



A Family For Every Child -- Organizational Resume

Mission: A Family For Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child.

History: A Family For Every Child (AFFEC), a non profit organization, began with its founder Christy Obie-Barrett, a mother of 12 children - 9 of which are adopted. Christy wanted to make a difference in the lives of more children and found a way through non profits. In January 2006, AFFEC was created to help find permanent homes for many of our nations waiting children with special focus on special needs/hard to place children. Since then it has grown into an organization with 8 plus programs all geared to helping kids get out of foster care.

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Programs:

- **Heart Gallery** – Oregon & Washington (as well as photography recruitment nationally)
- **Mentor program**
- **Adoption Support**
- **Matching Assistance Program**
- **Life Books for Foster children**
- **Heart Gallery Adoption Agency**
- **Adoptive recruitment**- Web, media, targeted outreach, displays, photography, video, audio (includes answering over 500 inquiries and submitting over 300 home studies each month on children we recruit for)
- **Family Finding**- reconnection program



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Resources:

- Data base with 12,000 contacts, mainly Potential Adoptive Families
- 2 web sites, fulltime Web Director and a commitment to the web/social media/internet
- Photo listing experience with over 1000 children in 2010
- Over 50 Northwest Heart Gallery Venues, over 400 registered Professional Photographers
- Contributed to over 500 placements as of the end of 2010
- Nationwide contacts with Wendy's Wonderful kids, Social workers, Heart Galleries, National child welfare leaders and permanency workers
- 3 years involvement in a Child Trends National research Project
- Past Oregon recruitment Contract, current and ongoing placement contracts with several states
- Rich, flexible, expansive Data base, that we have customized to do targeted outreach on recruitment for children all over the country.
- Nationwide Media contacts
- 850 Volunteers in our Data base, a process to register, clear and train Volunteers from all over the country
- Very hands on Board of Directors
- Community, local, regional and national support.
- 15 dedicated staff members, between them over 25 years of recruitment/child welfare experience
- Many years of adoptive recruitment, photo listing, media recruitment, and Heart Gallery
- Strategic Plan, Business Plan, 3 year budget, funding Plan, media/marketing plan, as well as, a solid funding projection for the next 5 years. Including our vast donor/contribution/grants/foundation base.

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