Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2016
(JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016)

TITUS
ADOPTED FROM INDIA
GRANT AWARDED FEBRUARY 2016
TO PATTI & DANIEL
OF NIXA, MO
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.

HOPE
(WITH HER SISTER ELIZA)
ADOPTED FROM UGANDA
GRANT AWARDED APRIL 2016
TO LAUREN & GAvin
OF COLUMBIA, TN

“Soon after becoming sisters, our girls have become inseparable!”
Dear Friends,

At Gift of Adoption where we finish, a family starts.™

We’re that electric moment of anticipation captured on this year’s Annual Report cover, where siblings and cousins are sprawled out at the airport waiting for the flight to land, the big commotion, and the chance to catch a first glance at the newest family member as he finally arrives home.

Just last month a new donor shared, “I support Gift of Adoption because what could be more gratifying than helping children make their way to the family they were supposed to be a part of, and to fill the empty seat at the dinner table, to say nothing of the hole in the hearts of those who feel the absence of the child who completes their family portrait.”

At Gift of Adoption we’re the moment when a child moves from a life of untenable uncertainty to a life of bedtime routines, stuffed animals, bear hugs, homework and holidays. We’re the bridge, that when crossed, moves a child from orphan to son, stranger to sister, limits to possibilities.

A recent grant recipient reminds us, “When we met Deklan he was sick and malnourished and, because of medical conditions that kept his ears from fully forming on the inside or outside, he could not hear. At 4-years-old, he had no language or way to communicate with anyone. Home with us for just five months, we took him to see the movie, ‘Finding Dory’. At the end of the movie, Deklan suddenly turned to me and, using American Sign Language, exclaimed, ‘Mom, and Dad, and Deklan.’ He’d transferred Dory’s character onto himself and recognized that he, too, had found his mom and dad.”

That’s the moment of Gift of Adoption and it’s your moment. You are that moment to Deklan and the other 254 children welcomed home this past year because of your generosity.

Where we finish, a family starts.™

And that is just the beginning.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Meg Gibson
National Board President

Pam Devereux
Chief Executive Officer
210
NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS

255
NUMBER OF CHILDREN ADOPTED FROM GRANTS

37%
DOMESTIC FROM 39 U.S. STATES

63%
INTERNATIONAL FROM 20 COUNTRIES
FISCAL YEAR 2016 STATISTICS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total Amount of Grant Awards: $749,498
Average Grant Amount: $3,569
Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family: 10%
Grants that kept children from unnecessarily entering the U.S. foster care system: 14%
Number of children adopted from grants: 255
Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage: 14%
Grants that helped children with critical medical conditions: 36%
Applications Received: 556

Through June 30, 2016, Gift of Adoption has awarded 1,495 grants, representing over $5.3 million and more than 1,820 children who have been given permanent families and a chance to thrive.

In September, Gift of Adoption Co-Founder Gene Wyka passed away. The inspiration for Gift of Adoption is captured in Gene’s reflection:

After he and Lucy were finally home from spending months (instead of weeks, as had been anticipated) in the adoption process in Lima, Peru, adopting their oldest son, Joe, they were troubled by one question: How was it that they were home safe and sound while so many other would-be adoptive parents had to abandon the adoption process and leave children to languish?

They couldn’t bear to let children suffer in the shadow of their good fortune. Thus, Gift of Adoption was born.

In December 2015, Gift of Adoption launched its new website, funded by a generous grant from the John & Carol Walter Family Foundation.

In April 2016, Gift of Adoption hosted the 5th annual signature event, Gather for the Gift, with keynote speaker Tony Dungy and more than 400 guests.

To reach our goal of reaching 500 children each year by 2020, our plan calls for growing the number and impact of Gift of Adoption chapters substantially over the coming four years. In FY16 we grew from 10 chapters to 13 chapters, with new chapters forming in New Hampshire, Michigan and Tennessee – thanks to the extraordinary leadership of their founding chapter board volunteers.
EZEKIEL
ADOPTED FROM SOUTH AFRICA
GRANT AWARDED MARCH 2016
TO DANIELA & CHAD
OF WINONA LAKE, IN

“This picture is from the first day we met. His brother was adopted from the same town three years earlier.”
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash  $672,123
Investments  155,188
Pledges and contributions receivable  208,716
Adoption loans receivable  15,154
Prepaid expenses  2,412
Property and equipment, net  15,843
Cash surrender value of life insurance  0
Other assets  500
Total assets  $1,069,936

LIABILITIES

Grants payable $277,433
Accounts Payable  27,315
Accrued expenses  3,570
Total liabilities  308,318

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted  526,402
Temporarily restricted  235,216
Total net assets  761,618
Total liabilities and net assets  $1,069,936

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2016

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions  748,435
Special events revenue  876,816
Special events expense (321,140)
In-kind donations  714
Program service fees  27,800
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments (1,292)
Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions  7,502
Miscellaneous revenue  0
Net assets released from restrictions –
Total support and revenue  1,554,321

EXPENSES

Program  1,033,792
Management and General  158,090
Fundraising  174,503
Total expenses  1,366,385

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Net assets:
Beginning of year  573,682
End of year  $761,618

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES FY2016

Program Services  76%
Management and General  11%
Fundraising  13%
MAY
ADOPTED FROM CHINA
GRANT AWARDED JUNE 2016
TO EILEEN & STEPHEN
OF BALTIMORE, MD
May
adopted from China
grant awarded June 2016
to Eileen & Stephen
of Baltimore, MD

Adam
adopted from U.S.A.
grant awarded November 2015
to Sara & Brandon
of Tarpon Springs, FL
Because of your grant, we were able to adopt Gabriel before he turned 14, and kept these two brothers together.
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SOPHIA
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A
GRANT AWARDED APRIL 2016
TO CRHISHANA & ANTONIO
OF JACKSONVILLE, FL
NOT: All Board rosters reflect membership as of October 1, 2016.
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.

MEI
ADOPTED FROM CHINA
GRANT AWARDED SEPTEMBER 2015
TO NATALIE & CLAYTON
OF HEATH, TX
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.

ETHAN
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.
GRANT AWARDED DECEMBER 2015
TO ROBYN & SCOTT
OF TAMPA, FL