About Gift of Adoption: Gift of Adoption (GOA) is a volunteer-driven charity that raises funds to provide adoption assistance grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children – giving them a permanent family and the chance to thrive.

Since inception in 1996, GOA has awarded $8 million in funding to complete the adoptions of 2749 children. This growth has been possible because of the dedication of a growing base of 250 volunteers and 3000 active donors who share the belief that *having a loving family is a basic right of children everywhere.*

The Gift of Adoption Difference: GOA is unique in that it is completely non-discriminatory in its grant-making. We award grants without regard to age, race, ethnicity, religion, marital status, or sexual orientation. Additionally, Gift of Adoption awards grants monthly and is able to respond even more quickly when the need is urgent.

Gift of Adoption supports qualified families who need the last bit of funding to bring their children home with grants that range from $1,500 to $7,500 and are paid directly to adoption service providers. Ten percent of GOA families include former military and thirty percent are clergy and teachers.

Priority is placed on awarding grants that help children facing what is possibly their last or only chance at adoption including those at risk of being separated from siblings, entering foster care, aging out of an orphanage and children who have serious medical conditions or special needs.

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GOA provides a cost-effective way to increase the number of at-risk children adopted each year – employing the tried and true bedrock of families to raise their children out of love and familial duty, rather than a reliance on government, or ongoing acts of charity. It is an upstream investment which minimizes future need for a wide spectrum of social services and government assistance and a win-win on both a humanitarian and economic level.

Meet Stella and Emerson: Siblings who were living in an orphanage in Haiti. With GOA's help they were recently adopted into their loving, forever family. Their parents share: *"They are just blossoming - engaging in the world around them with less fear and more joy. Thank you GOA!"*

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