



Volunteer Of the Month!



My name is Nathan Harris and I am an intern with the Mentor Program here at A Family For Every Child. As an intern at AFFEC I've been fortunate enough to be in charge of youth outings, specifically with kids who have yet to be given a mentor. On the surface, a lot of what I do can feel pretty mundane: planning events, calling restaurants for food donations, coordinating days that work for events and seeing what kids and go when. But it pays off when you see how much fun the kids are having when we're out with them. Just giving them a fun afternoon in the summer when they might otherwise be indoors watching T.V., or playing video games, is enough to keep me satisfied with my position here. It's only a bonus that I've gotten to work with other wonderful interns and supervisors. I've learned a lot about the ins and outs of a non-profit, as well as how rewarding it can be when things work out for a child in need. Being intern of the month is less a testament to me and more a testament to how well everyone at AFFEC works

together, and how everyone here makes it easier for each other to succeed!

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

1. You make a difference
2. Volunteering encourages civic responsibility
3. You get a chance to give back
4. Volunteers gain professional experience to enhance your resume
5. Volunteering strengthens your community
6. It promotes personal growth and self esteem
7. It brings people together
8. The opportunities to learn are endless.
9. Volunteering enhances your quality of life
10. An opportunity to have fun and try something new

-- Unknown

Volunteer/Internship Positions



-

Local Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers:

-

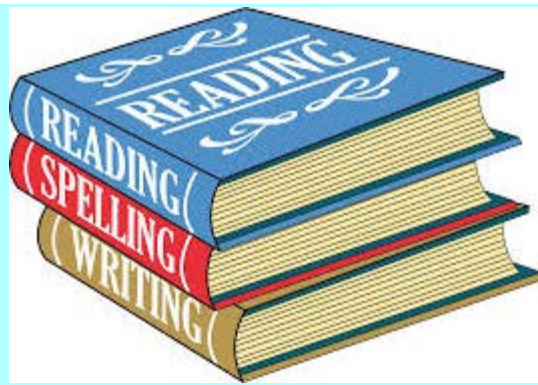
Our Heart Gallery Venue volunteers visit our local venues once every month to eight weeks to update the photos in the various galleries. This can take only an hour or two every time you visit, depending on the number of venues you would like to update and the number of photos in the venue. We have venues all over Eugene/Springfield and surrounding areas, so there should be a venue that is just right for you. This is also a great way for families to involve their children in volunteering as it only takes a short time and is conducted every four to eight weeks.

We are in need of volunteers for the following Heart Gallery Venues:

- Kendall Chevy and Cadillac
- Kendall Honda and Acura
- Kendall Subaru
- Valley River Center
- Eugene Airport
- Market of Choice
- Local Dr. Offices

-

Educational Outreach Program Intern:



Many children in foster care do not receive the academic assistance that they need. Due to the lack of aid and the probability of a higher rate of school transfers, many foster youth struggle to remain academically on track. With Assistance from the Oregon Community Foundation, our Educational Outreach Program connects mentors to their mentee's school so they may help their mentee if he or she is struggling. Our Education Outreach Coordinator helps guide the mentor by connecting them to key individuals, meetings regarding their mentee, offering trainings, and more. A high level of oral and written communication as well as computer proficiency and a professional demeanor combined with attention to detail are required for this position.

Family Finding Specialist



Work within the Family Finding Department involves working closely with Department of Human Services (DHS) caseworkers and the Family Finding Director. Inter/volunteers will perform research and establish contact with positive, safe family members and meaningful people for deserving children in foster care. While

each case is different, the typical case takes approximately three months to complete and approximately 5-10 hours a month in phone calls and research. This intern/volunteer can be located anywhere nationwide. Local intern/volunteers can expect to do file mining at a DHS location and to attend two meetings; including a family meeting. Family Finding is an intensive relative search model with the goal of achieving permanency and supportive family connections for children in foster care. These interns/volunteers must have attention to detail and a high level of computer and phone proficiency as well as excellent written and oral communication skills.

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.

Data Entry Specialist and Special Projects Volunteer:



Data Entry Specialist enter written into our database, effectively communicating with foster care professionals, 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. High level of written and oral language skills are required. This position does not include numerical entries.

Mentor Program:



Mentors would need to be enthusiastic, dedicated, and caring adult members of the Eugene community who can positively influence youth in foster care. As a mentor, you would help children develop confidence, independence, and everyday life skills. Mentors also provide friendship, encouragement, and support foster youth through the various transitions in their lives. You must be a stable and positive role model who can commit to at least 10 hours a month to their mentee.

Marketing Intern/Volunteer:



The Marketing Interns work in all areas in our organization.

From targeted email outreach, webinars, fundraising and awareness, to in person and phone contact, and everything in between, there is a lot to do and even more to learn with us. Marketing interns help us to grow, develop plans of action, and conduct important outreach to individuals nationwide. This position requires a high level of computer skills, excellent oral and written communication as well as proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and other forms of media.

Family Adoption Specialist:



Family Adoption Specialists are responsible for supporting families through the adoption process, being available to help answer questions, and assuring that families are kept informed throughout the process. Volunteers would need to be supportive, empathetic, and well-organized along with being able to work unsupervised and have excellent oral and written skills. This position also requires a high level of professionalism and specific training is provided.

Child Recruiter:



Child Recruiters work with Child and Family Operations to develop outreach plans to engage casework in other states and recruit more children nationwide. They help make plans for kids coming into the program and identify possible barriers and solutions. Recruiters would need to be well organized, have excellent oral and written skills, and have the ability to make deadlines.

Web Volunteer/Intern:



AFFEC is looking for volunteers who are educated in these areas: PHP/HTML/CSS/Dreamweaver CS5, SMS/texting, familiar with frameworks, object oriented programming in C#, Java, or C++, familiarity with TCP/IP, familiarity with SQL and interfacing to programs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE POSITIONS,
PLEASE VISIT [OUR WEBSITE](#),
email info@afamilyforeverychild.org,
or call 541-343-2856**

TO APPLY, PLEASE FILL OUT [OUR VOLUNTEER FORM.](#)

AFFEC would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who make our organization and its related programs so successful! It is only with your dedication and hard work that we are able to achieve our goals and continue to grow as we have each and every year!

Thank you!

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another. ~Erma Bombeck

