



As of September 2022, Gift of Adoption Connecticut has awarded **\$114,400** in adoption assistance grants across Connecticut to complete the adoptions of **33 children**.

## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Connecticut receives requests from approximately **5** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$20,700**. The goal of the Connecticut 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 \$14.3 million to complete the adoptions of 4,724 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 Cora

Adopted from U.S.A.  
by Mark and Erica, East Hampton, CT

“ We are now firm believers in love at first sight as Cora has stolen our hearts. She is a happy baby who loves tummy time and snuggles. Cora also loves listening to nursery rhyme lullabies and listening to her Mommy and Daddy read Dr. Seuss to her. ”



## Meet Jacobo

Adopted from Columbia  
by Michela, Wethersfield, CT

“ Jacobo is a 13-year-old boy from Colombia. He is a shy kid who comes out of his shell when you get to know him. He dreams of going to university and playing soccer. ”



## Meet Naomi

Adopted from China  
by Ellen and Jon, Vernon, CT

“ Naomi has become happier and more carefree. She loves to sing and giggle. She has made great improvements physically; from walking unsteadily to running, jumping on a trampoline, swimming, and loving playgrounds. She has also picked up many English words and does a great job communicating. ”