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### Life Skills Program

Please any foster youth or parents know about this program

ATTN: All foster care 10 years old and up

We will be having a Life Skills Class on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:00 at our office, 880 Beltline Road, Springfield.

The military will be coming and sharing their stories about life in the military and careers. They will also be talking about different programs that youth can be involved in right now. They will be

## A Call to Action!

Friday, January 06, 2012: MENTOR's Chief Executive Officer David Shapiro participated in a White House symposium yesterday where President Obama announced Summer Jobs+, a new call to action for businesses, nonprofits and government to work together to provide nearly 180,000 employment opportunities for low-income and disconnected youth in the summer of 2012.

The Summit also focused on additional strategies for providing youth with learning and life skills with mentoring prominently featured as one key strategy that requires increased civic participation and funding.

In his remarks, Obama said, "America's young people face record unemployment, and we need to do everything we can to make sure they've got the opportunity to earn the skills and a work ethic that comes with a job. It's important for their future, and for America's."

Among the companies recognized at today's event with Drum Majors for Service Awards for their support of MENTOR, State and Local Mentoring Partnerships, and mentoring programs across the nation:

\* Bank of America, as part of its broader three-year \$50 million goal to support education and workforce development opportunities for underserved populations, will continue to invest significantly in youth and young adults in 2012, including 1,500 paid internships at the company and local nonprofits as well as job placement programs, in conjunction with more than 80,000 hours from employee volunteers. Recognizing the value of mentoring to help make opportunities possible for young people,

Bank of America served as the primary sponsor of MENTOR's 2011 National Mentoring Summit, at which the Corporate Mentoring Challenge was launched and supports Mentoring Partnership and programs across the country. In 2011, Bank of America invested more than \$15 million, and its employees volunteered more than 75,000 hours, to help youth and young adults attain life and work skills to propel them toward long-term success.

\* Deloitte helps American high school students prepare for college and careers through its Their Future Is Our Future program. As part of this program, 500,000 students have experienced the Life, Inc. career exploration curriculum. Deloitte is committed to serving tens of thousands of students in 2012. Through a series of lessons, self-discovery techniques and virtual role models tailored for youth in middle and high school, Life, Inc. introduces students to various career

bringing some really cool door prizes and dinner will be provided!

This class is open to youth 10 years old and up.

Space is limited so reserve your spot quickly.

## Life Skills Calendar of Events

Mentor Director: Heather Smith  
(541)343-2856

These classes are generally open to teens 13 and older that are currently in foster care. Seating is limited, so please call to RSVP your child if they would like to attend. Meetings are at the main office on 880 Bellline Road.

Classes are from 6:00-8:00pm.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012  
Higher Education

Tuesday, April 24, 2012  
Being an Active Citizen (Volunteer Opportunities)

Tuesday, May 22, 2012  
Transportation/Auto Responsibilities

Tuesday, June 19, 2012  
Living on Your Own

## Support Group

We want to support you in your foster or adoption process, and you may have something to offer in the role of support to another family. Together we can encourage and support each other.

Let's reach out to each other and those in our community to see how we can support each other during times that can often be discouraging or difficult. We cover essential training topics.

Support Group

DATE: Thursday February 23

TIME: 5:30-7:30pm

LOCATION: Friends Church  
3495 West 18th Eugene

Childcare will be provided

If you will be bringing children, please RSVP to the AFFEC office (541)343-2856 or email [heather@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:heather@afamilyforeverychild.org)

possibilities and helps them determine what kind of educational experiences they will need in order to pursue them.

The program includes a web site, career guide, teacher's guide and student journal, which features seven lessons that are delivered by teachers in schools and after-school youth programs. Additionally, through deep relationships with national nonprofits that lead on education including MENTOR, United Way Worldwide, College Summit and City Year, Deloitte contributes cash, pro bono service and the time of one-on-one mentors to help young people pursue the education and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century.

\* JPMorgan Chase has been a leader in supporting "Learn and Earn" and "career and skill development" programs in cities across the country for decades. As a result of the 2011 Corporate Mentoring Challenge, JPMorgan Chase was inspired to expand their leadership role - by funding the launch of the Illinois Mentoring Partnership, introducing other potential funders and connecting nonprofit organizations that deliver the programs.

In Chicago, JPMorgan Chase also has supported, since its creation 20 years ago, After School Matters, a program that helps teens discover and nurture their talents and aspirations for future successes. The bank's support in 2012 will provide 1,300 teens with hands-on, project-based programs to learn about rewarding careers and to help develop marketable job skills.

\* State Street Corporation is committed to providing workforce development and education opportunities to approximately 1,000 youth each summer in cities including: Boston, New York, Kansas City, and Sacramento among others. State Street provides meaningful summer employment to the full range of youth populations, including disconnected youth.

The company supports a continuum of job opportunities starting with funding subsidized wage placements in community-based organizations for first-time job experiences, as well as placements in professional positions at State Street for those who have developed basic employability skills and are ready for more responsibility. Meaningful employment is defined as a paid work experience with quality supervision, a well-designed learning plan, and connections to supportive services (particularly positive youth development and mentoring activities).

In addition to the 200 employees who volunteer as mentors, State Street has made the State Mentoring Partnership in its headquarters of Boston, Mass Mentoring, a key strategic partner by providing lead support for its effort to provide an indicator and roadmap for quality mentoring program practices, hosting an annual National Mentoring Month forum, and investing in a myriad of mentoring programs. More recently, State Street has made youth mentoring and employment two of the focal points of an innovative Youth Violence Prevention Funders Collaborative for the City of Boston.

\* Viacom is committed to providing internship and mentorship programs to connect youth to employment opportunities. Through their Summer Associates Program, VIACOM will provide 10 recent college graduates a 10-week paid training program in the summer of 2012, fostering professional and personal development and unlocking the doors to valuable real-world experience.

Through their partnership with POSSE's Career Program, Viacom will provide 30 college students and high school students with a paid internship. In addition, mentoring initiatives such as Viacom's national mentoring program Get Connected, created with the Get Schooled Foundation, will assist students through meaningful connections with adults with the ultimate goal of helping to keep them in school and realize their true potential.

In addition, Viacom stepped up to the Corporate Mentoring Challenge by working with MENTOR to create Mentor in a Box a

This meeting counts toward your required training hours so come take advantage of our support group.

## Orientation: Have You Been Thinking About Adoption?

Have you been thinking about adoption? This is an opportunity to get your questions answered and learn more about the process of adopting from foster care. This is free and open to the public.

You will meet AFFEC staff, receive information about our programs, cost, financing possibilities, time frames, and information about how we can help you on your journey toward adoption.

All of our programs are focused on children in the foster care system. Along with our adoption agency we also have mentoring, family finding, and matching assistance programs.

Come join us! We have the dates of a few upcoming orientations:

- Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 - West Portland 5:30 - 7:30pm  
(To be held at the Midland Branch of the Multnomah County Library, 805 S.E. 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97233).  
(West side of the street, South of Stark)  
(When you go into the main entrance, we will be in the small conference room located just off the lobby beyond the restrooms).

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

## Questions?

Feel free to call at 541-343-2856 or email: [heather@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:heather@afamilyforeverychild.org)

challenge by working with MENTOR to create mentor in a box, a how-to manual and online training that will assist corporations developing and implementing effective mentoring programs. Viacom and MENTOR will introduce MIB at this year's National Mentoring Summit.

Rock legend Jon Bon Jovi, a member of the White House Council on Community Solutions reflected on a recent listening tour of youth across the country saying, "One thing has come through loud and clear- youth want mentors and they want them now. We have to provide those mentors and show faith in our young people."

"It was a privilege to participate in the White House announcement of the Summer Jobs+ program and daylong symposium. We were pleased to see corporate leaders and partners recognized for their commitment to providing youth with not only employment but the life skills and mentoring relationships that are critical for their future success," said Shapiro. "MENTOR and our network of Mentoring Partnerships continue to be grateful to these corporations and the multitude of national and local public and private sector initiatives - that invest their resources in our young people through mentoring- and we hope this will catalyze even greater engagement."

## Mentoring Works!

The mission of the Heart Gallery Mentor Program is to bring enthusiastic, dedicated, caring adult members of our community and unite them with youth in foster care. To provide someone who can be a friend, who will encourage and support them through the various transitions in their life. To help instill independence, confidence and everyday life skills they will need.

Do you have 10 hours a month to commit to a child? The following children are in need of mentors.

**Matthew is a 13-year-old** boy who lives in Alvadore. Matthew likes activities that are physical and where he can have interactions with others. He likes hiking, bowling, fishing, animals and golf. Matthew is highly intelligent and loves to talk about a variety of subjects. He would like a male mentor.

**Tyler is a 15-year-old** boy who lives in Springfield. Tyler likes cooking, computer and video games, animals and sports. He would like a male mentor.

**Harold is an 8-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. Harold likes arts and crafts, sports, swimming and being with people. He loves to play basketball. Harold has delays that sometimes make him hard to understand. He is very patient and will repeat things until you understand. He would do well with either a male or female mentor.

**Ned is a 14-year-old** boy who lives in Creswell. He loves sports, playing video games and reading. He likes the Ducks and watching action movies. Ned would like a male mentor.

**Andrew is a 14-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. Andrew is very shy but warms up once he gets to know you. Andrew likes playing video games, playing board games and baking. He would like a male mentor.

**Andy is a 12-year-old** boy who lives in Gresham. He is a very talkative and friendly young man. He likes sports, board games, video games and baking. He likes the Ducks and painting. Andy would do well with either a male or female mentor.

**Brad is a 9-year-old** boy who lives in Tualatin. Brad wears a "trache" most of his day. He can bring an assistant out with him on outings if you are not medically trained. He is a very funny little boy and loves to make people laugh. He likes legos, watching movies and playing outside. He loves to do games and

puzzles. Brad would do well with either a male or female mentor.

**Trevor is a 12-year-old** boy who lives in Aloha. Trevor is on the wrestling team at school. He loves, loves, loves sports. Trevor would like help with his math homework. He likes to watch all kinds of movies. Trevor would like a male mentor.

**Kris is an 8-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. He loves playing football and is a very fast runner. He likes movies, riding bikes and playing outside. Kris would like a male mentor.

**Shawn is a 10-year-old** boy who lives in Beaverton. Shawn likes movies, playing video games and playing outside. He does very well with animals. Shawn would like a male mentor.

**Mike is an 11-year-old** boy who lives in Springfield. Mike likes to ride bikes, golf and building things. He is very funny and loves to make people laugh. Mike is good at drawing and likes to do art projects. Mike would like a male mentor.

**Paul is a 13-year-old** boy who lives in a group home in Portland. Paul would really like someone to come and visit him and spend time with him. He loves photography, sports and playing board games. He is a very talkative and friendly young man. He would do well with either a male or female mentor.

**Alli is a 14-year-old** girl who lives in a residential treatment center in Corvallis. She would really like someone to come visit her and spend time with her. She likes to ride bikes and play chess. She loves to feed the ducks at the pond and watching vampire movies. She would like a female mentor.

**Rain is a 13-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. She likes to sing and dance. Rain is friendly and enthusiastic. She loves doing new things and being social. She would like a female mentor.

**Heather is a 14-year-old** girl who lives in Springfield. She loves music and hanging out with her friends. Heather needs someone that will introduce her to some new things. She would like someone to help her find new passions and activities to be involved in. Heather would like a female mentor.

**Andrea is a 16-year-old** girl who lives in Cottage Grove. Andrea loves horses and animals. She likes reading, swimming and watching movies. Andrea would like a female mentor.

**Melissa is a 17-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. She has Cerebral Palsy which requires her to use a wheelchair. Melissa loves arts and crafts, cooking, sewing, watching movies, reading and animals. She would like a female mentor.

**Jane is a 13-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. Jane likes the color purple and her favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Jane likes to dance and wants to be a dance teacher or fashion designer when she grows up. She also loves to bake, ride her bike and do arts and crafts. Jane would like a female mentor.

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Family  
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Together we can  
make a difference!


**When:**  
Feb. 25th, 2012 from 4:30 pm to  
7pm

**Where:**  
Cozmic Pizza  
199 West 8th Avenue

Admission is \$10  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ORGANIZATION  
TO HELP MENTOR FOSTER CHILDREN  
WITHIN THE PROGRAM

A Family For Every Child is a non profit  
organization located in Springfield,  
Oregon. They work together to help  
foster children in Oregon and  
Washington find their forever family.

**A benefit concert  
Featuring:**


Jill Trenholm  
Evynne Hollens



**Help us with the Princess for a Day Event 2012!**

On March 4, 2012, we will be hosting our 4th annual Princess for a Day event. This special day is an opportunity for Oregon girls to be treated like a princess for a day.

It is designed to be a gift for foster children in the community as well as to raise awareness of foster children in Oregon. Each princess will take home a gown, crown, and slippers. She'll have her hair and nails done, and be in her very own photo shoot. She and a guest will then attend a tea party fit for a queen.

We are accepting donations of new or gently used dresses, shoes, and accessories to fit girls ages 2-18. Bring donations to 880 Beltline Road, Springfield Oregon.

Also visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Want to help transform girl into princesses for a day? If you are interested in volunteering for the event please e-mail [linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org)

Register a princess, and give her a special day she deserves. The success of this event depends on you! For additional information about A Family For Every Child or Princess for a Day visit us online at [by clicking here](#) or contact us at 541-343-2856.



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