



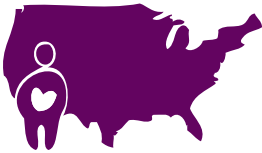
As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$222,000** in adoption assistance grants to complete the adoption of **71 children** into families in Utah.

**Chapter Goal**

Each year, Gift of Adoption Utah receives requests from approximately **11** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$54,000**. The goal of the Utah 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 Willard

Adopted from U.S.A. by Shauna and Nicholas, Lehi, UT

“ Willard’s birthmother had lost custody of her other two children due to her struggles with drug use. She knew that she wouldn’t be able to give Will the things that he needed because of those struggles. At the time of his birth she didn’t have a permanent place to stay and hadn’t been receiving any prenatal care. Willard is the sweetest baby. He loves to be cuddled and to smile and coo at everyone. He loves to eat and is so healthy and growing fast. ”

## Meet Bear

Adopted from South Korea by Alison and Richard, Bountiful, UT

“ The gift of adoption is opening yourself up to love. Every child deserves a loving home. We are so thankful for many gifts adoption has brought to our family. Our gifts include our son Bear, love for the Korean people, uniting with other adoptive families and sharing our message of love and adoption to everyone we meet. ”



## Meet Sawyer

Adopted from U.S.A. by Taylor and Adam, Lehi, UT

“ The grant has given Sawyer a chance to have parents who love her, a safe place to grow up, and supports and help she will need because of some of her deficits. Sawyer will have opportunities that she otherwise would not have. She has extended family, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles who love her! ”