

As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$1,400,000** in adoption assistance grants across the Carolinas to complete the adoptions of **432 children**.



## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Carolinas receives requests from approximately **55** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$267,000**. The goal of the Carolinas 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 loving 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.

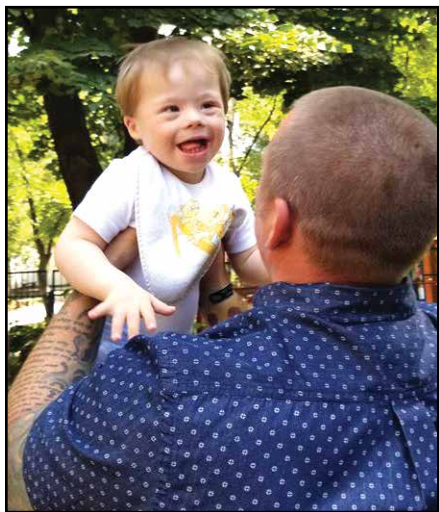


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## Meet Harrison

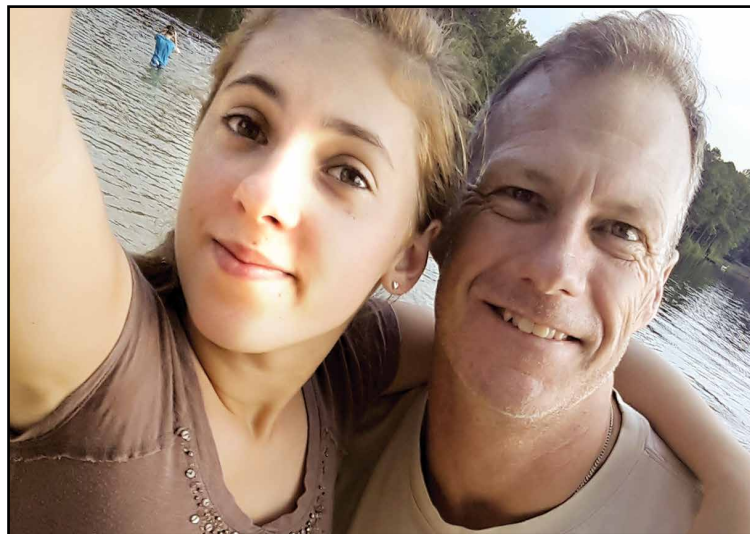
Adopted from Bulgaria by Lee-Ann and William of Durham, NC

*“ We are so very thankful. Your organization was truly a blessing and we can not express enough how much it changed our journey. We were able to truly enjoy our adoption experience because we knew we had received a grant to cover the next round of expenses. A huge relief that gave us the best mindset going into those visits! ”*

## Meet Anastasia

Adopted from Ukraine by Delbert Jr and Christine of Aberdeen, NC

*“ Anastasia will have a future. She will not be put on the streets to fend for herself. She will be loved and supported by a family who loves her. She will have a chance to live a happy life. ”*



## Meet Elijah

Adopted from U.S.A. by Samuel and Morgan of Bladenboro, NC

*“ Elijah's birth family was overwhelmed by financial instability. They did not feel able to care for another child, especially one with special needs. With us, Elijah has been able to receive great care for his many medical conditions. Elijah is growing in a secure environment, and we maintain a good relationship with his birth family. The gift of adoption is the greatest gift that could have been given to us. ”*