



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 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 \$17.4 million to complete the adoptions of 5,505 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 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

Adopted from Korea in 2020 by Alexandria, TN grant family Amanda and Caleb

“ 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. ”