

adoption that stands in the way of being united with a family. In fact, the median cost of a domestic adoption in 2016 was \$38,000 with international adoptions averaging \$42,000. <sup>2</sup>

## History

Gift of Adoption was founded in 1996 by adoptive parents Gene and Lucy Wyka of Grafton, Wisconsin. Due to overwhelming response for adoption assistance grants, the Wykas converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2001.

## Impact

Nationally, more than \$11.4 million has been awarded since 1996 to help complete the adoptions of more than 3,893 children.

*through June 2021*



## Grants

Gift of Adoption offers grants of up to \$15,000 to provide families – regardless of race, religion, age or marital status – the financial support needed to welcome a child home.

## Eligibility

Any U.S. citizen adopting from anywhere in the world (domestic or international) who has an approved home study from an Intercountry Adoption Accreditation and Maintenance Entity (IAAME) accredited agency is eligible to apply. Financial need must be demonstrated.

## What makes Gift of Adoption unique?

Gift of Adoption prioritizes grants for the most vulnerable children facing what is possibly their last or only chance at adoption. This includes families who are working to unite or keep siblings together and those adopting children with critical medical