



OR/Columbia River Chapter

Founded in 2003

As of December 31, 2025, Gift of Adoption has awarded **\$726,100** in adoption assistance grants across Oregon and the Pacific Northwest to complete the adoptions of **213 children**.



CHAPTER GOAL

Each year, Gift of Adoption receives requests from approximately 17 qualified families in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest -- representing a funding need of **\$100,000**. The goal of the Oregon/Columbia River Chapter's all-volunteer board is to raise enough funds to help complete adoptions for every qualified application. 100% of gifts to the Oregon/Columbia River Chapter fund adoption grants, uniting children with permanent, loving families.



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 living 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 Wyke of Crafton, Wisconsin. Due to overwhelming demand for adoption assistance grants, the Wykes converted their foundation from a private family foundation to a public charity in 2007.



NATIONAL IMPACT

Since inception, GOA has awarded \$21.9 million to complete the adoptions of over 7,000 children nationwide. Gift of Adoption is only able to fund 2 out of 3 qualified applicants putting adoption out of reach for many families who otherwise would adopt. 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.



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