



Please join the California Chapter in
SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION JOURNEY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

SALESFORCE EAST | OHANA FLOOR
350 Mission Street | San Francisco, CA 94105
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

With Keynote Speaker

Mr. Ryan Hall



A retired American long-distance runner who holds the U.S. record in the half marathon. With his half marathon record time (59:43), he became the first U.S. runner to break the one-hour barrier in the event. Ryan and his wife, Sarah, adopted four sisters from Ethiopia into their home in the Fall of 2015.



SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION JOURNEY | CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Join us to celebrate the most important fundraising event of the year for the California Chapter, where we will celebrate families, children, and adoption. This event contributes towards the Gift of Adoptions goal of helping more than 367 children find a home this year. Our goal is to raise more than \$350,000 to unite at least 75 vulnerable children with qualified families anxious to make their house a home for a child in need.

ABOUT THE GIFT OF ADOPTION

Gift of Adoption (GOA) is a national 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides the final funds needed to complete the adoption of vulnerable children in the United States and abroad. Since GOA's founding in 1996, \$7.4 million in grants have been awarded and more than 2,570 children have been adopted. GOA grants are awarded to qualified U.S. parents without regard to age, race, religion, ethnicity, marital status or sexual orientation.

THE CHILDREN

- 140 million children worldwide are orphaned and in desperate need of a family to call their own. That is equal to half the population of the United States – and they are all under the age of 18.
- 500,000 children in the United States foster care system await adoption; 10% of those children have been waiting to be adopted for over 3 years. Once in foster care, on average, a child waits 5 years to be adopted.
- About 9/10 children in foster care will experience mental illness. Almost 4/10 will commit crimes and 30% will ultimately be homeless.

THE COST OF ADOPTION

- 80 million Americans have considered adoption – that's about 40% of the U.S. Population. However, less than 2% of those who've considered adoption will ever begin the process and because of the high cost, only 1% of those Americans complete the process of adoption.
- The average household income of a Gift of Adoption grant recipient is \$43,500, showing the means to raise a child but less so the ability to come up with the significant upfront adoption fees. **Some adoptions run over \$40,000 in expenses** with international adoptions being far costlier.

OUR MISSION

To fill the void that separates child from family – through adoption assistance grants that give vulnerable children a permanent home and the chance to thrive.

- In 2017, the average grant was \$3,602 with the maximum at \$7,500.
- Foster care costs an average of \$27,000/child. In 2017, GOA grants helped keep more than 37 children from entering the system – saving states more than \$1 million over the average foster care stay.
- Last year, about 15% of GOA grants helped keep biological siblings together in one home.
- In 2017, 17% of grants prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage.
- In 2016 and 2017, 35% of GOA grants went to children with critical medical conditions, giving them a chance to be adopted and receive the care they need.



SPONSORSHIPS | SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION JOURNEY

As a Corporate Sponsor, you will be recognized in the community and workplace for proactive leadership in supporting adoptions and have the unique opportunity to showcase why your company/organization is an employer of choice for employees interested in adoption. Our mission strives to help as many children and families as possible – your donations will help us reach this goal sooner. In addition, as a sponsor, you will have the opportunity to contribute alongside other business leaders and to network with other sponsors and Bay Area Senior Executives across industries.

\$7,500 | An Event Sponsor

An **Event Sponsor** will aid in financial assistance that will help support two children with the gift of adoption. An investment at this level means two children will be one step closer their forever family. An **Event Sponsor** will have their company name/logo recognized on signage throughout the event, listed in the event program and publicly mentioned at the event. Additionally, the **Event Sponsor's** logo with a hyperlink will be featured on the <https://giftofadoption.org/get-engaged/california-chapter/home> page and have the opportunity to create a customized welcome home basket for the children that you've helped.

An Event Sponsorship includes six (6) tickets which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and access to the Supporting the Journey of Adoption event.

\$5,000 | A Bar Sponsor

A **Bar Sponsor** will aid in financial assistance that will help support one child with the gift of adoption and half of another adoption. An investment at this level means one child will be one step closer their forever family. A **Bar Sponsor** will have their company name/logo recognized on signage throughout the event, listed in the event program and publicly mentioned at the event. Additionally, the **Bar Sponsor's** logo with a hyperlink will be featured on the <https://giftofadoption.org/get-engaged/california-chapter/home> page and have the opportunity to create a customized welcome home basket for the child that you've helped.

A Bar Sponsorship includes five (5) tickets which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and access to the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.



\$3,750 | A Food Sponsor

A **Food Sponsor** will aid in financial assistance that will help support one child with the gift of adoption. An investment at this level means one child will be one step closer their forever family. A **Food Sponsor** will have their company name/logo recognized on signage throughout the event, listed in the event program and publicly mentioned at the event. Additionally, the **Food Sponsor's** logo with a hyperlink will be featured on the <https://giftofadoption.org/get-engaged/california-chapter/> home page and have the opportunity to create a customized welcome home basket for the child that you've helped.

A Food Sponsorship includes four (4) tickets which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and to the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.

\$2,500 | An Entertainment Sponsor

An **Entertainment Sponsor** will aid two-thirds of financial assistance to provide one child with the gift of adoption. An investment at this level means one child will be one step closer their forever family. An **Entertainment Sponsor** will have their company name/logo recognized on signage throughout the event and listed in the event program. Additionally, the **Entertainment Sponsor's** logo with a hyperlink will be featured on the <https://giftofadoption.org/get-engaged/california-chapter/>

An Entertainment Sponsorship includes three (3) tickets which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.

\$1,000 | A Keepsake Sponsor

A **Keepsake Sponsor** will contribute to a portion of an adoption. A **Keepsake Sponsor** will have their company logo listed in the event program and featured on the <https://giftofadoption.org/get-engaged/california-chapter/> website.

The Keepsake Sponsor includes two (2) tickets which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and to the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.

\$125 | VIP Individual Ticket

One (1) ticket which includes access to the VIP Reception with Ryan Hall and to the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.

\$75 | Individual Ticket

One (1) ticket which includes access to the Supporting the Adoption Journey event.



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Interested in further support or becoming involved?

To support Gift of Adoption at our signature event, Supporting the Adoption Journey or to talk about other ways to get philanthropically involved, please contact Colleen Varley at varley.colleen@gmail.com.



Thank you for your commitment to sponsor the 1st Annual Gift of Adoption Supporting the Adoption Journey event. Please complete this form and mail it in to fulfill your commitment. If you would like to submit your sponsorship information online, please visit: <http://giftofadoption.org/donatenow> and write your sponsorship level in the notes section.

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SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

_____ **\$7,500** | Event Sponsor

_____ **\$5,000** | Bar Sponsor

_____ **\$3,750** | Food Sponsor

_____ **\$2,500** | Entertainment Sponsor

_____ **\$1,000** | Keepsake Sponsor

_____ **\$125** | VIP Individual Ticket

_____ **\$75** | Individual Ticket

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration!