



Gift of Adoption



Mission:

Our mission is to provide adoption assistance grants to complete the adoptions of children in vulnerable circumstances—giving them permanent families and a chance to thrive.

“The gift of three little boys running through our house, reading books, wrestling with each other and giving the best hugs. I come from a family that has been very impacted by adoption. My brother and sister are both international adoptees. Adoption is a gift of family on both sides of the coin.”



Stephen, Charles & Chris, adopted from Uganda by Denver, CO grant family Lauren and Kevin

Gift of Adoption | Founders

How We Started

Because they were blessed with the resources to afford the financial burden of three adoptions, Lucy and Gene decided to pay it forward.

In 1996, with the sole purpose of helping children get adopted, the Wyka's establish a private family giving foundation: The JSW Foundation.

In 2021, the JSW Foundation became a public charity called the Gift of Adoption Fund, to expand our ability to reach more children and families each year with adoption assistance grants.

To strengthen their vision, Lucy and Gene changed the legal status of the fund from a private to a public charity.

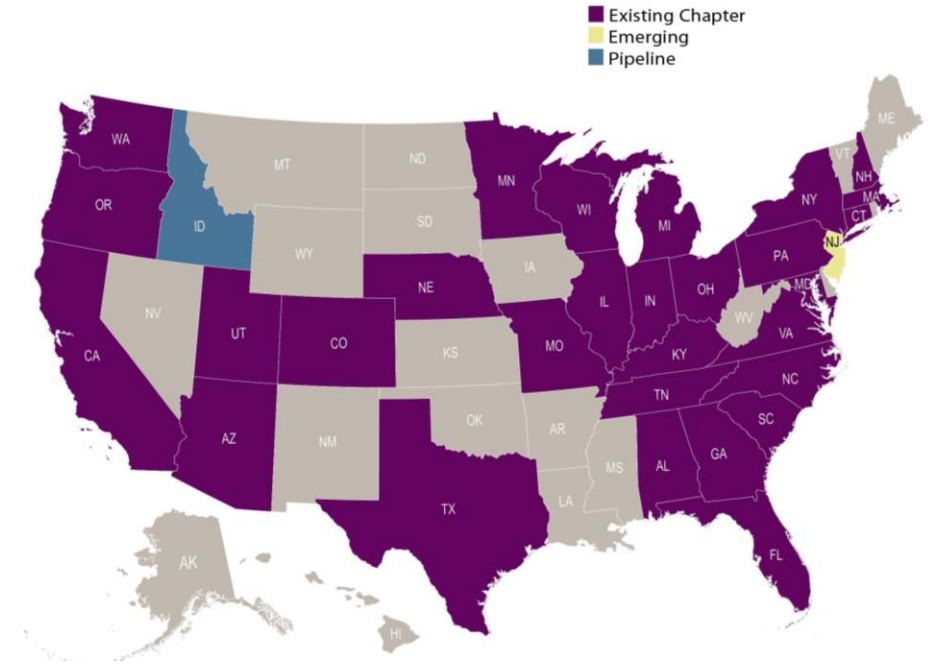


Founders Gene & Lucy Wyka

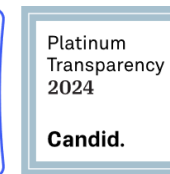
Gift of Adoption | Industry Leader

- Oldest and largest provider of adoption assistance grants on a **non-discriminatory basis**.
- National network of 29 volunteer-run state chapters.
- History of successful partnerships for impact.
- Top-rated, highly credentialed charity.
- Since 1996, 6581 children adopted through \$22M in awards. 75% of grants for domestic adoptions | 25% of grants for international adoptions
- Providing up to \$15,000 in final fund grants to complete adoptions for children in vulnerable circumstances.
- Grants awarded directly to provider so donors can be confident that their gifts are bringing children home.

As of 6.30.25

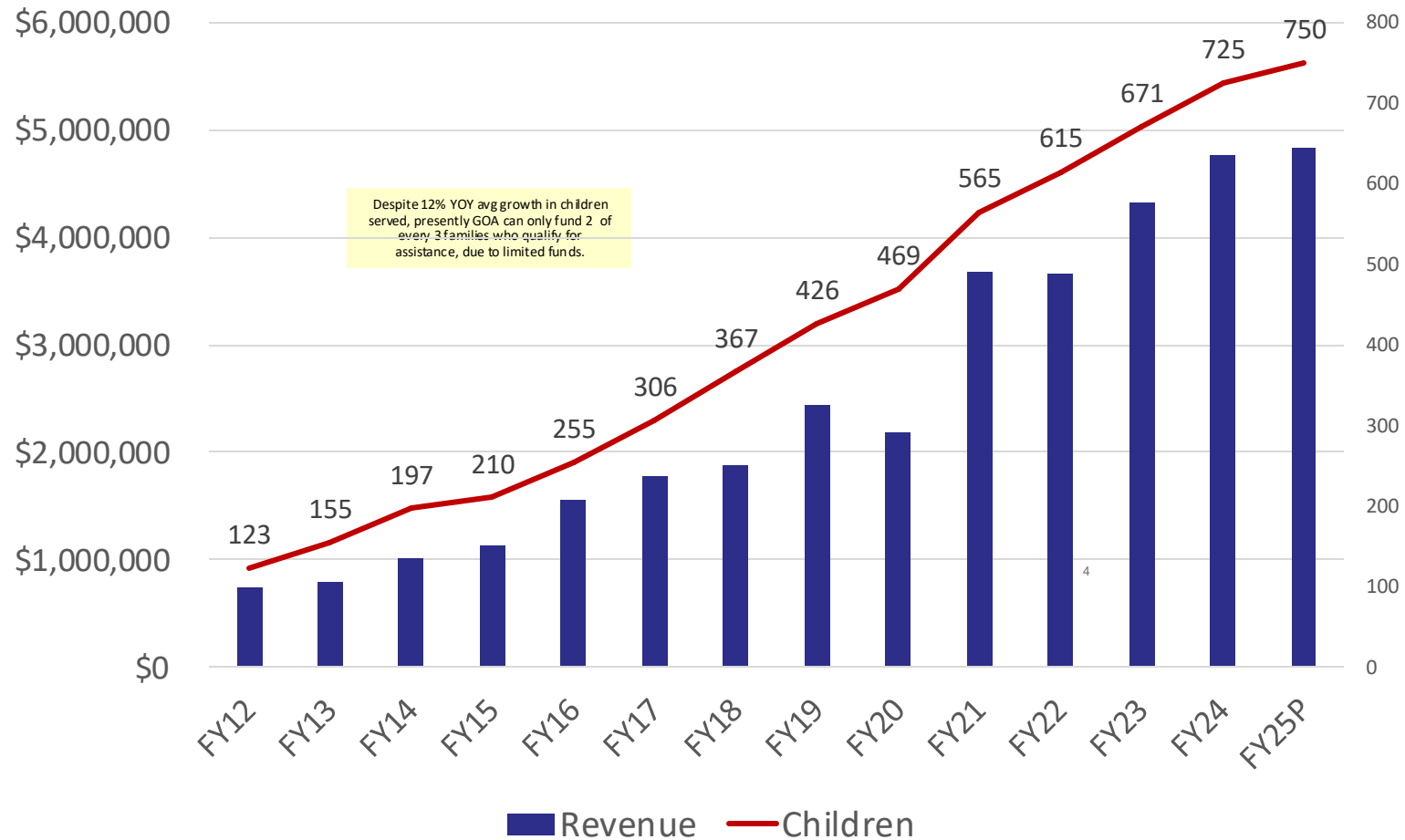


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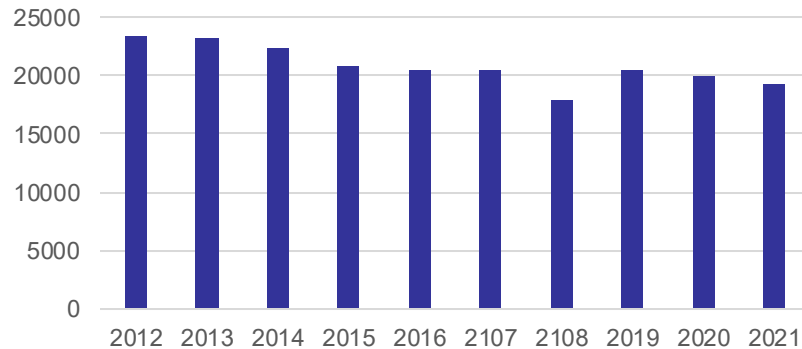
Gift of Adoption | Impact and Growth

Growth in Revenues and Children Adopted



State of Adoption | The Need

Number of Children Exiting Foster Care Without a Family



In the United States

- About 600 children enter foster daily – through no fault of their own.
- 20,000 age out of foster care at age 18 without a permanent, loving family.
- In any given year, only 50% of those eligible for adoption are adopted.

Worldwide:

- Each day 5700 children are orphaned through life's difficult circumstances.
- Their odds of being adopted internationally into a permanent, loving family are less than 1 ½%

State of Adoption | Impact of Inaction

Unadopted children suffer poor life outcomes at alarming, yet predictable rates.



Only 60% of 19-year-olds will obtain a high school diploma or GED, vs. 87% overall. **Only 4%** will earn a college degree.



30% of 19 to 21-year-olds were homeless upon leaving the system.



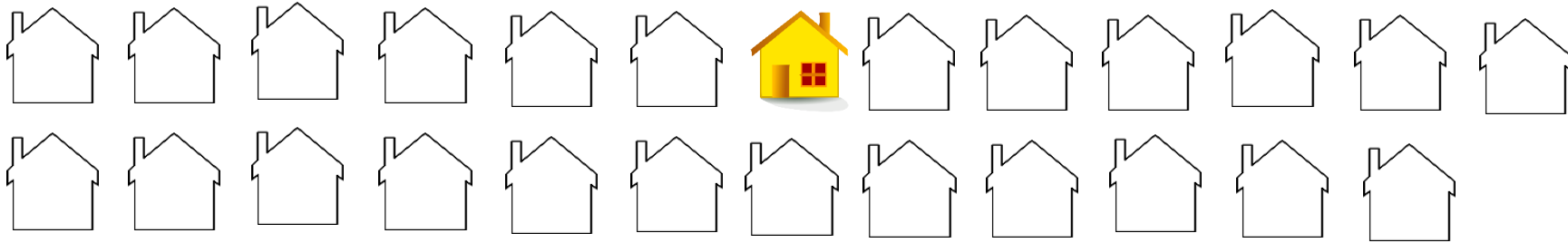
By age 21, **only 57%** will be employed.

Tax-payer cost of children aging-out of foster care is estimated at \$300,000 / child due to lost wages, incarceration and downstream social service costs. (Jim Casey Family Foundation)

Adoption prevents the tragic slide of children's lives, as families are the foundation for unleashing a child's potential. It is a **win-win** on both a humanitarian and economic level.

State of Adoption | In the USA

One in 25 U.S. families has an adopted child.



Source: U.S. Census 2007 National Survey of Adoptive Parents.

- 81.5 million Americans have considered adoption.
- 57% of Americans have a very or extremely favorable impression about adoption.
- 85% of Americans agree that the 23,000 children who age-out of the U.S. foster care system annually is a large societal issue. (DTFA)

Sources: 2022 Attitudes Survey commissioned by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, conducted by Harris Interactive; Good Housekeeping, "Adopted in America."

State of Adoption | Financial Barrier

30%

of Americans seriously
consider adoption

81%

of those are concerned
about adoption costs

2%

Just 2% adopt

Source: 2022 Attitudes Survey commissioned by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

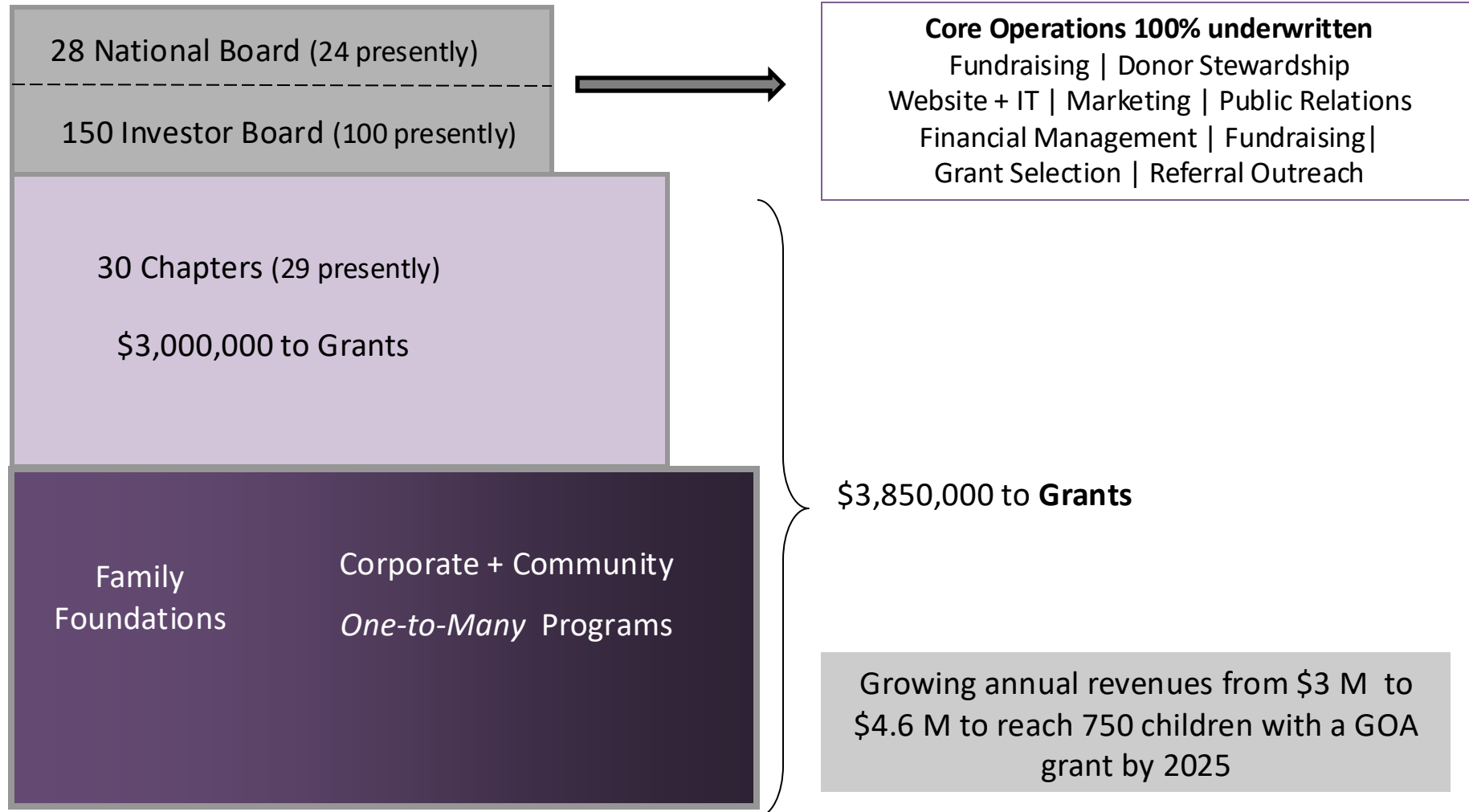
This is **where Gift of Adoption comes in**. GOA grants provide the final funds needed to bring waiting children home.

“Our ability to adopt Juniper was directly impeded by the financial barrier that loomed over us. Gift of Adoption grant not only gave us a financial help, it gave us hope.”



Juniper, born in the USA, adopted in AL

Operations | Funding Sources



Operations | National and Investor Board

National Board: Organizational Leadership & Funds Core Operations

- The Gift of Adoption National Board provides the governance, strategic and fundraising assistance to our staff to achieve the organization's goals
- National Board Members make a personal annual donation of \$5,000 or greater and work to raise an additional \$5,000 in contributions each year by introducing others in the networks to Gift of Adoption.

Investor Board: Funds Core Operations

- Support the organization's growth by making a donation of \$10,000 payable over three years.
- Complimentary attendance for members and a guest at select Gift of Adoption events nationwide, annual networking event and receives quarterly Investor Board news

Operations | Local Chapters

- The Gift of Adoption is committed to building 100% Volunteer-led Chapters across the United States by investing in key leaders, in key markets to put the Gift of Adoption on the map!
- Gift of Adoption has chapters in 29 states around the country.
- Chapter leaders raise funds and build awareness in their community by hosting fundraisers and aligning Gift of Adoption with strategic corporate, foundation and community-based partnerships.
- Our promise to Chapter / Community Outreach Leaders:
 - Event consultation, seed money and collateral
 - Grant family and mission-related support
 - 100% of money raised goes to grants
 - Participation at monthly Grant Selection meetings – deciding who we serve

Adoption Grants | Priority Focus

Priority is placed on reaching children for whom this may be their **final or only chance at adoption.**

This includes children:

- with serious medical conditions or rare diseases
- at risk of being separated from their siblings
- at risk of entering or aging-out of foster care
- who are older
- who are able to be adopted by relatives or fictive kin



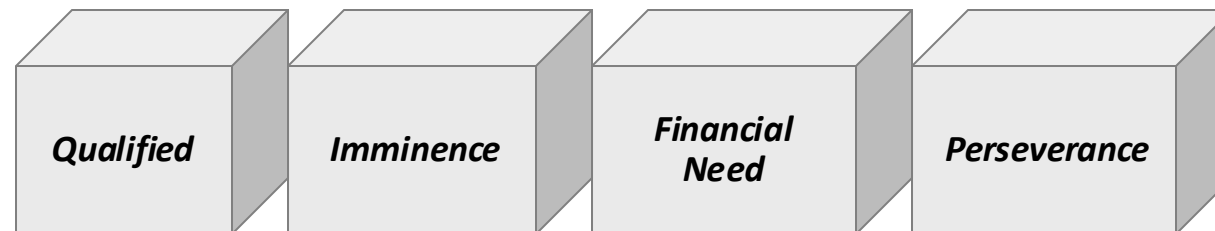
Liseth, adopted from Colombia in 2023.
"First time playing in the snow"

Adoption Grants | The Families GOA Serves



- U.S. citizens with approved home studies from accredited agencies
- Demonstrated financial need, “Habitat for Humanity” level commitment to funding at least half of their adoption - through their own efforts
- Matched with a waiting child or birth parent

Our Grant Program Tenets

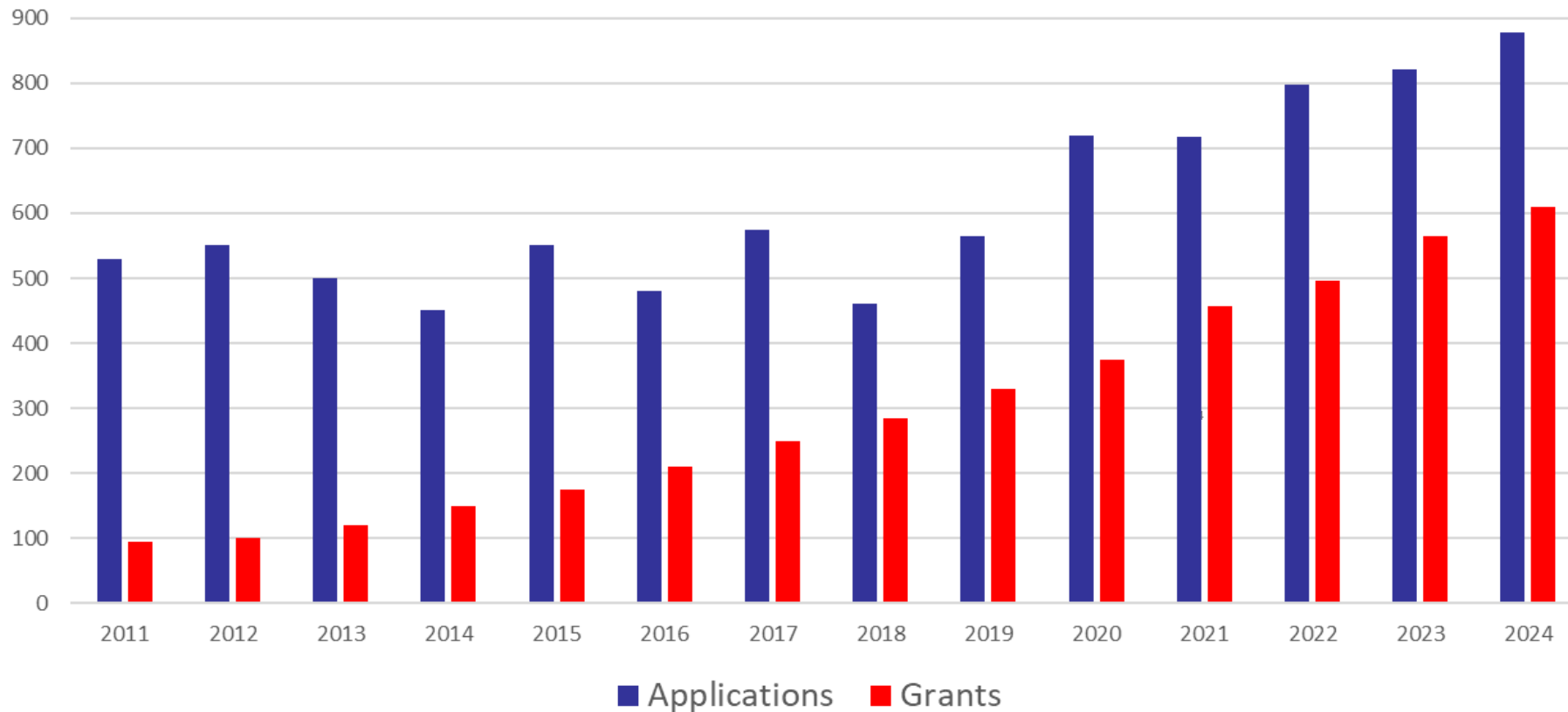


Abel, pictured here, being held by older brother.

Adoption Grants | Application Pipeline

- Life circumstances continue to keep children in at-risk situations and living on the margins.
- Applications from families qualified to adopt continue to outpace growth.

Qualified Application and Grant Growth



Adoption Grants | Local Impact

- Each year, Gift of Adoption Colorado receives requests from approximately 18 qualified families - representing a funding need of \$90,000.
- The goal of the Colorado 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.
- As of December 31 2024, Gift of Adoption Colorado has awarded \$507,000 in adoption assistance grants across Colorado to complete the adoptions of 155 children.

"It has been so incredibly FUN to watch Lucy's personality develop and to watch her grow into such a fierce, hilarious, adventurous, kind, brave little girl. She is growing more bold and independent everyday, and we know she is going to change the world. We are so blessed by her."



Lucy, adopted from the U.S.A.
by Denver, CO grant family Blythe and Stephen

How you can Help

- Spread the word about Gift of Adoption as a resource for families considering adoption
- Give to your local chapter or the national office
- Consider joining your local chapter board and/or attending local events
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn to help us reach more people



“We wanted to grow our family and provide a home for children who may not have a safe or permanent place to be. Our GOA grant allowed us to complete the adoption process and ensure Riggins has all he needs to be healthy and happy. Thank you.”

Riggins, adopted from the U.S.A. in 2023
by Charlotte, NC grant family Gabriel and Dionne

Thank You

[GiftofAdoption.org](https://www.giftofadoption.org)

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



With the help of a Gift of Adoption grant , Miracle & Jeremiah, picture in the center of photo with their family, adopted from the US in 2023.