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. The 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, 4 after high cost of adoption. For over 60% of these, unmet need a family to love. The median cost of a domestic adoption in 2019 was $40,000 with intercountry adoptions averaging $40,000.

## History

Gift of Adoption was founded in 1994 by adoptive parents Dave and Lucy Ware of Grafton, Wisconsin. Due to overwhelming response for adoption assistance grants, the Ware's converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2013.

## Impact

Collectively, since then $5.1 million has been awarded since 1994 to help complete the adoptions of more than 1,200 children.

Through December 2019

## 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 and international) who has an approved home study from an Immigration Naturalization and Naturalization Entity (INNE) 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 adopting children with children in need make an extra special commitment.

## National Presence

The national organization, headquartered in Illinois, is comprised of 14 chapters successfully operating in 14 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin. The goal of the regional chapters is to assist with raising funds to support local adoption grants.