



As of July, 2019, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$445,000** in adoption assistance grants across Ohio to complete the adoptions of **141 children**.

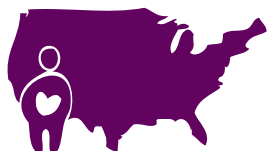
## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Ohio receives requests from approximately **22** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$88,000**. The goal of the Ohio 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 \$9.1 million to complete the adoptions of 3,134 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 Eden

Adopted from Nicaragua  
by Grant and Kellee, West Chester, OH

*“ We were told that if she had remained in an orphanage setting much longer, she would never walk on our own. Eden has grown immensely in physical development. She has taught our other three children about resilience and overcoming obstacles. ”*



## Meet Edeline and Ezra

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Ryan and Alex, Grove City, OH

*“ We were told by our agency that other prospective adoptive parents were not able to take both twins and they would have to be separated. We will be able to keep them together and give them a much better life and more opportunities than they would have had. We will be able to give them an immense amount of love and attention. ”*



## Meet Ellis Rose

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Connor and Gabriella, Cincinnati, OH

*“ By being adopted, Ellis is gaining a forever family and people willing to care and fight for her for the rest of her life. By joining our family, she is gaining access to some of the top specialists in the world, hopefully improving her quality of life and helping her meet her fullest potential. ”*