



A Family For Every Child

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"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give."
- Winston
Churchill

"There are no
unwanted
children. Just
unfound families."
-National Adoption
Center



Volunteer of the Month: Renee Thompson

Renee has been a valued volunteer with AFFEC since 2009. She and her husband John are both U of O alumni who have mentored with our agency since 2011. They enjoy a variety of activities with

their mentee and have formed a lifelong bond with him.

In addition to mentoring, Renee dedicates a significant amount of her time to creating family trees for kids in our family finding program who want to know more about their biological family history. This can mean so much for a child that may not have been in care for a while and may not have any connections to their biological family members. We thank Renee for all of the time and dedication that she has put into our agency for the benefit of youth in foster care.

We asked Renee to share a few words about her experience at AFFEC.

Renee:

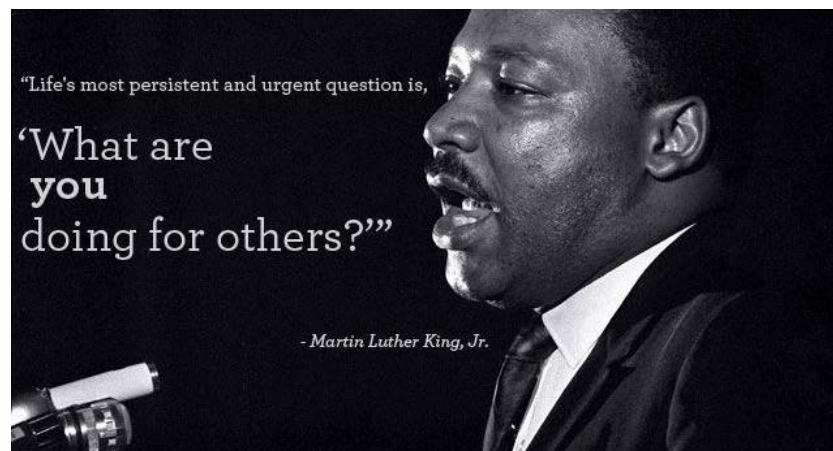
My husband, John, and I started mentoring through AFFEC about 6 years ago. I first heard about AFFEC on the radio. Yes, it was KGNU and Bill Barrett talking about the Heart Gallery and AFFEC. I decided to take a look at the AFFEC website and see what types of volunteer opportunities they had to offer. When I saw that they had a mentoring program we decided to get involved. Since then we have had the chance to be mentors to 3 different boys. Currently we are mentoring an 11yr old and having an amazing time!

Last spring I decided that I had some more time that I could put towards volunteering at AFFEC.

Thanks to my mother-in-law I have been bitten by the genealogy bug! When I learned that AFFEC had a volunteer opportunity doing Family Finding and family tree building I couldn't resist. So far I have worked on a couple of Family Finding cases, and helped build a family tree. It has been enlightening experience! And it has been truly

rewarding to know that my efforts are going towards helping someone in Foster Care reunite with their family roots.

Last spring John and I decided we would like to do more to help kids in Foster Care. So we signed ourselves up for the Foundations Training. And late last summer we became certified Foster Parents! So far we have provided a temporary home for one child. He is now living with a family member. I'm so glad that he has the chance to maintain the connection to his roots!



Volunteer/Internship Positions

Below you will find a list of some of our more urgent volunteer needs. For more information on these and many other positions, please visit our website to view all of our opportunities and to complete our [application](#).

Data Entry Specialist and Special Projects Volunteer:



AFFEC is in need of volunteers capable of accurately entering data into our database, effectively communicating with foster care professional, in addition to being able to problem solve and correct discrepancies. Individuals interested in this role would provide essential support by carrying out database clean up projects, internet search projects, survey projects, among other tasks.

Mentors:



We are in need of individuals who are able to provide friendship, encouragement, and support to local foster youth over a sustained period of time.

Family and Child Operations:



We have many positions under this category. All of these include communicating with children's case workers, offering child recruitment, working within our complex database and more!

Hero for a Day Volunteers:



Hero for a Day is set to take place on Sunday, February 15, 2015 from 12-3pm. There are a variety of opportunities available for anyone wishing to contribute to this special event. Check out the links below for additional information:

[*Event Volunteer Opportunities*](#)
[*2014 Event Recap*](#)

Social Media Specialist:



This position requires someone who is well versed in social media for organizations. This position also requires research and implementing other social media tools for the purpose of outreach for our organization.

Family Adoption Specialist:



This position offers assistance to families in the matching phase of adoption. This is done by providing assistance and guidance to your families as needed. You will also be responsible for checking in with assigned families on a regular basis.

Family Finding:



The volunteer will perform research and establish contact with positive, safe family members and meaningful people for deserving children in foster care. This volunteer can be located anywhere nationwide.

Interested in Building an App?



We are looking for a volunteer/intern who can help us make a designated number of our web pages mobile ready! This requires advanced experience with mobile development and programming. Intern/volunteers will work directly with our tech department and learn many new skills and will help build your resume!

Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers:



We have need of Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers

for the following Heart Galleries:

- Siuslaw Bank in Oakridge
- Wells Fargo-Broadway
- Columbia Bank-Seneca
- Camp Creek Assembly of God

This position helps with the delivery of photos and supplies to Heart Gallery venues. Once per month, Venue Volunteers will pick up new photos from our office and exchange them with photos already in the Heart Gallery Venue. This typically takes a little over an hour per month, depending on your location. It is a great activity to do with your children to get them involved in volunteer service; even the little ones! Families often exchange photos in more than one Venue, though that is not required.

Blog Contributors/Writers :



We are in need of creative writers! Intern duties would include writing blog posts regarding adoption, family relations, foster care issues, success stories etc. Editing services would be provided before final posting.

Search Engine Optimization Intern:



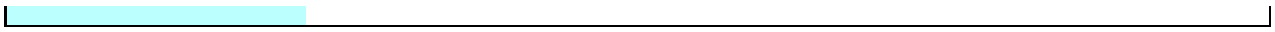
Our SEO Intern would explore all avenues of Google and Bing Search Engine Optimization, including: oral and written communication skills, with ability to communicate with diverse populations, computer skills / ability to understand HTML, experience using Dreamweaver or equivalent ,well organized with attention to detail and the ability to carry out tasks independently, and to meet deadlines.

Volunteerism -- The Best Platform for Personal and Professional Development: Tuan Nguyen at TEDxUOttawa



An adoption story: Jillian Lauren at TEDxChapmanU





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