

This Investor Point of View article is provided by a new Investor, Kiera Horton. Kiera is a member of the Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Alabama, and Founder & CEO of Jumpshot, jumpshottv.com, a non-profit organization that provides media support to high school basketball players in metro Birmingham who lack the resources to attract the attention of college recruiters.

Dear Investor Board Members,

My name is Kiera Horton and I see the Gift of Adoption Fund as a grand service of compassion and good-heartedness. It takes an extraordinary organization to see a child's empty hole of love, and work to fill it. They are not only pushing to place our children into permanent, happy, and fulfilling homes, they are standing as an amazing example of how you should treat others and bring about positivity in this world. I am extraordinarily delighted and honored to be an Investor Board Member of the Gift of Adoption Fund.

I have not had any personal experience with adoption, but I come to you as someone who has had a plan her entire life to adopt children in my future. I was raised by a beautiful, strong woman who raised me as a single parent. I am my mother's only child, and I am one of the six children of an absent father whose full name and personality I may never know. I always will have grand love for my mother and I am so blessed for the life she gave me, but due to her dark past, her emotional availability has been caged my whole life with many failed attempts to pry it open. Yes, I was raised by one of my biological parents, but I know what it feels like when your life has an absence of spiritual love, self-worth, and emotional support and motivation.

The very real and difficult aspect of adoption is that the pain and brokenness that adopted children bring into a family, does not get erased when they receive a new name.



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These children must be nurtured and supported with great care. The recipients of the GOA grants are people who stand strong in the commitment to the journey of sacrifice and unconditional love. These astonishing people are sometimes prevented from spreading their love to children in need because of the ranges of adoption fees. I was flabbergasted to find out that adoption fees range from \$4,000-\$40,000. The work that GOA is doing to provide these future parents with the financial resources they need is outstanding!

I'm not only an Investor Board Member who comes to you with plans of adoption in the future, but I also come to you as a proud

woman of service. With a strong desire to serve others, I chose my first job as a Nursing Technician at Shelby Baptist Hospital. I have also worked for UAB hospital as a Patient Care Technician within the Spain Rehabilitation Center and Post Anesthesia Care Unit from 2016 - 2019. I have now committed to provide support in my role as an Administrative Associate at the UAB Heersink School of Medicine (HSOM) Dean's Office, because I see an opportunity to help leaders serve with greater impact.

As a member of the Rotaract Club of Birmingham, one of the largest, strongest, and most effective service clubs in the world and the founder of Jumpshot, a non-profit organization for the young athletes of metro Birmingham that provides media support - free of charge - to high school basketball players who lack the resources to attract the attention of college recruiters, I am someone who's professional and personal leadership is anchored in a commitment to put service above self.

It is my absolute honor to proudly stand as an Investor Board Member for the Gift of Adoption Fund. GOA is undoubtedly an asset to the Alabama community and the world. I support them with the highest level of enthusiasm and without reservation.

Gift of Adoption provides adoption assistance grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children - giving them a permanent family and the chance to thrive.

A publication for Gift of Adoption Investor Board members. Please pass along to others who may be interested in this cause. Send comments and feedback to devereux@giftofadoption.org