



ADOPTED BY YOU 5K & FUN RUN

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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to welcome you to participate in our third annual Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run in an effort to help connect adoptive children with stable and loving families as well as to spread awareness of this issue to surrounding communities. The Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run will take place on June 8, 2019, in the Grant Park/Summerhill neighborhoods of Atlanta, Georgia.

Gift of Adoption (GOA) is a 501(c)(3) charity that helps vulnerable children born both domestically and internationally get adopted into loving families in the U.S. Since its inception in 1996, GOA has awarded \$7.8 million in adoption assistance grants to complete the adoption process for 2,713 children – giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. GOA has awarded \$311,000 to unite 105 children with their forever families in Georgia. Funds for these grants were generated through fundraising activities of the Georgia Chapter and the assistance of other Chapters throughout the US. History shows that about 22 families from Georgia will reach out to GOA for adoption assistance each year. We want to take care of this need by raising awareness and funds at the local level.

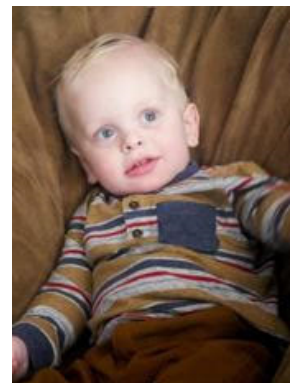
GOA, Georgia Chapter Board is an all-volunteer board that is working together with companies and families in the community to raise enough money to award a grant that will bring a waiting child home to his or her family in Georgia. 100% of all event proceeds go directly to Gift of Adoption Georgia for this purpose – bringing an at-risk child home forever.

A Gift of Adoption Stories

Meet Jack

Jack was placed in isolation just after birth due to a life-threatening condition. After Jack suffered a serious stroke, his birth parents decided to place him for adoption as they were not emotionally or financially prepared to deal with his health problems.

Nicole and Dennis of Walton, GA last adopted Jack five years ago. They were not intimidated by his condition. They have access to quality care and have other children with special needs. Funding the adoption was a struggle, but a grant from Gift of Adoption helped pay down the debt. Jack joined their family this past August! Nicole and Dennis believe that Jack “has the whole world open to him now. He has the love and attention of a full-time, stay-at-home mom and is being treated by some of the best doctors in Atlanta. He has the chance to live life to the fullest!”



Meet Theo

Theo was born with complications that meant an extended stay in the NICU. His new parents, Caleb and Elizabeth, and their daughter, have been with him since birth and are anxiously waiting for the day he will be released and able to travel with them back to Columbus, GA.

“Knowing there were people and organizations out there who wanted to help us accomplish our dream helped put our mind at ease when we considered the financial part of adoption. The extended trip obviously cost us more money than we anticipated, and the GOA grant has allowed us to stay by Theo’s side until we can all go home,” says Elizabeth.

Theo’s life will be changed dramatically through his adoption. The culture and community in which he was born was not ideal for a child. Now he will have a loving sister, a stable home, and the foundation to thrive.

Elizabeth continues, “Our experience with GOA was amazing. From our application until we found out our baby was on the way was a very short period of time, and the GOA team worked with us to expedite the application and approval process. The gift from GOA is an answer to prayer and took a major burden off our shoulders when we needed it most.”



Adopted By You Story

Doug Munster and Kecia Tomlin developed the Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run in 2017 and chose to partner with Gift of Adoption based on the amazing success GOA has with providing grants to so many deserving children and families over the past 23 years. Doug and his husband Brent are no strangers to adoption. They now have a beautiful 4-year old boy named Sawyer and a new baby boy Shepherd who they adopted through the open adoption process. During this process, Doug and Brent saw firsthand how expensive it is to adopt and how upfront costs of adoption can often delay or prevent adoptions from happening. They realized how fortunate they were to have the means to afford adoption, but their hearts ached for the children waiting and qualified parents yearning to bring them home. Doug and Brent wanted to find a way to give back and help adoptive families with the last bit of financial support they need to bring their waiting child home. Doug discussed his idea with his close friend Kecia, and she immediately jumped on board. On June 10, 2017, Doug and Kecia hosted the inaugural Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run (in partnership with GOA) to support the many children in need of a forever family.

The Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run team has been able to raise over \$50K since the inaugural race with the help of all the amazing sponsors, race participants and volunteers. Corporate and private sponsorships represent about \$25K of the total funds raised. Funds from the Adopted By You 2017 and 2018 race events have helped 19 children join their families in Georgia. These include both domestic and international adoptions.

How you can help

Please consider supporting our efforts by becoming a sponsor of this event. Sponsorship details and benefits are enclosed below. Your involvement in this event would make a big impact on our ability to ensure one more child can come to know the safety, joy and dignity that comes only by being loved by a family of one’s own.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Doug Munster at (404) 580-0000 and Kecia Tomlin at (404) 787-7972 or AdoptedByYou@gmail.com. You can also find out more information about this amazing cause at both the Gift of Adoption and Adopted By You race registration websites below:

<http://giftofadoption.org/adoptedbyyou/>

<https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/3rdAnnualAdoptedByYou5KFunRun>

Many Thanks,

Doug & Kecia
Co-Presidents, The Gift of Adoption Georgia Chapter Board

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Sponsor Level Benefits

FINISH LINE SPONSOR (\$2,500)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- Opportunity to provide 300+ items in race packets
- 8 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company name and logo placement on finish line banner
- Prominent logo on race t-shirts
- Recognition on all social media / event marketing material
- Recognition at race start & company to announce start of race
- Recognition on race day during awards ceremony
- Logo placement on signs along the race course (at water stations and mile markers)
 - Signs to be provided by sponsor
- One promotional table at post-race area
 - Table and tents to be provided by sponsor

SPRINT SPONSOR (\$1,500)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- Opportunity to provide 300+ items in race packets
- 6 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company name and logo on finish line banner
- Company logo on race t-shirts
- Recognition on all social media / event marketing material
- Recognition on race day during awards ceremony
- One promotional table at post-race area
 - Table and tents to be provided by sponsor

RUN SPONSOR (\$1,000)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- Opportunity to provide 300+ items for race packets
- 4 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company logo on finish line banner
- Company name on race t-shirts
- One promotional table at post-race area
 - Table and tents to be provided by sponsor

JOG SPONSOR (\$500)

- Company name and logo on event website
- Opportunity to provide 300+ items for race packets
- 2 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company name on finish line banner

WALK SPONSOR (\$250)

- Company name on event website



✓ I will be a proud sponsor of the **ADOPTED BY YOU 5K & FUN RUN**

Finish Line (\$2,500+) Sprint (\$1,500) Run (\$1,000) Jog (\$500) Walk (\$250)

In-kind donation *(Include description and value):*

Sponsor Information

Company name: _____

Company address: _____

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Website: _____ Phone: _____

Contact person: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I will provide 300+ inserts / giveaway items for race packets

If yes, what item(s) will you be including? _____

Payments can be made by check payable to Gift of Adoption.

Please mail this form to:
Gift of Adoption Attn: Pam Devereux PO Box 567, Techny, IL 60082