

As of December 31 2024, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$1,880,000** in adoption assistance grants across Illinois and the midwest to complete the adoptions of **620 children**.



## Chapter Goal

Each year, Gift of Adoption Illinois receives requests from approximately **31** qualified families - representing a funding need of **\$155,000**. The goal of the Illinois 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 loving 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 \$20.2 million to complete the adoptions of 6,196 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 Addison, Natalie & Kennedy

Adopted from the USA in 2024 by Kathryn and Austin with the help of a Gift of Adoption grant.

*“ We never expected to adopt three babies at one time. And we are incredibly grateful for the support we received for the final expenses. We are just in awe that this is our new 'normal', but we love it all! ”*

## Meet Luz

Adopted from Colombia in 2023 by Adrianna and Andrew with the help of a Gift of Adoption grant. Impact update received October 2024.

*“ Adoption has given our daughter hope for her future. She has developed a more positive and excited outlook on life. Having a stable family has been good for her self-esteem and development as a young teen. Luz has begun to come out of her shell with the friends she’s making and she’s developing a greater sense of trust and openness with us. Luz recently shared that she didn’t think she was going to be adopted because of her age and that she was so happy when she found out she had a family coming for her. YOU made that happen. Thank you so much. We are so grateful for the blessing of this child. ”*



## Meet Andrew

Adopted from the USA in 2024 by Michelle and Tim with the help of a Gift of Adoption grant.

*“ Andrew is the sweetest baby boy. He will grow up in a safe home while also knowing his birth parents through an open adoption. He is loved beyond measure, and we are so very grateful for your support. ”*