



To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to welcome you to participate in our sixth 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 be switching back to an in-person event this year at Phoenix III Park in the newly revitalized Summerhill neighborhood of Atlanta.

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 over \$12.6 million in adoption assistance grants to complete the adoption process for 4,251 children – giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. As of December 2021, GOA has awarded \$594,166 to unite 182 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 44 families from Georgia will reach out to GOA for adoption assistance each year. This represents a funding need of around \$174,00, and 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 Story

Meet Silas

Silas was born in December 2021 to a birth mother who struggles with addiction and is currently homeless. She chose adoption for her child so that he would not enter the foster care system. Kerri and Robert of Rincon, GA felt called to adoption to grow their family. Kerri was herself adopted as a child and had always desired to provide a home for a child in need. A grant from Gift of Adoption Georgia enabled them to say yes to Silas and bring him home with them from the hospital, ensuring security and stability for him from day. Kerri shared,

"through the gift of adoption Silas will have lots of opportunities, lots of siblings, and forever be part of a loving family."