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

Mission

Gift of Adoption is a volunteer-driven charity that provides adoption assistance grants to complete adoptions — giving children in need of families a permanent home and a chance to thrive. Our organization provides the financial funds to complete the adoptions of children home in the U.S. and around the world.

Why

Today, there are more than 140 million orphans in the world with 8,000 children in the U.S. waiting without permanent families. Too many children, it's the high cost of adoption that can block the hope of having united with a family. In fact, the median cost of a domestic adoption in 2019 was $30,000 with international adoptions averaging $40,000.

History

Gift of Adoption was founded in 1994 by adoptive parents Dawn and Cory Hales of Sydney, Nebraska. Due to overwhelming response for adoption assistance grants, the Hales converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2013.

Impact

Collectively, more than 30 million families have benefited since 1994 to help complete the adoptions of more than 1,700 children.

Grants

Gift of Adoption offers grants of up to $10,000 to provide families — regardless of race, religion, age or marital status — the financial support needed to welcome a child home.

Eligibility

Any U.S. citizen adopting from anywhere in the world (domestic or international) who has an approved home study from an American or Hague Accreditation and Maintenance Entity (AAME) accredited agency is eligible to apply. Financial need must be demonstrated.

What makes Gift of Adoption unique?

Gift of Adoption provides grants for the most vulnerable children facing what is possibly their last or only chance at adoption. The Adults Families who are waiting to unite or have already united their children with children in need make an invaluable and lasting contribution.

National Presence

The national organization, headquartered in Illinois, is comprised of 15 chapters successfully operating in 16 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. The goal of the organization's chapters is to assist with raising funds to support local adoption events.