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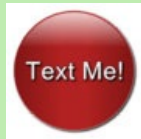
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Eric



**All These Children Have Found
Their Forever Families!**

**Thank You To All Who Helped With
Their Journey!**

Shantaria



Najwa



Corey



Raven



Azucena



Nevaeh



Mark



Community Open House

January 10th, 6-8pm TBA

How can you be involved? Come and have your questions answered. You will meet several agencies and be given information about their programs.

All of our programs are focused on children in the foster care system. Come join us!

Foster care needs a community solution, we need you!

If you want to sign up, you can email: info@afamilyforeverychild.org or try out our new online sign up form, [here](#).

Holiday Giving



Help us with the Princess for a Day Event 2012!

It's that time of year again. The weather is turning, the leaves are falling, and here at A Family For Every Child we're gearing up for the 4th annual Princess For A Day Event which will be held on March 4th, 2012.

Itinerary: The Princess gets a gown to take home, a crown and slippers too. She has her hair and nails done, a photo shoot, and a tea party. The parent, guardian, or foster parent who brings the Princess will also have lunch as her royal guest!

Foster children are admitted free. General admission for other

A Family For Every Child & 5th Street Market Invite you to kick off the holiday season while also helping children looking for forever families. Give a gift or make a donation to A Family For Every Child.

The nonprofit organization is focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for all waiting children. Those who wish to help the charity fulfill a child's holiday wish list can take an ornament from our giving tree and help support a child living in foster care in your community.

You can also find a Giving Tree at Applebee's on Gateway and West 11th. Thank-you for your continued support, and Happy Holidays!

Gifts can also be dropped off at our office at 880 Gateway, unwrapped, by the end of the day on the 21st. We will make sure Foster Children get them before Christmas.

princesses is \$50.00. Advanced registration is required for all girls. This is a girls only affair. All girls are welcome to be accompanied by their King or Queen.

Due to limited space we can only accommodate the Princesses and with one adult, so please leave the extra princes and wicked step-sisters home at the Castle.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or would like to make a donation or sponsor a princess please check out our Princess information and needs on our web site.

This is a special occasion where girls (both in foster care and general admission) can come and get "Pampered" and enjoy a Tea Party. [Click Here](#).

You may also contact: Linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org or call 541-343-2856.

Building Trust, Brick by Brick

(Thank-you to the [Fostering Perspectives](#) Newsletter)

Before adoption, my mom and I built a relationship

Manny

By the time I got sent to my third foster home when I was 8 years old, I'd started to believe that all my experiences in foster care would be negative. I was trapped in a circle of revolving doors, and I didn't think I'd ever be able to stay in one place. At my first foster home, there was a kid named Robert who thought he could bully my younger brother Daniel.

One day I got so fed up with him that I punched him in the face, and my brother and I got kicked out. Then we were sent to live with my uncle, which was great, until he kicked us out. He said it was because Daniel and I were always fighting.

After getting the boot from my own family, I started to think I couldn't rely on them as much. I figured I could only be independent. I also believed that since I wasn't in those two homes for very long, my next home would be the same.

On my way to my next foster home I thought I'd better be ready to leave in three or four months, and I was already worried about where I'd get sent next. I was also scared of what my new foster mom would be like. I pictured her as a witch with razor-sharp teeth and claws.

I walked to the door with Daniel and my social worker and rang the bell. I heard barking and I was terrified at what she might have in that house-perhaps a pit bull trained to scare little kids, or torture them as they slept.

The door opened and I saw a woman with a happy face, anxious but full of excitement. She welcomed us in, but I was cautious due to what I'd heard at the door. Then I looked down, and saw a little dog whose bark was way bigger than his bite.

I looked around the apartment and I liked what I saw, but I was still on my toes.

To finish this story, [click here](#).

For foster parent perspectives on establishing trust, check out this story from [Fostering Perspectives](#).

It Takes a Village and We Need You!

We want and need your help to spread the word! Here are ways you can help us recruit for kids:

- Link us on your website. Contact: Dennis@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Email us any supports, training's, activities, blogs, anything that could help. Contact: Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a [volunteer](#)
 - Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
 - Host a Heart Gallery. Contact: Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org
 - Become a mentor. Heather@afamilyforeverychild.org
- Questions? Ideas? Christy@afamilyforeverychild.org

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