

WE ARE GLADNEY



GLADNEY Center for Adoption

WHO WE ARE

Much has changed over the last 130 years, but the Gladney Center for Adoption's mission has remained the same. We create bright futures through adoption.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas — with regional offices throughout the country — we facilitate domestic infant, international, and Texas foster care adoptions, while also providing a group home and adoption advocacy for teen girls in foster care.

Yet, Gladney is so much more than an adoption agency. We are a pioneer and leading voice for adoption advocacy. We extend our resources to offer international humanitarian aid, post adoption support, and ongoing education and public support in Texas, the United States, and abroad.

THE GLADNEY WHY:
**EVERY CHILD
DESERVES A LOVING
AND CARING FAMILY.**



GLADNEY BY THE NUMBERS

33,000+

The number of children Gladney has placed with adoptive families since 1887

26-27

Average age of expectant mothers making an adoption plan with Gladney

8-9

Average age of children from Texas foster care placed with Gladney adoptive families

4-6

Average age of children from international orphanages and foster homes placed with Gladney adoptive families

50

Number of states where Gladney birth parent, adoptee, and adoptive parent clients live

22

Number of countries Gladney has facilitated adoptions in, including:

- Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, and Vietnam

VIEW OUR RECENT IMPACT AND
HEAR STORIES FROM OUR GLADNEY FAMILY.

ANNUAL REPORT:

[ANNUALREPORT.IAMGLADNEY.ORG](https://annualreport.iamgladney.org)



Through the people we serve and the programs we support, Gladney is creating bright futures through adoption. We invite you to partner with us as an

ADOPTION AMBASSADOR.

See our mission at work and learn how you can get involved.

This is Gladney:
adoptionsbygladney.com



Expectant Mother Services:
gladneyadoption.com

AdoptED:
adoption-education.com

Family for Life, Donation Needs, and Special Events:
iamgladney.org



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WHO WE SERVE

From supporting an expectant mother during an unplanned pregnancy to caring for teen girls in foster care and guiding prospective adoptive parents, our work touches the lives of people from all backgrounds, experiences, and beliefs.

THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS, WE SERVE:

- Children and teenagers in Texas foster care and in orphanages abroad who are in need of adoptive families
- Expectant mothers
- Prospective adoptive families
- High school students, teachers, and administrators
- Doctors, nurses, counselors, and social workers
- Interns and volunteers
- Adoption advocates in communities near and far



HOW WE SERVE

We will not rest until all children in need know the love and stability of a forever family. To support this singular mission, Gladney has evolved and added services, as needs have changed from generation to generation.

GLADNEY IMPACTS THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE FAMILIES THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS:

- **Domestic Infant Adoptions**
- **Medically Fragile Infant Adoptions**
- **Transitional Care:** volunteer Gladney foster families provide temporary housing and one-on-one care for infants between delivery and placement with their adoptive families
- **Adoptions from Texas Foster Care**
- **Gladney Home:** foster care and adoption advocacy for girls between 11-17 in a group home setting on Gladney's campus
- **International Adoptions**
- **Superkids:** volunteer medical professionals complete developmental assessments with children in international orphanages, train orphanage caregivers on best practices for children with special needs, and advocate to find adoptive families

EXPECTANT MOTHER SERVICES:

When a woman chooses adoption for her child, Gladney gives her the support she needs to navigate this new journey, including:

- A dedicated caseworker
- Options counseling
- Housing assistance
- Medical assistance
- Financial and legal support
- Lifetime network of support from other birth mothers and the Gladney team

ONGOING SUPPORT:

Post Adoption Services: Our post adoption team goes above and beyond that of many other adoption agencies. We offer continuing education, resources, guidance, and a supportive network for adoptees, adoptive families, and birth parents.

Family for Life: Our network of Gladney Families is a national community that offers connection for families transformed by adoption. Whether by mentoring a family who is just beginning their adoption journey, advocating for adoption, forming lifelong friendships, or sharing opportunities for ongoing education, the Gladney Family illustrates the deep bonds adoption creates.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH:

Gladney serves communities by meeting the needs of women, children, and families and transforming the public's perspectives about adoption. Adoption is always an option. It can be a proactive prevention to children entering foster care and can be a healing solution for waiting children in foster care. An adoption plan can be made during pregnancy, at the time of delivery, or months or years down the road in the parenting journey.

Gladney University: We work to ensure Gladney's families are never alone, by providing them with education and support before, during, and after their adoption. GU also offers trainings to help counselors, social workers, community members, and medical, education, and child welfare professionals become adoption advocates to support their own clients, employees, students, and neighbors on the adoption journey as an expectant mother, adoptive parent, or adoptee.

AdoptED: Through interactive, in-person and virtual classroom presentations with factual information, we teach students how adoption can reduce the number of children waiting in foster care and provide new opportunities for women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. This program has demonstrated success in creating positive, long-term perception changes about adoption.

OUR HISTORY

In 1887, I.Z.T. Morris began finding adoptive families for children in need, and his compassionate work led to the founding of the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society. Renamed in 1941 after our widely celebrated, long-serving superintendent, Edna Gladney, our modern agency preserves an honored legacy.

1936

Edna Gladney successfully petitioned the Texas legislature to remove the stigma of illegitimacy from birth records

1952

As a commitment to being Family for Life, we started the national Gladney Family Association network

1976

Gladney started the first pregnancy crisis hotline in the country (**1-800-GLADNEY**)

1980

We became a charter member of the National Council for Adoption

1992

Gladney expanded our international adoption program and established the Gladney Fund

2003

We began finding adoptive families for children from Texas foster care

2013

We launched AdoptED: a program to help students understand how adoption has changed and think critically about options in an unplanned pregnancy

2019

Gladney transitioned the maternity home on our campus to the Gladney Home for teen girls in foster care and acquired Adoption.com and its assets