WI



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