



As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption California has awarded **\$650,000** in adoption assistance grants across California to complete the adoptions of **176 children**.

Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption California receives requests from approximately **34** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$163,500**. The goal of the California 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 \$17.3 million to complete the adoptions of 5,471 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 Devan

Adopted from U.S.A. by Laird and Angela, Stockton, CA

“ It is absolutely an answer to prayer and provides the resources needed for the final part of this process!!! It's hard to begin to describe the impact of the blessing of this grant, especially with post-placement obligations. ”

Meet Rocky

Adopted from China by Ryan and Mindy, Ridgecrest, CA

“ Rocky James is a happy 4-month-old baby boy with beautiful olive skin and dark brown eyes. He loves giving slobbery kisses and snuggling. He's precious and wonderful! It has been a long, painful journey but it was worth every bit of it to finally have our son home with us. Thank you for awarding this grant to us. We are so grateful! ”



Meet Kensington

Adopted from South Africa by Jillian, Ramona, CA

“ Adopting as a single woman, the idea of considering adopting without Gift of Adoption and their financial support was more than daunting. Knowing that I had support and people cheering for me gave me the courage to make the first step into the adoption process. ”