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This quarter's perspective profiles Jonathan Pryor who joined the Institute Board in March, 2007.

"That Kid can Change the World"

Jonathan Pryor's adoption journey began when he met his first wife, Ann. She already had two children and was working in a breast cancer hospital.

"When I first met her, she was in the process of adopting her third child, who became our third child, from China," Pryor says.

Their daughter, Jessica, started Jonathan and Ann's transformational journey that adoption has in the lives of vulnerable children.

"I've been in her life since day one," Pryor adds. She's now 22 and going into her last year of medical school. Imagine she was full on the orphanage map in China. She is now a thriving young adult about to get her medical degree."

Alongside Ann, who passed away in 2007, Jonathan realized that adoption was the most direct way to make a meaningful impact for children in need.

"My wife always felt that if you can find, educate and love a child... With these three things, they can be anything and become anyone," says Pryor. "I decided to join the wonderful cause of worldwide adoption."



Jonathan Pryor with his family

Jessica was the first of several adoptions for the Pryor family. By 2009, Ann and Jonathan's family had grown to include 12 children.

For Jonathan and Ann, adoption was a way for them to live out their faith.

"In religious, it says, 'Take care of the widows and the orphans.' I didn't know I'd be a widower one day," Pryor says. "We always had that in the back of our mind - taking care of orphans and having the opportunity to change a life."

Growing up as a member of the Pryor family inspired Ann to follow in her mother's footsteps and join the medical field. Several of Ann's siblings are also pursuing careers in medicine.

"Ann was definitely inspired by me - about the time I was young, she wanted to be a girl doctor," says Pryor.

"She has followed me around when she was five years old, she showed up in a doctor's."

Pryor founded the El Loro Foundation in Ann's honor. The foundation offers free breast cancer screenings for women in need. Several of Pryor's children are also involved with the project.

Pryor's support of the Gift of Adoption came from the fact that he believes adoption is the best way to provide for children in need all families. Serving in Gift of Adoption allows him to continue supporting the plight of vulnerable children.

"That encouraged me to become an Institute in Gift of Adoption, because if we can help just one more kid, we can change the world," Pryor says. "That kid can change the world, too."



Look for the Gift of Adoption bow tie on Ken Rosenthal during Game 1 of the World Series on October 20th!

