



As of July, 2019, Gift of Adoption Colorado has awarded **\$241,500** in adoption assistance grants across Colorado to complete the adoptions of **89 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Colorado receives requests from approximately **14** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$56,000**. The goal of the Colorado Chapter's all-volunteer board is to raise enough funds to help complete each of these adoptions. 100% of the money raised by the chapter is directed to uniting children with forever families in the area.



## Mission

Gift of Adoption (GOA) is a national charity that raises funds to provide grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children – giving them a permanent family and the chance to thrive.



## Priority

Priority is placed on helping children facing what is possibly their only chance at adoption, including children at-risk of separation from siblings, entering foster care, aging-out of an orphanage or with critical medical conditions. Our grants are given without regard to age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or marital status and are paid directly to agencies and attorneys working on the child's behalf.

## Eligibility

Any U.S. citizen adopting from anywhere in the world (domestic or international) who has an approved home study is eligible to apply. Financial need must be demonstrated.



## History

Gift of Adoption was founded in 1996 by adoptive parents Gene and Lucy Wyka of Grafton, Wisconsin. Due to overwhelming demand for adoption assistance grants, the Wykas converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2001.

## National Impact

Since inception, GOA has awarded \$9.3 million to complete the adoptions of 3,176 children. Because we receive twice as many applications as we can fund, we invite you to join us in making a difference in the life of a child today!

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*You don't have to adopt  
to give a child a family.*



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## Meet Jian

Adopted from China  
by Ryan and Candace, Colorado Springs, CO

“Through adoption, Jian Lu has now been able to get the medical care he desperately needed. Even more importantly, he now has a family and unconditional love, which has allowed him to bloom even more!”



## Meet Lucy

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Blythe and Stephen, Denver, CO

“Stephen and I have known since before we got married that we wanted to adopt. We both have always had a passion to bring children into our home who need a family. We might also have biological kids but for us, adoption is a first choice. We deeply desire to give children a home who need one, and be a loving family to children without one, for whatever reason.”



## Meet Stephen, Charles & Chris

Adopted from Uganda by Lauren and Kevin, Denver, CO

“The gift of three little boys running through our house, reading books, wrestling with each other and giving the best hugs. I come from a family that has been very impacted by adoption. My brother and sister are both international adoptees. Adoption is a gift of family on both sides of the coin.”



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## Meet Thea

Adopted from India  
by Caroline, Denver, CO



*Without the grant I would not have been able to leave my life in Colorado for three months to travel to India and to bring my daughter home. The sooner she was placed in a loving family, the quicker she is able to catch up developmentally.*



## Meet Seriah

Adopted from U.S.A  
by Kyle and Tiffanie, Greeley, CO



*Gift of Adoption was one of the easier grant processes we had to go through to help bring Seriah home. When you feel called to adopt, but don't have the financial means to do so, there is so much paperwork and fundraising involved. We really appreciated the simplicity of the Gift of Adoption process, it brought us one step closer to having our daughter.*



## Meet Noah, Darren, & Mariah

Adopted from U.S.A  
by Aleesha, Lakewood, CO



*Not only was the Gift of Adoption staff very understanding of how precarious our family forming started, they were almost as happy as we were to get progressive news that our finalization was quickly approaching.*

