Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2015
(JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015)

LIANG YUN
ADOPTED FROM CHINA
GRANT AWARDED DECEMBER 2013
TO HEATH & CARA
OF AVA, MO
Welcome to

GIFT OF ADOPTION

We are a volunteer-driven charity that raises funds to provide grants to complete the adoptions of vulnerable children – giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive.

ELLA & DAHELSON
(WITH THEIR SISTER ZOE)
ADOPTED FROM HAITI
GRANT AWARDED NOVEMBER 2011
TO BRENT & JULIE
OF ERIE, PA
Dear Friends,

Because of your abiding generosity we are relieved and hopeful for what lies ahead for the 212 children we have reached this year with the gift of adoption. Seeing Liang Yun on his dad’s shoulder and Ella and Dahelson with their older sister Zoe, we trust that their lives have new promise.

Your generosity has paved their way. It’s given them the road home to a family.

Since 1996, we’ve awarded more than $4.6 million in “final mile” funds to bring 1,575 children home for good. To further our impact, we are embarking on a “500 in 5” Plan, developed with pro-bono consulting from the Boston Consulting Group Chicago. Our plan is to reach 500 children a year by 2020, which will allow us to unite another 1,800 children with loving families, doubling the number of children we have served at four times the pace.

What drives us and what will get us there is our steadfast belief that a loving family is a basic necessity for children everywhere. We’ll engage smart, dedicated volunteer board leaders (like many of you) to expand our chapter footprint into new cities around the country and we will tell the ‘Gift’ story more often, more vibrantly and in a bigger way.

It’s a steep road to climb, but the children who continue to wait for a family of their own, deserve nothing less than our best.

Because when a child comes home to a family, all of our lives are bettered.

This note from a grant recipient family reminds us:
“We want to thank you for the part you played in Jackson joining our family. He has been home for two months now and is adjusting remarkably well. As we were driving home from the airport the night we brought him home, he said, ‘Mama, this is a good road... because it's the road that goes to our home.’ I thought of how we drive down that road over and over and it has no meaning, until we saw it through his eyes. The value of having a home is so much greater to those who have never had one.”

The value of your gift to Jackson and the other children reached this year is greater than you may ever know. It takes the shape of the relief, hope, and promise of an ordinary road transformed into the road home.

Thank you for everything,

Paula Van Ness
National Board President

Pam Devereux
Chief Executive Officer
From 19 countries, 170 number of families that received grants and 212 number of children placed from grants. 45% domestic from 43 U.S. states and 55% international from 19 countries.
FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

Total Amount of Grant Awards: $629,723
Average Grant Amount: $3,704
Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family: 15%
Grants that kept children from unnecessarily entering the U.S. foster care system: 14%
Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage: 13%
Grants that helped children with critical medical conditions: 36%
Applications Received: 631

Through June 30, 2015, Gift of Adoption has awarded 1,285 grants, representing $4.4 million and 1,565 children who now have permanent families and a chance to thrive.

During fiscal year 2015, Gift of Adoption established the Peter S. Gutrich Memorial Fund. Peter, an Investor Board member, passed away in April, 2015. From this outpouring of generosity, 14 adoptions will be completed in the coming years.

Additionally, with the support of a pro bono team from the Boston Consulting Group, Gift of Adoption leadership developed a five-year strategic plan that sees the organization growing to reach 500 children per year in 2020.
He was not able to receive his needed heart surgery in China. Immediately after the adoption we returned to the United States to prepare for this vital heart surgery. If his heart defects were not repaired, his life expectancy would be significantly shortened. (50% survive to age 5, and about 10% survive to age 10.) His heart surgery has given him an opportunity to have a typical lifespan and participate in nearly a full range of activities as he grows.

Adoption also allows him to have what every child on earth deserves, a family and a community of people who love and nurture him, who will raise him to live out his full potential, to explore the world and have the opportunity to dream and make some of his dreams come true. He will have his own parents, brother and sisters, as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who are already embracing him as family.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
June 30, 2015

ASSETS
- Cash $292,152
- Investments 149,241
- Pledges and contributions receivable 237,653
- Adoption loans receivable 34,448
- Prepaid expenses 6,527
- Property and equipment, net 0
- Cash surrender value of life insurance 64,514
- Other assets 7,167
Total assets $791,702

LIABILITIES
- Grants payable $177,258
- Accounts Payable 31,849
- Accrued expenses 8,913
Total liabilities 218,020

NET ASSETS
- Unrestricted 211,029
- Temporarily restricted 362,653
Total net assets 573,682

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
June 30, 2015

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
- Contributions 747,614
- Special events revenue 556,905
- Special events expense (242,608)
- In-kind donations 29,034
- Program service fees 31,450
- Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments (4,798)
- Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions 7,818
- Miscellaneous revenue 4,942
- Net assets released from restrictions –
Total support and revenue 1,130,357

EXPENSES
- Program 856,788
- Management and General 125,034
- Fundraising 106,953
Total expenses 1,088,775

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS  41,582

CHART: FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES FY2015
- Program Services 79%
- Management and General 11%
- Fundraising 0%
Eliana will grow up in a stable home free of substance abuse. She will have access to good medical care, a strong education, and will have a supportive family and a big extended family who loves her a lot! She would have ended up in the foster care system at birth if we had not been there to adopt her. We got to bring her home from the hospital when she was just three days old. Right away we knew we had a special little girl. She has a big smile that lights up her whole face. She looks for any excuse to flash that smile and squeal with delight!
Isaac was found abandoned in Adama, Ethiopia when he was one month old. When attempts to find relatives were exhausted, adoption became a way for him to have a family. Adoption will be the beginning leaving everything he has ever known but he will now have a mom, a dad, sisters, and a home. Isaak is absolutely in love with his daddy and with fire trucks. (Just like his daddy is!) Gift of Adoption’s support in getting him home means more than you could ever know.
Nathan has a loving, stable home with me. He is safe and his needs are being met. He is very loved and has a great life. He will have every opportunity as he gets older. Every day is full of wonderful moments. Some of the best moments have been the firsts – the first smile, the first time he crawled, the first time he said ‘mama’, the first time he pulled himself up. It’s all so very amazing to watch this little human develop his own personality.
In the short time she has been home, she has grown from the 50th to the 75th percentile. She has learned so much this past year. She started preschool and is learning counting, colors, letters, etc. She loves to entertain and make us laugh. Donors need to know how much they have changed lives. Not just the child who was adopted but the entire family. We have all been positively changed by Elena. She is such a blessing.
Even here in the land of the free, children are being abused, suffering loneliness and living in poverty. Other children are being born to mothers that choose to place their children into an adoptive home to give them a life they cannot offer. We admire these birth mothers. We admire their bravery and selfless love. Birth mothers make a sacrifice of self in order to provide a better life for that child. Josiah will have two parents, a loving extended family and opportunities to excel in life.
YOSIE
ADOPTED FROM BULGARIA
GRANT AWARDED OCTOBER 2014 TO JESSICA & JOSHUA OF CURWENSVILLE, PA

ARIZONA
Andrew Bess
Brian Bland
Milissa Danceur
Laura Delahanty
Lee Ann Hamilton
Zain Tartir

CAROLINAS
Jason Cipriani
Kelly Cipriani
Andrew Delamielleure
Bryan Hodgens
Jim Lovell
Muhsin Muhammad II
Kimberly Porter
Janet Robinson
Cheryl Ross
Chad Shields
RJ Sweeney

COLORADO
Tim Adair
Bonnie Adler
Virginia L. Frank
Michelle Greger
Jonathan Rhodes
Jane Day Rich
Trina Taylor

CONNECTICUT
Ann Feinberg
Donna Marie Johnson
John K. McDonald
Molly A. Parker
Patti Tarnowicz
Tami B. Walker

FLORIDA
David Alexander
Mindy Budzynski
David Conn
Tom Hand
David Jones
Eric Kudzinski
Mike Loparco
Laurie Powell
Loreen Spencer
Jeanne Tate

ILLINOIS
Roberta Borst
Brenda Bush-Moline
Kelly Chesney
Greg DiDomenico
Kate Gibbons
David Knight
Kimberly K. Porter
Meg Gibson Revord
Matt Smith
Monica Thompson
John Tilson
Michael Walsh
Michael Webber
Roland Jacobs (emeritus)
James Roth (emeritus)

MINNESOTA
Cory Borthwick
Carrie Eisele
Lynn Hoffman
Tom Murphy
Rod Simons
Beth Rozga (emeritus)
Pam Simons (emeritus)

OHIO
Bob Gavlak
Heather Gavlak
Danielle Hamner
Sandra Henderson
Michelle Jackson
Tammy Nortman
Kate Quinn
Constance Skingel

OR/COLUMBIA RIVER
Tony Ande
Joseph Jakubek
Ohm Krishna
Wendy Larimer
Robin Peterka
Brandy Robinson
Gary Stachlowski
Lana Stachlowski
Matt Thorp
Amanda Kate Winkelman

TEXAS
Mari Jo Bueno
Susan Fennema
Jeremy Morton
Sharron Pete
Adam Pfeil
John Ramos
Erica Shoemake
Jenny Womack

WISCONSIN
Pratikshya Adhandari
Ben Banasik
Jim Bauman
Linda Buczynski
Katie Deeter
Steve Hayes
Deb Holtorf
Cathy James
Jeff Krygiel
Lola Lawal
Jill Wohlfel
Chaitanya Yaramada

NOTE: All Board rosters reflect membership as of October 27, 2015.
Give the Gift that BRINGS HER HOME

You do not have to adopt to give a child the gift of a family. You can immediately impact the trajectory of a child’s life for the better, by helping to eliminate the financial barrier that delays or deters families from completing an adoption. Your donation to Gift of Adoption offers a priceless sense of belonging to a child who otherwise might not ever have a family.

RAIMEY
ADOPTED FROM CHINA
GRANT AWARDED OCTOBER 2011
TO ANGELA & ANDREW
OF TURNER, OR
We invite you to
JOIN THE CAUSE

Rethink the impact you can have. If you believe that a loving family is a basic necessity for children everywhere, volunteer with Gift of Adoption and further the cause. Get started by connecting with the smart, dedicated leaders in your home state.

OLIVER
ADOPTED FROM U.S.A.
GRANT AWARDED NOVEMBER 2014
TO REBECCA & JAMES
OF ANDERSON, SC