

# Arizona Chapter

Founded in 2017

As of December 31 2023, Gift of Adoption Arizona has awarded \$322,000 in adoption assistance grants across Arizona to complete the adoptions of **97** children.

#### **Chapter Goal**

Each year, Gift of Adoption Arizona receives requests from approximately 16 qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$80,000**. The goal of the Arizona 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** 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 Ryder**

Ryder was adopted from the USA in 2023 by Scottsdale, AZ grant family Drew and Christine

Ryder has been through so much in his short life and it is a blessing to be able to give him the love that he deserves.

## **Meet Amelia**

Amelia was adopted from Poland in 2023 by Surprise, AZ grant family Jonathon and Amber

Our GOA grant made travel and finalization of the adoption possible. Amelia has so much potential and we are so lucky to get to be her parents.





## **Meet Dominic**

Dominic was adopted from the USA in 2023 by Gilbert, AZ grant family Conner and Nicholas

The high cost of adoption was shocking, and nearly a non-starter for my husband and I as a firefighter and teacher. Thanks to this grant, Dom will have our consistent care and be surrounded by loving aunts, uncles, grandparents and cousins.