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Gift of Adoption provides grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children - giving them a permanent family and the chance to thrive

This quarter's perspective profiles Jonathan Pryor who joined the Investor Board in March, 2020.

"That Kid can Change the World"

Jonathan Pryor's adoption journey began when he met his late wife, Jan. She already had two children and was working as a breast cancer surgeon.

"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, showed Jonathan and Jan the transformational power that adoption has in the lives of vulnerable children.

"I've been in her life since day one," Pryor adds. She's now 25 and going into her last year of medical school. Imagine: she was left on the orphanage steps in China. She is now a thriving young adult about to get her medical degree."

Alongside Jan, who passed away in 2017, 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 feed, educate and love a child... With those three things, they can do anything and become anyone," says Pryor. "I decided to join the wonderful cause of worldwide adoption."



Jonathan Pryor and his family

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

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

"In scripture, 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 others and having the opportunity to change a life."

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

"Jessica was definitely inspired by Jan - since she was very young, she wanted to be a physician," says Pryor.

"For her Halloween costume when she was five-years-old, she dressed up as a doctor."

Pryor founded the I Love You More Foundation in Jan'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 for Gift of Adoption stems from the fact that he believes adoption is the best way to provide for children in need of families. Investing in Gift of Adoption allows him to continue supporting the plight of vulnerable children.

"That encouraged me to become an Investor 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!

