



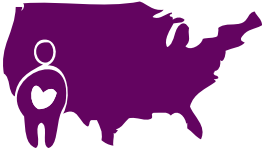
As of December 2020, Gift of Adoption Michigan has awarded **\$342,750** in adoption assistance grants across Michigan to complete the adoptions of **125 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Michigan receives requests from approximately **18** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$70,720**. The goal of the Michigan 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 \$10.8 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!

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



Gift of Adoption is a 501(c)3 charity (EIN 39-1863217)

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## Meet Meron

Adopted from Ethiopia  
by Chad and Lora, Hamilton, MI

“ *The Gift of Adoption grant will cover the cost of our plane tickets and allow us to begin as a family of seven. It was always such a peace to know that our travel expenses would be covered and we wouldn't have to stress when we finally got our travel call.* ”



## Meet Charlie

Adopted from China  
by Nichole and Jeffrey, Holland, MI

“ *Gift of Adoption came in like a knight in shining amour. We had exhausted every last option, our friends and family, our church and our community. We were so close yet short of making adoption a reality. We are forever thankful to gift of adoption.* ”



## Meet Gracie

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Joshua and Natasha, Wellston, MI

“ *We adopted a newborn. Her birth mother was, herself, a child of foster care. She did not want the same for her child. Gracie will not end up in foster care. She will be loved, cared for, and will never go without anything that she needs.* ”