



The Goins Family

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2022 Annual Report



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Christian Adoptions

It's a Privilege Knowing You...



By far, the greatest blessing involved in adoption work is the amazing hearts we can see in people. The best example this year was when we heard of a child with schitzencephaly who would be difficult to place since this is a brain anomaly that can

have lifelong implications. As we often do, we sent a message not just to our domestic families, but to all "waiting to adopt" Nightlight families, asking if they would consider adopting baby Saylor. The Holemans told us that they were sitting in church, and God confirmed to them that they were to adopt her (and they did!)

Snowflakes® celebrated the 25th anniversary of the program with a beautiful picnic in Colorado Springs where families from around the country came to meet one another. Around the time you are receiving this, we expect our 1000th Snowflake baby to be born! That is an important milestone, and we will send photos your way of the baby who gets the title.

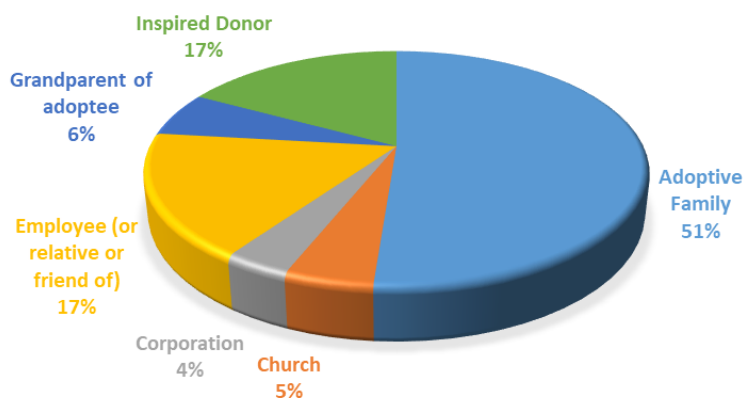
Our pregnancy counselors, along with our staff in general, made a goal of 1200 visits to community referral sites so that if they know of a woman facing unplanned pregnancy, they can make a referral to Nightlight with confidence. As I write this, we actually made 1414 real, in-person visits to churches, doctors, attorneys, and pregnancy centers. Between this

effort, and the reversal of Roe v. Wade, we believe our next year will be the strongest ever for our domestic program.

When the invasion of Ukraine began in February, we received more inquiries that month than any other this year as people were moved with compassion to help vulnerable children. Adoptions in Ukraine have not resumed, but we have not given up hope. Similarly, adoptions from China are still on hold, as the country cites COVID for the pause. Colombia, Haiti and India were the countries this year where we had the most children matched or come home, but we are working in over a dozen countries, doing whatever it takes to provide permanent families for orphaned children.

Nightlight has a track record of bringing to the adoption community innovative solutions, such as AdoptionBridge, Orphan Hosting, and a general "don't take no for an answer" approach. Our leadership team identified a nationwide problem of getting the 100,000 children in the foster care system who are considered available for adoption matched, and we committed to solving this issue. We created a program called Anchored In Hope where we help match children from photo listed sites (like Heart Gallery of America) and advocate for them with the state or

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county where the child resides. This is a difficult but ground-breaking task and several families have indicated interest, even though the children are often older, have special needs, or belong to sibling groups.

The fastest growing program at Nightlight is foster care. The simple reason for that, as one of our board members states, is "that's where the kids are." And that's the reality: as our nation sees a greater deterioration of the family and decriminalization of drugs, children are increasingly entering the foster care system. Fortunately, more than 100 families up to the task became certified foster parents with us this year!

Thank you for being one of those amazing people we are privileged to know. Merry Christmas! You may make a donation to Nightlight here <https://nightlight.org/donate> or use this QR code



Daniel Nehrbass, President



The Coager Family

We Keep Coming Back...

In August 2011, after many months of research, meeting with adoptive families, and prayer, we joined Generations Adoptions Uganda program to grow our family. Generations Adoptions is now the Texas office of Nightlight Christian Adoptions. Our international adoption process was filled with both joy and sorrow but the Generations staff always walked in integrity and care. In August 2013, in God's kindness to us, we became parents for the first time and brought our first son home from Uganda.

During our international adoption process, God opened our hearts and eyes to domestic adoption and we joined Generations domestic program in September 2014 to grow our family again. Our second son was born in December 2015 and his amazing and brave birth mama chose us to be his family. In December 2016, we were ready to grow again and in February 2017, our third son was born and placed by his courageous birth mama into our family. During our third son's adoption process, Generations merged with Nightlight Christian Adoptions and we adopted out of state for the first time through Nightlight. In May 2020, we began waiting through Nightlight to grow again. In May 2022, after much prayer and waiting from both ourselves and our boys, our daughter was born and her brave and kind

birth mama, placed her with us, excited that she would grow up with three amazing brothers.

While each of our domestic adoptions through Generations and then Nightlight each came with different circumstances and the ultimate joy and gift of parenting a loved and cherished child, we chose Nightlight again, then again, and again for their loving care and steadfast commitment of our children's birth moms, and for the expectant moms that came to Nightlight and ultimately chose not to place their child for adoption. Not only did Nightlight welcome us into their family and treat us, the adoptive family, with care, but most importantly, each of the pregnancy counselors who cared for our children's birth moms did everything in their power to love, walk alongside, counsel, and treat the amazing women that gave birth to our children with the honor they deserve.



The Leos Family

We are so thankful for Nightlight and the programs they employ. Our family of 6 is better and more than we could have ever hoped or planned. God's grace and goodness in the timing and placement of each of our children is revealed each and every day by four children that call us Mama and Dada. Prayers answered. Dreams come true.

Welcome Home!

Nov 2021 to Oct 2022

International Adoptions

Aadhya
Abigail
Abigail
Abraham
Adelin
Alayna
Alexander
Aleksander
Ali
Amara
Amessanitha
Ana Maria
Anastasia
Anastasia
Angelina
Anglo
Anjali
Anurag
Arsen
Ashhad
Ashley
Asjid
Athar
Bervens
Betsie
Bozhidar
Caleb
Camilo
Carloyn
Christian
Corrie
Daniela
Denys
Dilan
Donya
Dmytro
Easton
Eden
Elias
Ellia
Elizabeth
Elizabeth
Eliyana
Emma
Emmanuel
Emmanuel
Emmanuel
Erica
Gabiella
Georgina
Gergina
Hannah
Hema
Herman
Iliana
Ilona
Irina
Jack
Jace

James
Janelle
Jesus
Jhon
Jonathan
Jonathan
Jordan
Jose
Joseph
Joshua
Joubensky
Juan
Karol
Kataki
Kati
Kerwil
Khushi
Krishna
Lorson
Luis Angel
Luna
Manuel
Maryam
Matai
Mayowa
Maxwel
Michaela
Mila
Natasha
Neela
Neha
Neithlanda
Olivine
Paula
Rebecca
Roman
Rudra
Salome
Samson
Samuel
Sara
Saintelia
Saray
Serhil
Seth
Shackra
Silvia
Sundari
Taj
Teodora
Tetiana
Theodore
Tyce
Urja
Valentina
Varsha
Verliawati
Viktoria
Wilson
Yana
Yisel

Yusuf
Zainab
Zaki

Domestic Adoptions
Adler
Annabella
Aubree
Caleb
Charlotte
Dylan
Evelyn
Evelyn
Ezekiel
Gabriel
Gabriel
Grace
Grasley
Grayson
Iaac
Ivy
Ivy
Jaden
Jenna
Jeremiah
Joanna
Joseph
Joshua
Jubilee
Jude
Lany
Layla
LeAnna
Liam
Liliana
Lily
Luca
Luke
Mia
Madison
Makoa
Micah
Michael
Miles
Noah
Noah
Nora
Olivia
Palmer
Piper
Raleigh
Reider
Robert
Rosalyn
Sam
Saniya
Sarah
Sawyer
Sebastian
Skylar

William
Snowflakes® Babies
Abigail
Abigail
Ada
Addison
Adeline
Aiden
Amos
Amos
Andrew
Anna
Audra
Aurora
Austin
Benaiah
Benedict
Benedict
Benjamin
Benjamin
Bethany
Bria
Brooke
Caleb
Callaghann
Canaan
Canaan
Chapal
Claire
Colton
Copper
Cora
Danica
Dominic
Eleanor
Eleanor
Eli
Elijah
Elijah
Elsie
Emeryn
Emma
Emma
Emory
Evan
Finley
Franny
Gabriel
Grace
Grace
Greta
Haddon
Hadlea
Hannah
Hunter
Isaac
Isabella
Isabelle
James
James
Joanna

Joshua
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Reagan
Rebecca
Ripp
River
Samuel
Shepard
Shiloh
Silas
Slade
Titus
Tobias
Tommy
Truett
Twyla
Urijah
Victoria
Warren
Wilder
William
William
William
Zander
Zoe

Foster Placements or Foster Adoptions

Abella
Abigail

Adam
Alayna
Alora
Angelina
Aniyah
Armari
Ava
Axe
Billy
Brandon
Brantlee
Brayden
Braydon
Brianna
Caitlin
Caleb
Camden
Carrie
Carson
Chance
Christina
Cory
Cynthia
Czmar
Dallas
Daniel
Dequan
Deyandel
Dimitria
Dwayne
Eleonora
Essence
Estrella
Ethan
Eva
Evan
Fre'Daijah
Gage
Grayson
Hannah
Harleen
Isaac
Isabella
Isaiah
Jair
James
Jalonyia
Jasmine
Jayden
Jaylen
Jaylynn
Jayon
Jaxson
Jazzlyne
Jerrille
Jerry
Jerry Jr.
Jesse James
Joshua
Josiah
Joseph

Joyanna
Julius
Justin
Kaizer
Kas
Kayden
Khloie
Leigha
Levi
Lily
Link
Luna
Makayla
Mal'achi
Malachi
Mariah
Mark
Messiah
Michale
Michale
Miley
Natalie
Myriah
Nero
Nyasia
Parker
Parker
Roberto
Royal
Rylee
Sait
Scarlett
Sean
Sevyn
Shaniyah
Sheila
Sophia
Tanna
Teresa
Thalor
Thosiah
Timothy
Trista
Triyana
Traniya
Trinity
Trinity
Uma
Vailene
Vanessa
Victoria
Vintage
Violet
Vonda
William
Zaidee
Zyterria

Blessed by 'Open' Embryo Adoption

Our journey to embryo adoption started years before it became a reality in our lives. Five years into marriage, we were able to get pregnant but soon lost this baby to a miscarriage. We assumed another pregnancy would quickly follow, but months turned into years of waiting and wishing. After going to a fertility specialist, we realized that pregnancy on our own was nearly impossible. We took time to grieve the loss of what we thought our journey would look like. Not long after this news, we were introduced to embryo adoption. It quickly became real that this was an option for us. After deciding to pursue this route, the process moved fairly quickly. We were matched with an amazing family and never looked back.

Within a few months, we found out we were pregnant! Fast forward many years, and our Snowflake baby is now eight years old. Our beautiful blonde hair, blue eyed girl is one of God's biggest gifts in our life. Our other is our son who was welcomed through traditional adoption five years ago. When we started the embryo adoption process, we knew that we wanted to stay in touch with the genetic family; we just had no idea how this would play out.

What started as communicating through the agency, turned into emailing and following each other on social media. We have always been very open with our daughter about her story, and she had mentioned meeting several times. We knew it was not an "if", but "when." Just this past summer, we had a feeling it was time! Our daughter's genetic family was so excited to hear the news. We wasted no time, and our little foursome boarded a plane to California to meet this family we had only known on

"paper." (But somehow felt like we already knew). It was everything we hoped and more! Our daughter and her genetic siblings bonded quickly and became instant friends. It was pure delight watching them laugh and play together. My husband and I also stepped into an immediate friendship with the genetic parents. It was very surreal to all be together, and we stood in awe of how God brought our two families together so many years ago. What started as a journey of heartache and sadness for two couples was replaced with complete joy and thankfulness. After spending two days together, we said our goodbyes, but I think we were all confident this was just the beginning of our next chapter together.

Looking back almost twenty years ago when we were married, we had no idea the crazy, bumpy, up and down journey God would take us on to one day have a family. Now that we see the plan more clearly, we would walk it all over again. We are so blessed to have our amazing children and so thankful to our daughter's genetic family for saying "yes" to the call to adoption. I'm sure that they never thought this would be their path either, but I'm so grateful it led us both to this point. We are very excited to see what God does next in our daughter's story; in faith we know and believe it will continue to be beyond anything we could have imagined.



The Umeda Family

For beautiful photos of Snowflakes babies, click here

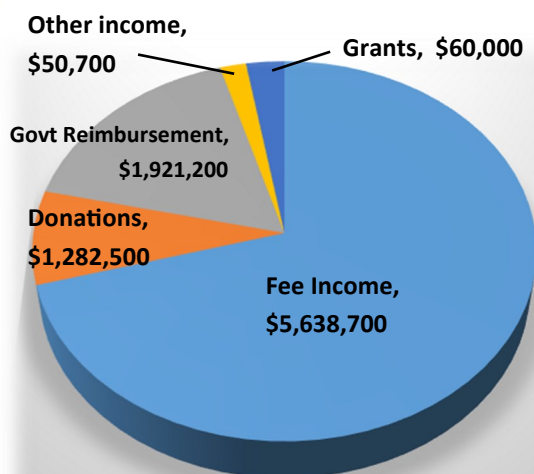
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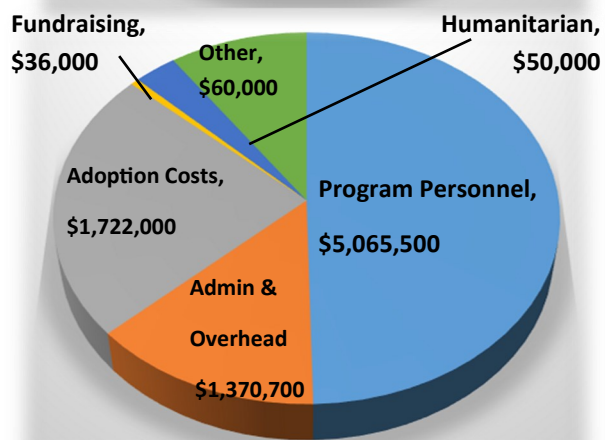
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(2023 Budget)



The cost of our mission

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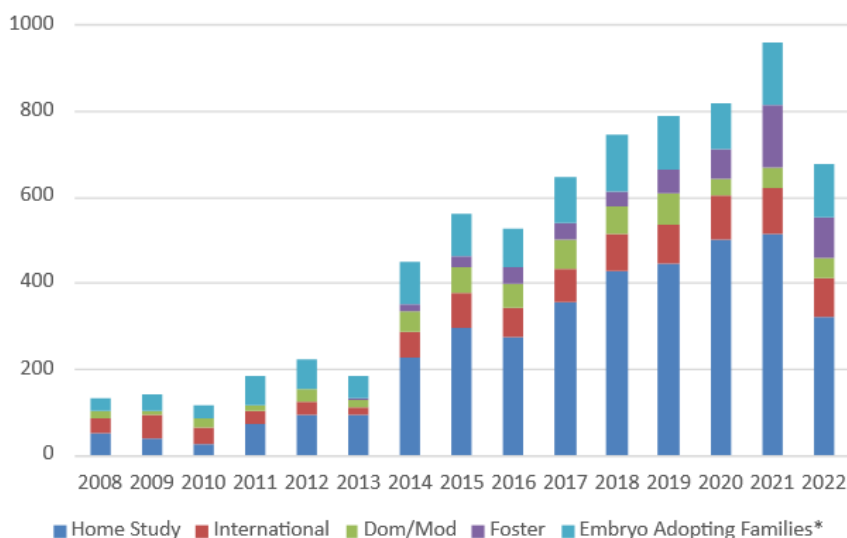


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Your donations enable us to

- Provide support to orphanages
- Fund adoption grants
- Offset the cost of adoption (families currently pay only 70% of the cost of their adoption)
- Start new programs that have no revenue stream (new countries, new foster care locations)

Number of Adoptions, Placements and Families Served



Embracing the Calling



The Edwards Family

Braden and Katie Edwards felt a strong call from God to do foster care. Soon after becoming certified, they welcomed a newborn baby boy into their home. When the Edwards were first certified, they knew that the goal would be to reunify the child with his biological parents. The Edwards had initial nervousness about working with the biological mother and father. However, the mother and father were both completing every item on their treatment plan. They also never missed a visit, were appropriate with the child, and communicated regularly with the Edwards.

Because of this, Katie and Braden became more and more comfortable with the family over time. They also realized that God had placed this family in their life so that they could minister to them.

The Edwards were able to form a relationship with the parents. The biological mother stated that she was so thankful that her child was with the Edwards because she could not have asked for a better family. The Edwards have been able to provide encouragement, support, and advocacy for the biological family. In return the biological family feels deeply connected with the Edwards. The biological mother has often asked for advice from Katie. The biological mother also has given the Edwards gifts for the Edwards' children.

The biological parents desire for their son to grow up with continued interactions with the Edwards. The Edwards hope to continue their friendship for years to come.

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