



As of December 2020, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$358,775** in adoption assistance grants across Pennsylvania to complete the adoptions of **119 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Pennsylvania receives requests from approximately **24** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$95,200**. The goal of the Pennsylvania 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 \$11.2 million to complete the adoptions of 3,846 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 Toby

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Christopher and Emily, Crafton, PA

“ *After struggling with a few gross motor skill milestones (likely due to in utero drug exposure), Toby is now perfectly on track or ahead with all his milestones. He is running, climbing, digging, asking “why” a million times a day, and busy piecing the whole world together. Our journey to bring Toby home was much more expensive than we could have imagined. We are not a wealthy family. We both work hard but never could have afforded to adopt without help.* ”



## Meet Tessa

Adopted from China  
by Sarah, Pittsburgh, PA

“ *Adoption radically affects Tessa’s long-term prospects. She can receive significantly more physical therapy, as well as the necessary occupational and speech therapies that were not provided previously. The doctors who have reviewed her medical records all believe she has a lot of promise, and we will make the most of all the opportunities she will have in her new life here.* ”



## Meet Olivia

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Timothy and Lisa, Hermitage, PA

“ *We will be able to financially, mentally, and emotionally support and love Olivia with all our hearts. The child has an overwhelmingly supportive family to care for her and we will show her how special she is to us every day. She will have the life that she would not have been able to have otherwise.* ”