

As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption Massachusetts has awarded **\$228,000** in adoption assistance grants across Massachusetts to complete the adoptions of **63 children**.



## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Massachusetts receives requests from approximately **15** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$74,000**. The goal of the Massachusetts 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.



Gift of Adoption is a 501(c)3 charity (EIN 39-1863217)

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## Meet LuLu

Adopted from China by Danielle, Everett, MA

“ LuLu is a happy and smart 4-year-old girl who happens to have an extra chromosome. Due to the diagnosis of Down Syndrome Dong Lu was left at the gate of her orphanage at about 1 year old. Now she will be able to attend school, she will have an enormous support system, and there will be so many people who love her. As a special education teacher in the school district where we live, I will be able to provide her with services and supports she will need academically and socially. She will also be part of the Down Syndrome Program at one of the best hospitals in the U.S. She will be provided with medical care as needed and be able to achieve any of her dreams! ”

## Meet Charlotta

Adopted from U.S.A. by Sarah, Watertown, MA

“ I have to believe that Charlotta's adoption has played a huge role in her development since birth. She was born nearly three months early, weighed just three pounds at birth, and had an 11-week NICU stay. While she was relatively healthy despite her prematurity as a newborn, it was uncertain how she would progress and develop. At 10 months old, Charlotta has been thriving! She is the 74th percentile for height and weight for her chronological age! She has met the appropriate developmental milestones for her age and is continuing to learn and grow every day. She is so spunky and social, and I feel blessed every single day to have her as my daughter. ”



## Meet Valentyn & Pavlo

Adopted from Ukraine by Jacob and Hannah, Richmond, MA

“ We literally could not have done this without the support of Gift of Adoption. Any desire to adopt comes with hoops - most of ours were financially related. We come from humble means, so a task like an international adoption seemed impossible at times. Through generous donations from people like you. You have changed our lives with your kindness and a simple, anonymous 'thank you' hardly seems enough. ”