



Frehiwot  
Grant Awarded April 2010



Maverick  
Grant Awarded December 2009

For the **105** children given the Gift of Adoption this year, life is **better** – **much better.**



Jasmine  
Grant Awarded February 2010



Rachanon  
Grant Awarded January 2010



Kiera and Leah  
Grant Awarded December 2009



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ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2010

(July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)



**John and Ace**  
Grant Awarded April 2010

*"I can't begin to describe how Ace and John's lives will be altered – from small things like getting to go the grocery store to going to an amusement park. We are in the military so we move every three years and the life experiences and amazing places and things we've seen will now be shared with our boys – not to mention the opportunity to go to college later in life. All of these things are nothing compared to the love and affection they will receive from us and our girls. Support, unconditional love, sense of safety, and belonging – there is nothing like a family." – John*

*"I cannot even begin to express what this grant will do for Mally. Mally was born with DiGeorge Syndrome and severe heart defects. She has had two heart surgeries and has come through both against the odds. She is thriving. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to cover my feelings. This grant is making the biggest difference in Mally's life. A difference you may never understand – yet one I will always know, remember, and be thankful for in ways I cannot express in words." – Traci*



**Mally**  
Grant Awarded September 2009



**Taj**  
Grant Awarded  
September 2009

*"The most significant thing is that Taj never had to enter foster care and he has the loving forever family that every child deserves. He will be loved and cared for always. He will have a stable home with a family that will always protect him." – Lauren*



**Artem**  
Grant Awarded April 2010

*"Last summer we were asked to host a boy from Ukraine in a hosting program. Once he was in our home, we knew we would have to do whatever it took to get him out of that orphanage.*

*Artem's life will be totally different now. He will go from having no one to run to when he needs comforting to having a household to hold him. He will be loved unconditionally, causing him to trust more. He will have a name and have others who will identify with his name. He will have a father to love, instruct, nurture, and look up to. He will have a mother who will show him what love is. He will have siblings who will play with him, be an example to him and love him. He will go from orphan – to having an abundance of acceptance. He will have a story, a last name, a legacy, and most importantly, a future!" – Mark*



## Dear Friends,

We all want to contribute to making things better, particularly for the children on our watch. In certain and uncertain times, it can be hard to know if things are improving.

What's so compelling about our founder's vision for Gift of Adoption is that it boldly delivers an immediate, cost-effective, and curative solution to one of the most complex and vast issues we face: How to definitively improve the lives of orphaned, abandoned, and neglected children around the globe.

Gift of Adoption works because our grants invest in the traditional, tried and true bedrock of families to care for children out of love and genuine familial duty.

We know that for each of the 775 children we've helped unite with their forever family, life is better – unequivocally and permanently better. They now have loved ones who've 'got them' through the inevitable ups and downs of life, and no matter the circumstance.

Thank you for being an essential part of making sure these children's lives are better – full of the easy-to-take-for-granted things like friends, birthday parties, and rightly-placed hope for the future.

Together, we are a mobilizing force for good, and a clear way we can be sure that things are getting better.

In hope and appreciation,

Sharon Komlofske  
Gift of Adoption  
Chairman of the Board

Pam Devereux  
Gift of Adoption, CEO

**Mission:** *Gift of Adoption is a national 501(c)3 charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents – giving children who need families a permanent home and a chance to thrive.*

### FISCAL YEAR 2010 STATISTICS AND PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Total Number of Families that Received Grants: **89**

Number of Children Placed from Grants: **105**

Total value of Grant Awards: **\$311,874**

Average Grant Value: **\$3,504**

Number of U.S. states served by grants: **30**

Number of countries served by grants: **14**

Grants uniting or preserving biological siblings in the same family: **16%**

Grants used to help children circumvent the U.S. foster care system: **15%**

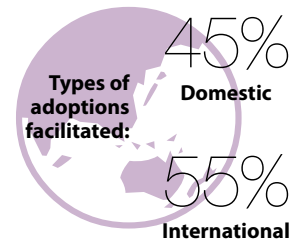
Grants that prevented a child from aging out of an international orphanage: **7%**

Grants that helped children with critical medical conditions: **28%**

Applications Received: **593**

Through June 30, 2010, Gift of Adoption has awarded **655** grants, representing over **\$2.25** million and more than **750** children who have been given permanent families and a chance to thrive.

DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010, Gift of Adoption attained the Better Business Bureau (BBB) seal showing that GOA meets the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's Standards for Charity Accountability. Before national charities can apply to use the seal, they must undergo evaluation by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, the nation's most experienced charity evaluator. The evaluation involves rigorous scrutiny of a charity's governance, effectiveness, finances and solicitations and informational materials. The BBB seal gives charities an efficient way of demonstrating their commitment to accountability and ethical practices.



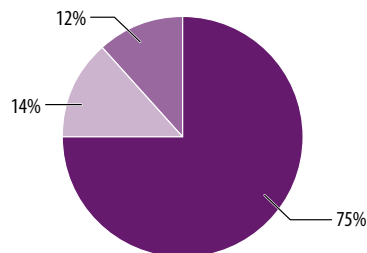
*"I'm proud to donate to Gift of Adoption. Where else could a small investment give an orphaned or foster child a family's love for a lifetime? My gift literally pays a lifetime of dividends. I challenge anyone to come up with a charitable endeavor that has a higher return than adoption." – Tim*

*"As a Gift of Adoption volunteer and donor, I've witnessed how one person can impact a child's life. As an adoptee, I understand firsthand the vitality of belonging in a permanent, loving family." – Peter*

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2010	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	105,219
Investments	181,311
Pledges and contributions receivable	154,628
Prepaid expenses	4,278
Property and equipment, net	15,000
Cash surrender value of life insurance	43,800
Other assets	1,014
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>505,250</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Grants payable	86,592
Accounts payable	-
Accrued expenses	4,027
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>90,619</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Unrestricted	250,003
Temporarily restricted	164,628
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>414,631</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>505,250</b>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES June 30, 2010	
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	
Contributions	412,129
Special events revenue	234,268
Special events expense	(89,160)
In-kind donations	44,828
Program service fees	23,880
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	24,517
Interest, dividends and capital gain distributions	5,573
Miscellaneous revenue	1,535
Net assets released from restrictions	-
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>657,570</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program	491,993
Management and General	71,151
Fundraising	91,842
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>654,986</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	
<b>Net assets:</b>	
Beginning of year	412,047
End of year	414,631



FY10 Functional Allocation of Expenses

- Program Services
- Management and General
- Fundraising

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*"As an adoptive parent, I know the positive impact adoption has on a child. Donating to Gift of Adoption allows me to help more children and parents have that essential experience." – Allyson*

*"We were amazed to get a letter from the children who received a grant sponsored by our Giving Circle. Hearing about their new family confirmed the real impact that we had on these kids through our support of Gift of Adoption." – Nancy*