



Minnesota Chapter

Founded in 2006 - Across Minnesota and the Northern Plains

As of July, 2019, Gift of Adoption Minnesota has awarded **\$440,223** in adoption assistance grants to complete the adoptions of **158 children** across the Northern Plains. region.



Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Minnesota receives requests from approximately **30** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$120,000**. The goal of the Minnesota 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 \$9.4 million to complete the adoptions of 3,269 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 Arden

Adopted from U.S.A.
by Ethan and Danielle, Rosemount, MN

“ We are so thankful that she will have a forever home and a permanent family through adoption. It breaks our heart to think she could have gone to the state and into the foster system where she would have been in a constant state of upheaval, moving from home to home with no solid foundation. ”



Meet Averi

Adopted from U.S.A.
by Stephanie, Sioux Falls, SD

“ The application process was very easy and user friendly! The staff with whom I worked were always helpful, friendly, and responsive to my needs and questions. The selection process was great in that I always knew where I was at the in process and what the status of each step was! ”



Meet Sunny

Adopted from China
by Bradley and Alison, Rosemount, MN

“ The Gift of Adoption is a blessing and opportunity. We get to review the importance of family and community. It is such a great feeling to know others are willing to help and to partake in the joy of providing a young person with new opportunities. ”