This year we celebrate the milestone of reaching a child-a-day with the gift of a family. Every day for 365 days a child moved from vulnerability to a place of stability, loving care, and hope.

The power of a day for a child who is adopted is expressed beautifully in the 1959 hit by Rock N’ Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Dinah Washington:

“What a difference a day makes
Twenty-four little hours
Brought the sun and the flowers
Where there used to be rain”

Our grants unite children with families who will help them navigate rain, but also, bring the sun and the flowers. We see this in the hallowed cover photo of Lynlee as she’s readying to blow out her very first birthday candle. And, we see this in the inside photo of Lynlee, at 3½, posing on the front porch for her family’s 2018 Christmas card. Her mom shares, “No doubt she made this face to get a laugh. Lynlee is a character who has brought a new sense of silly into our home.”

We are all richer for having seen Lynlee happily being herself! That is the impact of Gift of Adoption. For Lynlee, and each of the 365 children we’ve reached this year, now have the foundation that makes it possible for them, day in and day out, to grow up becoming themselves – through childhoods that belong to them.

Thank you for being a difference maker in these children’s lives. Continuing the song,

“What a difference a day made
... and the difference is you.”

To listen, visit youtu.be/OmBxVfQTuvI

With gratitude,

Meg Gibson Revord
National Board President

Pam Devereux
Chief Executive Officer
Gift of Adoption is a volunteer-driven charity that provides grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children – giving them a permanent family and the chance to thrive.
Total Amount of Grant Awards

$1,036,658

Average Grant Amount

$3,702

Number of Children Adopted

365

Number of countries served by grants

26

Types of Adoptions Facilitated

50% Domestic

50% International

U.S.A.
Albania
Armenia
Burundi
Bulgaria
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Ethiopia
Ghana
Guyana
Haiti
Hong Kong
India
Jamaica
Latvia
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Poland
Romania
Sierra Leone
South Africa
Uganda
Ukraine
Vietnam
Grants that helped children with serious medical conditions: 35%

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

Grants that kept children from entering or aging out of foster care: 36%

Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage: 16%
To reach our goal of 500 children each year by 2020, our plan calls for growing the number and impact of Gift of Adoption chapters substantially over the coming three years.

1996 to 2015: 20 Years 1565 Children

2016 to 2020: 5 Year Goal 1857 Children

Through June 30, 2018, Gift of Adoption has awarded over $7.2 million to give 2,492 children permanent families.
Gift of Adoption established its 21st chapter in fiscal year 2018 (California).

Evie Hope, Adopted from U.S.A. Grant Awarded 2018 to Jessica & Mason of Edmund, OK
Arizona
Javier Campos
Cynthia Ledbetter
Susan Perlman
Brian Peterson
Katherine Zimmerman

California
Priya Bajaj
Jeffrey Baker
David Cohen
Jessica Conradi
Kieran Crean
Jacqueline Johnson
Alex Kolar
Colleen Varley
Sam Wijesekera

Capital Region
Marni Barron
Damon Davis
Carmen Drummond
Darnell Drummond
Richard Rome

Colorado
Akash Bhalla
Ali Burchfield
Poornima Farrar
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Jane Day Rich
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Jodyann Prendergast
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John Walsh
James Wilhelm

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David Conn*
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Michael Webber

All Board rosters reflect membership as of October 1, 2018.
*Recognized by CCAI as an Angel in Adoption.
New Hampshire ‘Golf for the Gift’ Event, 2018

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David Adler
Matt Allgeier
James Berkemeier
Traci Buehrer
Alex Dudick
Erica Foster
Clarence Gleeson
Nathan Lundsten
Michele Olivo-Hill
Marissa Wiesen

Ohio
Jessica Boyd
Jarid Fitch
Bob Gavlak
Sandra Henderson
Jimmie Irby
David Lukas
Aimee Morrison
Colleen Saunders-Chukwu

Tennessee
Seth Alexander
Tiffany Gardner
Chelsea Johnson
Donovan Manley
Scott Womer

Texas
Mastin Bailey
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Connie Bell
Andrea Y. Carter
Micky Chatman
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Michael Fleming
Mark Gwosdz
Neil Katz
Jesse Malloy
Jeremy Morton
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Stella Olaleye
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Scott Puccinelli
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Pam Simons*

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Cheryl Kaeser
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Jeff Ramson

Florida ‘Come Together for the Kids’ Event, 2017
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Gift of Adoption would like to recognize the donors who are helping to fund our “500 in 5” vision of serving 500 children annually by 2020. Investor Board members donate $2,500 annually for three years to fund core operations. Growth Campaign donors fund grants for one to ten children annually for three years, allowing us to serve 20% more children each year while building the infrastructure and chapter network to serve 500 children annually.

* 500 in 5 Growth Campaign Donor

**Bold** indicates those funding grants to help 2 or more children annually.
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