

As of December 2020, Gift of Adoption Illinois has awarded **\$1,505,987** in adoption assistance grants across Illinois and the midwest to complete the adoptions of **525 children**.



Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Illinois receives requests from approximately **71** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$281,286**. The goal of the Illinois 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 Wyse of Okauchee, Wisconsin. Due to overwhelming demand for adoption assistance grants, the Wyse's converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2001.

NATIONAL IMPACT: Since inception, GOA has awarded \$16.8 million to complete the adoptions of 3,720 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!

You don't have to adopt to give a child a family.

