

QUARTERLY

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A publication for Gift of Adoption Investor Board members. Please pass along to others who may be interested in this cause. Send comments and feedback to pdevereux@giftofadoption.org

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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!



Meet Brynnley

Krystal and Chris of St. Augustine, FL decided to start their family through adoption. Krystal and her two brothers were adopted as small children. She experienced, first-hand, the life-changing benefits of adoption. Chris is currently active duty military and over the last 16 years has repeatedly seen the needs of parentless children across the country and world. Brynnley's birth mother fell on hard times and has a pending CPS case with her two older children. She is not in a position to care for a third child and bravely chose adoption for Brynnley to ensure she never enters the foster care system. A grant from Gift of Adoption helped



Krystal and Chris finalize Brynnley's adoption this month, ensuring permanency and security for this little girl. Krystal shared, "I now get to give a child the same wonderful opportunities I received through adoption. We are extremely thankful and grateful."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Investor Board members are invited to participate in any of the virtual events listed here. If you would like to join in the fun, please email hschwartz@giftofadoption.org to receive a code for free registration.

GO FOR THE GIFT - VIRTUAL 5K/10K/FUN RUN

Run, Walk, or Ride your race from anywhere anytime between NOVEMBER 1st – 30th.

Sign up to sponsor at Sprint Level or above by October 15th and get your company name on the event t-shirt!

FLORIDA

Adapting for Adoption Quarantine Quiz Night

Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 7:00 PM (EST)

Online – Play from anywhere!

GEORGIA

Giving at the Gallery ONLINE Auction

Auction Opens: Saturday, November 7, 2020 @ 8 AM (EST)

Auction Closes: Saturday, November 14, 2020 @ 10 PM (EST)

WASHINGTON

Fall into Trivia

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 @ 5:30 PM (PST)

Online – Play from anywhere!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

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Did You Know?

The CARES Act increases the deduction for qualified charitable donations to 100% of adjusted gross income (from 60%) for individual taxpayers who itemize their deductions. This increase is for 2020 only and only applies to cash donations (not securities) to public charities like Gift of Adoption. EIN#39-1863217

Investor Board Members

* joined this quarter

** renewed this quarter

Ann G. Airey
Anonymous
Sol and Angela Bahng
Cyn Barrette
Mr. James Bauman and
Ms. Candace Moore
Charles and Kimberly Bernard
Robert and Maureen Bland
Karen and Dan Brennan
Meghan and Dan Burns
Chris and Percy Butler
James and Judith Callan
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Stephen and Kim Chipman
Kevin and Linda Coenen
Carrie and Ed Del Hierro
Pam Devereux and John Brassil
Greg DiDomenico
Siobhan Flynn and Alec Dike
Randi Friedman

Kate and Dan Gibbons
Anne Gross
Christine and William Guthrie
Alison Gutteman
Debbie K. Hogate
Tom and Colleen Huffman
Laura and Gary Hill
Maureen and Ben Ivory
Amanda Jacobowski**
Jerry James and Kitty Bliss
Tatia Jones
Cheryl Kaeser and Bill Sorabella
Andrew P. Kerai, Sr.
David and Amanda Knight
Sharon and Gerry Komlofske
Allison and Steve Koppel
Glen Mangold
Corinne and Bill McClintic
Kevin and Lynn McDonald**
Keith and Judy McNiff**

Michelle McVey
Ed and Nancy Mulligan**
Daniel and Tiffany Neely
Elizabeth and Ben O'Connor**
Christopher and Linda Ohmacht
Michael and Suzanne Parks
Michele and David Perlman
ArLynn Presser
Jonathan Pryor, in memory of
Dr. Jan Huston Pryor
Jeff Ramson
Meg and Mike Revord
Jim and Laura Roth
Lydia and Patrick Ryan
Jack and Sarah Salzwedel
Robert and Louise Sanborn
Michael and Sheba Sands
Michele Seidl and Neil Shubin
Linda Simon and Family
Mary and Mark Sliwowski
Abby and Mike Smerklo

Mr. Andrew Smith
Leslie Smith and Michael Uzer
Gary and Lana Stachlowski
Greg and Cynthia Stemler
Tim and Sue Sullivan
Tim Swett and Suzanne Burke
Elizabeth and Brian T. Tenner
Jill and Jim Vint
Cindy Warner
Wedner Family Foundation
Susan Garner Wenzel
Sam Wijesekera
Steven Williams and
Yvette Morrison
Lucy Wyka (Gift of Adoption
Founder)
Hye Yu
Allyson and Richard Zak
Renato and Gina Zanichelli
Parker, Gemma, Jack and Mariana
In Memoriam: Peter S. Gutrich