

Chloe Chambers, a 17-year-old racing talent from New York, became Gift of Adoption's first Ambassador this year. Chloe uses her platform to promote Gift of Adoption's mission of uniting vulnerable kids with permanent families, providing them with the chance to thrive.



Chloe Now

Chloe, originally from southern China, was adopted as an infant by Matthew and Shannon from Hudson Valley area New York. Chloe grasped on to Matt's interest in racing and cars from a young age, watching Formula One with him every weekend and watching him race his own car at a local track. At age 7 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 8.

Chloe excelled in her sport, winning multiple national races and regional championships across the United States

and Canada. In 2020 she was approached by Porsche to see if she could break a World Record in their 718 Spyder. She accepted their challenge and is the current Guinness World Record Holder for Vehicle Slalom (47.45 seconds- before she had an official driver's license)! Chloe, who drives at speeds up to 145 mph, says, "I don't really let myself get scared. I am aware and careful, but never scared. I have big goals and I plan to reach those goals. I am confident I can do it because of the support of my parents."



Young Chloe

Chloe has been featured on the Netflix series "My Next Guest Needs No Introduction with David Letterman," appeared on NBC's "Proving Grounds," and has been featured in countless automotive magazines and journals.

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

Oliver (12) and Emma Claire (9). Oliver and Emma Claire were also adopted but Chloe 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!"



Chloe (center) with parents Matthew and Shannon, brother Oliver and sister Emma Claire

When Chloe 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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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

Then and Now – Ceanna



Ceanna Then

Ceanna was adopted at 3 months old in 2011. Her birth mother was 17 at the time of Ceanna's birth and did not feel able to provide for Ceanna. Melissa, a registered nurse in Blaine, Minnesota felt called to build a family through adoption and with the help of a grant from Gift of Adoption was able to bring Ceanna home.

Ceanna is now 10 years old and described by Melissa as "happy, smiling, loving, and caring." She is involved in many activities including lacrosse,

swimming, and YMCA Camps and loves biking, fishing, and soccer- she is a real outdoorswoman!

Three other children have been born to Ceanna's birth mother and two of them are currently in foster care. However, the third, a baby girl named Sakari was adopted by Melissa this past summer and is now being raised in the same nurturing, stable home as her older biological sister, Ceanna. A grant from Gift of Adoption also helped to complete Sakari's adoption.



Ceanna Now



Ceanna with baby sister Sakari

Melissa shared that Ceanna has been very attentive to her new baby sister and is even willing to change dirty diapers! Both girls are of Pauite Indian decent and to ensure they remain connected to their heritage Melissa has made sure both are registered with their tribe and that they keep in touch with biological family members.

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