

Let's help the Rubenstein's a family with 19 children!



Gary & Karen Rubenstein have been married for 23 years and have been blessed with 19 children. Two children were born into their family and they were blessed by adopting one daughter through a domestic adoption as a special needs infant. They have been blessed with 16 children from China with special needs ranging from missing limbs, missing fingers/toes, cleft lip/palette, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Peter's Anomaly, Blindness, Ptosis, Tethered Spine Syndrome, Autism, Epilepsy, Brain Tumor, microcephaly, two double amputees and multiple developmental delays.

The Rubenstein's adoption journey started 18 years ago when they adopted their first son from China. The little boy was 21 months old and weighed only 14 pounds. Their adoption guide in China asked them to reconsider the adoption and suggested that they choose another child and leave this one behind. Karen was adamant that Cameron was her son and she brought him home to the US. This first adoption birthed a love for China in their heart, and they knew they had to adopt again. Karen has traveled to China 5 times to adopt and the last time in 2016, she brought home three girls at the same time.

The Rubenstein's have adopted 7 children through disruption / dissolution. Karen has helped other families in the community fundraise for adoption, help find families for children who

needed a new family and advocated for hundreds of children waiting in China for their forever families. Karen has always been active in the adoption community and anyone who knows her, knows that she is available for support anytime someone is in need.

Gary and Karen have 17 children still at home who range in age from 8-19. Their large family is loved and adored. The older kids often help with the younger kids with homework and schoolwork.

Gary and Karen both work full time for the VA Hospital. Karen has been there 15 years and Gary has been there 7 years. They have a great community, and the children attend a small country school where they are loved, and their special needs are embraced.



On April 2, 2020, their 11-year-old son, Gabriel had a massive stroke with a major brain bleed. He died twice on the way to the hospital, and EMTs revived him. He had emergency surgery that saved his life. He spent a week in PICU and still has partial paralysis on the left side. Thankfully, God spared his life!

On September 11, 2021, Gary suffered a massive heart attack. He was hospitalized 31 days and has had several trips to the ER after being discharged. He had another surgical procedure on January 31, 2022 and has had a major setback. He has most recently been diagnosed with fluid around his heart, which doctors are watching carefully. The need for a pacemaker is still being discussed, as well. Gary is in critical condition again on February 2022. He is going to be in Huston for further treatment.

We contacted Karen and she shared: “My husband is 66 years old and I am 54. We both work full time jobs and my husband has a second job so we can support our family. Since he had his heart attack, his second job no longer pays him. We were worried and struggling financially.

Many people have joined to help the Rubenstein’s. There is a messenger group of adoptive moms and a WeChat group of Chinese Americans reaching out to help them.

Please join us to help them and other adoptive families in need!

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