

As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption Missouri has awarded **\$275,000** in adoption assistance grants across Missouri to complete the adoptions of **100 children**.

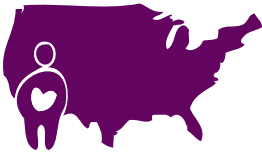


## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Missouri receives requests from approximately **18** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$88,000**. The goal of the Missouri 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 Maverick

Adopted from U.S.A. by Fallon and Jarrett, Cottleville, MO

“ *Maverick is easy going and a very loving, cuddly boy. He loves to be outdoors and to be held by both mom and dad. Thank you for helping make us a family.* ”

## Meet Kate & Eva

Adopted from Ukraine  
by Greg and Lisa, Republic, MO

“ *This adoption was possible only because of the support of many friends, family, and organizations like yours. It takes a village.* ”



## Meet Bethany

Adopted from U.S.A. by Melissa and Joshua, St. Louis, MO

“ *We are committed to giving Bethany the love and care she needs and deserves. We are so thankful for the Gift of Adoption Fund for helping ensure Bethany has a forever home.* ”