



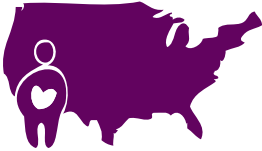
Metro DC presents a unique opportunity for Gift of Adoption. Board members from the Metro DC Chapter are Gift of Adoption's "feet on the ground", building relationships with key organizations to help Gift of Adoption further our mission.

Chapter Goal

Additionally, Gift of Adoption Metro DC receives requests from approximately **3** qualified families annually – representing a funding need of **\$14,000**. The goal of the Metro DC Chapter's all-volunteer board is to contribute enough funds to help complete each of these adoptions. 100% of the funds contributed by the chapter board 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 children in vulnerable circumstances – giving them permanent families and a 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 \$14.7 million to complete the adoptions of 4,851 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 Shawn

Adopted in 2022 from U.S.A. by Regine of Washington, DC

“ I believe this is the first time Shawn has had a regular schedule; the first time he’s getting 3 meals and 2 snacks a day; first time he isn’t being shuffled from relative to relative. He is calmer than when I first met him. The adoption process isn’t for the faint of heart. It can be brutal and heart wrenching... when I got the call, I was excited but was also aware of the additional financial pressure that came with saying yes. The grant was such a relief. ”

Meet Jackson

Adopted in 2021 from Bulgaria by Tabitha and Henry of Baltimore City, MD

“ Jackson was 11 years old when we adopted him. He was underweight and could only speak about 10-20 Bulgarian words/phrases. He is now speaking English well and is healthy! He’s come so far in such a little time. ”



Meet Dasha

Adopted in 2018 from Ukraine by Cynthia and Kurt of Norfolk, VA

“ Dasha had Hepatitis C when we adopted her. She was able to receive new curative medication therapies from a specialist in our area. Dasha is now Hep C free! This would not have happened without your kindness and generosity. Dasha is a very joyful and well-adjusted child. Thank you, thank you! ”