

As of December 31 2022, Gift of Adoption OR/Columbia River has awarded **\$547,700** in adoption assistance grants across the Pacific Northwest to complete the adoptions of **179 children**.



## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption OR/Columbia River receives requests from approximately **13** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$61,000**. The goal of the OR/Columbia River 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 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.**



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## Meet Aria

Adopted from U.S.A. by Nathan and Michelle, Meridian, OR

“ *We are able to provide financially for Aria. We also can provide a stable home. We can focus on teaching Aria that she is valuable, loved, and has a purpose in her life. We want to be the example for her to learn to love all without limits.* ”

## Meet Emily

Adopted from U.S.A. by Jeremy and Karen, Hillsboro, OR

“ *Receiving this grant is so awesome. It is amazing to have some assistance in such a large financial commitment and it also means more people to celebrate this amazing miracle with, of bringing our daughter home. Grant organizations, like GOA, make regular people, who are ready to love and commit, feel like the risk is worth taking.* ”



## Meet Zoe

Adopted from China by Daleena and Jeremiah, Prineville, OR

“ *Zoe's life is going to completely changed by being adopted. She will be coming into a loving family and will receive the one-on-one attention she needs and deserves.* ”