

# **Tennessee Chapter**

Founded in 2016

As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption Tennessee has awarded \$687,500 in adoption assistance grants across Tennessee to complete the adoptions of **223 children**.

#### **Chapter Goal**

Each year, Gift of Adoption Tennessee receives requests from approximately 28 qualified families - representing a funding need of \$137,000. The goal of the Tennessee Chapter's allvolunteer 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** Since inception, GOA has awarded \$17.4 million to complete the adoptions of 5,505 **IMPACT** 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!

You don't have to adopt to give a child a family.











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#### **Meet Elizabeth**

Adopted from the USA in 2023 by Franklin, TN grant family Margaret and William

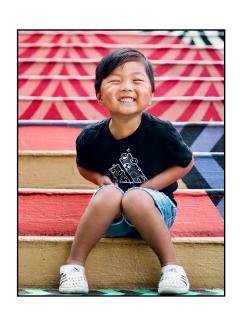
Elizabeth's birthmother chose adoption so that Elizabeth would not have to experience foster care. The gift of adoption is feeling like you have an army of supporters standing with you as you walk into the biggest decision of your life. They say it takes a village and you are part of our village!

### **Meet Niko**

Now age 4, adopted from Korea in 2020 by Alexandria, TN grant family Amanda and Caleb. Impact update provided in 2024.



It has been beautiful to watch Niko's attachment blossom and grow with us. To witness how the love of a family has truly impacted him has been humbling.





## **Meet Chance**

Adopted from USA in 2023 by Ashland City, TN grant family Tosha and Jordan



We picked Chance up from the hospital and stayed in contact with his birth mother. Ultimately, she asked us to adopt him to give him the best chance at a good life. We love this sweet, happy boy.