



A Family For Every Child

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

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
~Elizabeth Andrew



Volunteer of the Month: Amber Perry

Amber has made a great deal of contributions to the AFFEC website since she started volunteering with

us. We appreciate the time she has spent helping us advance our cause. Thank you Amber!

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

My name is Amber Perry and I have been a volunteer web developer for A Family For Every Child for six months now. I found this organization on the Great Nonprofits website. I have a desire to learn and get better with web development and programming. Plus I needed a volunteer position for vocational rehab. This wonderful organization allows me to display my valuable skills while allowing me to have my space. The staff are very patient and the whole atmosphere just works with my conditions. I have learned a lot about HTML5 and CSS and even started with PHP in the short time I've been here. My work has also helped our organization's internet numbers increase by 10 percent! Thank you for having me. I look forward to learning tons more!

NONPROFITS

'Heroes' give boys in foster care a day of fun activities at UO

MULTIMEDIA PHOTOS



Melissa Askew photographs her adopted son Dylan Askew, 3 and his newest friends, Ant-Man and Iron Man, at the Hero for a Day event for foster boys Sunday afternoon at the Moshofsky Center. (Brian Davies/The Register-Guard)

Click on the picture above to read the Register Guard's recap of the 2015 Hero for a Day Event.

Consider Mentoring!

AFFEC seeks individuals capable of providing friendship, encouragement, and support to local foster youth. Our mentors help foster youth develop self confidence, independence, and everyday life skills.

Mentoring can be a powerful experience. One of our mentors related his mentor experience as such:

"This kid is awesome, and I feel fortunate to have been paired with him. I wasn't certain about what this would be like, or exactly why I was participating in the first place (to be completely honest). Going into the program, I knew that this was something I wanted to do, and should do, but I didn't completely understand WHY. I imagine the "why?" will continue to evolve, but after a couple months I have realized that he and I have been given an opportunity for a profoundly meaningful friendship. It is not simply me offering help and guidance to a kid who has had it rough. It's a two-way street, and I look forward to hanging out as much as he does."



On February 12th, AFFEC had the pleasure of attending an internship fair held at the U of O. The fair proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet and network with many talented individuals. We spoke with students whose professional interests ranged from video production to public policy to event coordination (among many others). It was great to speak with so many individuals who expressed an interest in applying their talents to our organization.

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](#).

Video and Media Production Intern/Volunteer:



AF FEC is looking for a volunteer/intern to create multiple videos about our programs and the importance of finding forever families for children waiting in foster care. The videos will be used for marketing, advocacy and fundraising purposes.

Data Entry Specialist and Special Projects Volunteer:



AF FEC 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.

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!

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.



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