



GIFT OF ADOPTION OF OHIO AWARDS FIRST GRANT

Charity Gives Concerned People a Way to Help Orphans and Children in Foster Care

COLUMBUS, OH – August 20, 2009 – On Friday, August 14th, the Ohio chapter of Gift of Adoption funded its first adoption assistance grant, a grant that will provide Jacob with a permanent family and a chance to thrive.

Jacob is a one-year-old boy who was placed for adoption. Holly & Michael of Concord, Ohio were excited about the opportunity to adopt Jacob and give him the forever family he needs. They were overwhelmed, however, by the initial costs of completing his adoption.

Until an adoption is finalized, the child remains in a tenuous situation. Recognizing this, Ohio chapter founders Sandra and Warren Philipp organized a Gift of Adoption Giving Circle to provide the last funds needed to finalize Jacob's adoption and make him a permanent member of Holly and Michael's family.

Each month hundreds of Americans consider adoption, yet less than 2% move forward because of the high costs involved. When the Philipps decided they wanted to do something direct and curative to help these children, the Ohio chapter of Gift of Adoption was born. "We were taken by the idea that even though we could not adopt more children ourselves, we could give more children permanent homes by inspiring others in the community to adopt." said, Sandra Philipp.

Gift of Adoption is a national nonprofit that inspires adoption by providing financial grants of up to \$7,500 to qualified parents. Gift of Adoption was started in 1996 by a couple who wanted to help more children get adopted into loving families. Since then, the organization has grown through volunteer-led chapters that raise money to do just that. Gift of Adoption has helped more than 600 children find permanent homes, awarding over \$1.9 million in grants.

Currently, the Philipps are looking for more people to get involved as chapter leaders. To learn more about how you can get involved in transforming the lives of children without families through the gift of adoption, visit www.giftofadoption.org.

About Gift of Adoption Fund

Gift of Adoption is a national charitable organization that inspires adoption by providing grants to qualified parents – giving children who need families a permanent home and a chance to thrive.

Visit www.giftofadoption.org to learn more about how you can help put adoption in reach for more of the 140 million children worldwide in need of families.

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