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A Family For Every Child
Volunteer Newsletter **October 2012**

"A Home for the Holidays"

It is time for our last "A Home for the Holiday's" Winter Wonderland themed Event meeting and we would be honored if you could join us on Wednesday October 17th, at the Oregon Electric Station for our last event meeting before the big day. It will start at 12:00.

We will be going over the different committees, last minute needs and where they are at currently. We would love to have you join us for this meeting even if you have not gotten involved yet, but would like to, come see where your interests and heart guides you.

Please RSVP to Linzy or Christy

Hope to see you there,
Thanks in advance for your support,

Linzy Munger
Linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org

Christy Obie-Barrett
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~Save the Date~

"A Home for the Holiday's"
Winter Wonderland themed Event

Nov. 1, 2012 -- Valley River Inn

Our Second annual event last year had close to 300 guests. This year we are hoping to expand that number to 300+.

This event is critical to the support of all of, A Family For Every Child's, programs.

A few of the committee's roles/needs:

- Oral Auction
- Silent Auction
- Invitations/Registration
- Take down/Set up
- Decorations
- Logistics
- Sponsorships
- Wine Wall

Dessert Dash
Procurement
And more!

Volunteer of the Month Steve Apel

Steve Apel has been a dedicated volunteer with A Family For Every Child for over 3 years. He has been responsible for editing and constructing our newsletters that you see weekly. Our newsletter is extremely important to our outreach as an agency. It is also critical to attracting more families and has been a very important tool in finding children homes.

It is rare that a volunteer can make such a huge difference in such a direct way in the lives of so many children. We can honestly say we would not be able to do our Newsletter without Steve.

Steve has also helped with daily posting of waiting children on our facebook page and even at events when we need him. On top of all of this, Steve has gotten his family (his mother) involved in volunteering with us, as well.

Steve is a valued Volunteer and a true friend to AFFEC!

Thank you Steve for all your hard work!



A Big Thank You
to all of our photographers
for taking such wonderful
photos of our children.

**We would like to especially
recognize these
photographers:**

**Janet Kiese
Kat Pittman
Wendy Gregory
Gail Marion**

Volunteer/Intern Positions

We have several volunteer and intern roles that are especially needed now.

Instructions on how to Volunteer or become an Intern:

- Fill out the Volunteer Application on our website, listed below.
- Tell us what position or area you are applying for on the application, including your skills and interests.
- If you are not sure which job is for you, we'll be happy to help you figure it out!

Needed: Event Volunteer

Someone willing to email and call people to donate items for the Winter Wonderland Event. This can be done in the office or at your home.

Contact Linzy or Molly at:
linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Spanish-speaking Volunteer

Someone willing to convert our Adoption Agency materials into Spanish for families that are looking for foster children to adopt.

Contact Linzy at:
linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Receptionist Volunteer

Need someone to answer phones from 3:00-5:00 on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Must have nice phone skills.

Contact Joanne at:
joanne@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Child Mentors

Adult friends are needed who will encourage and support a foster child through transition times and instill independence, confidence, and everyday life skills. Mentors willing to take high medical needs children especially needed.

Contact Christina at:
christina.parra@afamilyforeverychild.org

With the help of our volunteer photographers we are able to present these children through pictures in the best light possible, expressing both their joy and personalities that often gets overshadowed because of their sometimes difficult past.

Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers

Thank you to:

Jennifer, Michelle, Cathy, Linzy, Margaret, Brandy, Vera, Melissa, Jessica

Super job with getting new photos up monthly in our venues!

We now have over 180 photos out in 50 Heart Gallery venues!

Thank You to: Submit and Inquiry Volunteers

We have many volunteers that come in several times a week to assist with submitting home studies for families, answering questions from families, and corresponding to case workers and adoption workers.

We sure appreciate you always being here and helping out on these endless tasks.

Needed: Family Search Specialist

Someone who can be supportive, empathetic, and diligent in conducting child searches for families working through the adoption process, communicating also with outside agencies.

Contact Nora at:

nora.sharp@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Matching Event Volunteer

Someone who can email regularly to families and case workers, assist with Power Point in Matching Events and Targeted Emails.

Contact Katie at:

katie.nelson@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Child Listing Volunteer

Someone who has computer knowledge and skills as they will be listing children in our database.

Contact Katie at:

katie.nelson@afamilyforeverychild.org

Needed: Venue Volunteers

Someone who is interested in replacing photos in the Heart Gallery venues once a month in the Eugene/Springfield, OR area.

Contact Joanne at:

joanne@afamilyforeverychild.org

Other Volunteer Positions Available

Heart Gallery of America: Someone to communicate with Heart Galleries across America, update info, improve service and assist with gallery coordination, enter status data into web applications.

Graphic Design Coordinator: Someone who is interested in graphic design to assist in adding excitement to our front web page, text message page and HGA site.

Photo / Videographer Coordinator: Someone who can do outreach and connect with photographers, scheduling photo sessions, following up and processing images once completed.

Volunteer Coordinator: Someone to help manage our volunteer program with emailing volunteers, sending out Craigslist ads, and monitoring referrals.

State-by-state Project: Someone to research each state policy for placing children that are in the foster care system, organize data and enter onto spreadsheet.

Blog Writer: Someone interested in blogging about subjects that may interest adoptive families, foster families, case and adoption workers.

Interested in Volunteering?

Remember to Check out our new **VOLUNTEER NOW** page at: <http://www.afamilyforeverychild.org/AboutUs/GetInvolved/volunteerjobs.php> where you can easily click on our Volunteer Application.

With the help of our hundreds of wonderful Volunteers, we are making a difference in the lives of countless children in the Foster Care system.

With every hand that is extended and reaching out, **WE ARE** making an impact - day by day - one child at a time.

For questions about Volunteering, or about any of these roles, please contact us at: info@afamilyforeverychild.org or call at: 541-343-2856.

Come and Join Us!



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