



ADOPTED BY YOU 5K & FUN RUN

WHERE WE FINISH, A FAMILY STARTS

APRIL 01 to MAY 16 2021





To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to welcome you to participate in our fifth annual Adopted By You 5K in an effort to help connect adoptive children with stable and loving families as well as to spread awareness of this issue to surrounding communities. The Adopted By You 5K will take place on April 1, 2020 thru May 16, 2021 and will be a virtual event again this year to ensure the safety of all participants.

Gift of Adoption (GOA) is a 501(c)(3) charity that helps vulnerable children born both domestically and internationally get adopted into loving families in the U.S. Since its inception in 1996, GOA has awarded \$10.4 million in adoption assistance grants to complete the adoption process for 3,590 children – giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. As of July 2020, GOA has awarded \$428,250 to unite 139 children with their forever families in Georgia. Funds for these grants were generated through fundraising activities of the Georgia Chapter and the assistance of other Chapters throughout the US. History shows that about 26 families from Georgia will reach out to GOA for adoption assistance each year. We want to take care of this need by raising awareness and funds at the local level.

GOA, Georgia Chapter Board is an all-volunteer board that is working together with companies and families in the community to raise enough money to award a grant that will bring a waiting child home to his or her family in Georgia. 100% of all event proceeds go directly to Gift of Adoption Georgia for this purpose – bringing an at-risk child home forever.

A Gift of Adoption Stories

Meet Livie and Mia



Livie and Mia are twin sisters who had been living in an orphanage in China. The girls were born severely premature, requiring a 40 day stay in the hospital. Because of the difficult situation surrounding their entry into the world, they both needed urgent medical care they were not able to receive in China.

Meg and Justin of Roswell, GA embarked on months of research to explore options to add to their family. Meg says, "We read many books and attended many meetings before our hearts chose China."

A \$5,000 grant from Gift of Adoption Georgia covered the final expenses when the girls were able to come home one year ago this month.

Meg recently sent this update on the girls' progress:

"The transformation we have seen in our girls is remarkable. We have seen such extreme growth in their physical, mental and emotional well being. Livie was hesitant to trust us at first; now she has a healthy, secure attachment with both of us. Mia's greatest improvement has been physical. She has had her leg braces and a walker for a little less than a month (COVID 19 delayed some doctor appointments) and she is making great progress. She squeals with excitement the whole time she is walking! The girls are thriving!"

"For so many adoptive families, the task of bringing children home would be too overwhelming if not for the help of the family, friends, and the community. The Gift of Adoption grant came to us at such a high-stress time....right before travel! We are forever grateful to GOA for helping us bring our girls home!"

Adopted By You Story

Doug Munster and Kecia Tomlin developed the Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run in 2017 and chose to partner with Gift of Adoption based on the amazing success GOA has with providing grants to so many deserving children and families over the past 23 years. Doug and his husband Brent are no strangers to adoption. They now have two beautiful boys – 5-year old Sawyer and 2-year old Shepherd who they adopted through the open adoption process. During this process, Doug and Brent saw firsthand how expensive it is to adopt and how upfront costs of adoption can often delay or prevent adoptions from happening. They realized how fortunate they were to have the means to afford adoption, but their hearts ached for the children waiting and qualified parents yearning to bring them home. Doug and Brent wanted to find a way to give back and help adoptive families with the last bit of financial support they need to bring their waiting child home. Doug discussed his idea with his close friend Kecia, and she immediately jumped on board. On June 10, 2017, Doug and Kecia hosted the inaugural Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run (in partnership with GOA) to support the many children in need of a forever family.

The Adopted By You 5K & Fun Run team has been able to raise over \$90K since the inaugural race with the help of all the amazing sponsors, race participants and volunteers. Corporate and private sponsorships represent about \$40K of the total funds raised. Funds from the Adopted By You 2017 thru 2020 race events have helped 30 children join their families in Georgia. These include both domestic and international adoptions.

How you can help

Please consider supporting our efforts by becoming a sponsor of this event. Sponsorship details and benefits are enclosed below. Your involvement in this event would make a big impact on our ability to ensure one more child can come to know the safety, joy and dignity that comes only by being loved by a family of one's own.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Doug Munster at (404) 580-0000 and Kecia Tomlin at (404) 787-7972 or AdoptedByYou@gmail.com. You can also find out more information about this amazing cause at both the Gift of Adoption and Adopted By You race registration websites below:

<http://giftofadoption.org/adoptedbyyou/>

<https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/Atlanta/AdoptedByYou5KFunRun>

Many Thanks,

Doug & Kecia

Co-Presidents, The Gift of Adoption Georgia Chapter Board

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Sponsor Level Benefits

FINISH LINE SPONSOR (\$2,000)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- 8 free race entries & t-shirts
- Prominent logo on race t-shirts
- Recognition on all social media / event marketing material

SPRINT SPONSOR (\$1,500)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- 6 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company logo on race t-shirts
- Recognition on all social media / event marketing material

RUN SPONSOR (\$1,000)

- Company logo and website link on event website
- 4 free race entries & t-shirts
- Company name on race t-shirts

JOG SPONSOR (\$500)

- Company name and logo on event website
- 2 free race entries & t-shirts

WALK SPONSOR (\$250)

- Company name on event website



✓ I will be a proud sponsor of the **ADOPTED BY YOU 5K & FUN RUN**

☐ Finish Line (\$2,000+) ☐ Sprint (\$1,500) ☐ Run (\$1,000) ☐ Jog (\$500) ☐ Walk (\$250)

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