

As of September 2022, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$1,596,586** in adoption assistance grants across Illinois and the midwest to complete the adoptions of **564 children**.



## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Illinois receives requests from approximately **71** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$281,280**. The goal of the Illinois 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 \$13.9 million to complete the adoptions of 4,595 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.



Gift of Adoption is a 501(c)3 charity (EIN 39-1863217)

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## Meet Ivy

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Scott and Mary, Genoa, IL

“Your generosity is very, very appreciated and shows unselfish giving on your part. For those families who don't have a lot of financial resources, it is a tremendous help to have people such as you help us ease the financial burden.”



## Meet Kai

Adopted from China  
by John and Sheryl, Chicago Ridge, IL

“The gift of adoption is pure love. Experiencing Kai's milestones as they happen and providing his best life possible has given us the opportunity to experience a type of love that only adoption can provide. It is hard to imagine life without a deep soul hug from Kai every morning.”



## Meet Angie

Adopted from Costa Rica  
by Andrea, Carol Stream, IL

“Angie is fully engaged with life and has the most amazing positive disposition and desire to explore her world. She has become attached and so much a part of her new world, confidently interacting with close friends and adults at home, church and in the community.”