



As of December 2020, Gift of Adoption Tennessee has awarded **\$415,825** in adoption assistance grants across Tennessee to complete the adoptions of **152 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Tennessee receives requests from approximately **32** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$129,200**. The goal of the Tennessee 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.**



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## Meet Vova

Adopted from Ukraine  
by Christopher and Jeannie, Cleveland, TN

“ *Volodimir (Vova for short) is a 17-year-old boy from the norther region of Ukraine . He is very intelligent and thinks much like an engineer – always fascinated with the mechanical and electronic devices around him. Vova loves jokes and also playing silly pranks on friends.* ”



## Meet Jubilee

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Elizabeth and Randlena, Smyrna, TN

“ *Our situation was a bit unique. Jubilee was born on 1/23. We found out about her on 1/24, and we traveled on 1/26. We applied for a GOA grant within a week of getting matched because we needed as much help as possible. We will be able to provide a more stable home for Jubilee. She will have opportunities and all of her basic needs met at all times.* ”



## Arya

Adopted from India  
by Melissa and Glen, Knoxville, TN

“ *Her language is exploding! She is gaining healthy weight, and she has been attaching to her caregivers. She has been in physical therapy and has had custom leg braces made so her walking and agility is also much improved.* ”