



Gift of Adoption Wisconsin has awarded **\$961,625** in adoption assistance grants across Wisconsin and the Midwest to complete the adoptions of **337 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Wisconsin receives requests from approximately **35** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$131,250**. The goal of the Wisconsin 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.*



Gift of Adoption is a 501(c)3 charity (EIN 39-1863217)

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## Meet Samuel

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Jessica and James, Chetek, WI

*“ We were overwhelmed with how to come up with \$20,000 more than we had budgeted for. When we received the grant, it was helpful financially, but more importantly it was encouragement that we were on the right path...we would find a way to fund our adoption. ”*



## Meet Mira

Adopted from India  
by Elizabeth and Lee, Brookfield, WI

*“ She will get the individual care of a mom and two siblings who wished and waited for her, and a daddy who is crazy in love. We can give her the nutrition and medical care she needs, including OT, which she will need for her limb issue. We are excited, as she is so competent. We know we can do amazing interventions on her behalf. She inspires us. ”*



## Meet Dain

Adopted from China  
by Dawn and Greg, New Richmond, WI

*“ Gift of adoption helped our family complete the adoption of our son. When I think about what the phrase gift of adoption means, it means adopting is truly a gift. People have told us we are such a blessing to our son but we feel HE has blessed us beyond measure. ”*