

Olivia Chambers, a 17-year-old racing enthusiast from New York, became Gift of Adoption's first Ambassador this year. Olivia was her platform to promote Gift of Adoption's mission of finding adoptable kids with permanent families, providing them with the chance to drive.



Olivia Chambers

Olivia, originally from southern Ohio, was adopted as an infant by Matthew and Shannon from Hudson Valley area New York. Olivia grouped as to Matt's behavior in racing and even from a young age, watching Formula One with him every weekend and watching him race his own car at a local track. At age 1 she told her parents that she was ready to drive too. Seeing her determination, they started her in lessons, and she began racing karts at age 6.

Olivia wanted to be a pilot, winning multiple national races and regional championships across the United States

and Canada. In 2018 she was approached by Porsche to see if she could break a World Record in their top Spyder. She accepted their challenge and in the current Guinness World Record holder for Vehicle Speed (at an altitude before she had an official driver's license!) Olivia, who drives at speeds up to 140 mph, says, "I don't really let myself get excited. I am excited and confident, but never scared. I have big goals and I like to reach those goals. I am confident I can do it because of the support of my parents."



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Olivia has been featured in the Seattle radio "My Best Guest Needs No Introduction with David Lutzman" segment on NBC's "Turning Grounds" and has been featured in several teen magazine and journals.

Olivia has become a role model for many, including her two younger siblings.

Olivia (left) and Emma Chambers (right). Olivia and Emma Chambers were also adopted but Olivia says she never thinks of her family as anything other than hers. "We are just like any other siblings we love each other and we fight!"



Olivia Chambers with parents Matthew and Shannon, brother Oliver and sister Emma Chambers

When Olivia was asked to be the first Ambassador for Gift of Adoption, her response was an emphatic yes.

"My parents and I were on board as soon as we heard about the organization. It means a lot to me to be able to help other kids receive the gift that my siblings and I received - the gift of family."

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