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Would you like to contribute to AFFEC's cause for helping children? Any amount can have a lasting impact on a child. Click below!

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Our New Adoption Director

Latha Meyer
Heart Gallery/Adoption Director
latha@afamilyforeverychild.org



Latha Meyer, the Adoption Agency Director, is an international adoptee who has

A Child is Waiting For You!

Imagine

Being 6 years old and having your best years behind you
Being 10 years old and having a 10% chance of a forever family
Having a brown paper bag and 20 minutes to pack your belongings
Your skin is considered the "wrong" color
What it must be like when "mom" is not a safe word
Turning 18, and on your own with no family for support
Graduating or getting married and not having anyone to walk you down the aisle

IMAGINE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
ONE FACE
ONE VOICE
ONE LIFE AT A TIME
A CHILD IS WAITING FOR YOU!

- Every child deserves a safe, loving, and permanent family.
- No child should linger in foster care or leave the system at age 18 without a permanent family of his or her own.
- Every child is adoptable.

We recognize that "Forever Families" come in all shapes and sizes. Just as children come in all shapes and sizes. A Family for Every Child Adoption Agency exists to help children waiting in foster care to find their "Forever Families."

We know that kids never outgrow the need for a "forever family." Please contact us if you think adoption might work for you; we can answer any questions you have or discuss concerns.

Are You Ready to Start?

A child is waiting for their "Forever Family." You could be the one to make a difference for a child!

Here is how to get started and take the next step:
Attend an orientation meeting: an orientation meeting is where you will be given a basic understanding of:

- The Adoption Program, policies and procedures of our Adoption Agency
- Who are the children; the needs and characteristics of

international adoptee who has close ties to the adoption community both personally and professionally.

She has a MBA from the Northwest Christian University and has lived in the Eugene area for a number of years. She was a recruiter for Peacehealth before the move to Riverbend and worked in public policy for Holt International Adoption Agency.

Latha looks forward to working with AFFEC in their future endeavors and is excited about the opportunity to help children find permanent homes.

How Great Are You? Pretty Great!

Last week we announced we were looking for a donated computer for a child in foster care.

We were warmed and encouraged (as we always are) by all of your responses and warm comments, thank you for your support!

We Need a Constant Contact Sponsor

Like us, are you a business that uses Constantcontact.com? We are looking for a sponsor.

Constant contact has a wonderful program for non-profit organizations that will allow us to save a considerable amount on our monthly fee.

All we kindly ask is for a sponsor business to fill out this simple, [sponsorship form](#) (at no cost). It will only take 3 minutes to fill out. We are happy to provide any verbiage that you may need for this process.

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Winter Wonderland 2012

Winter Wonderland is a Silent and Oral Auction/Dinner

Date: November 3rd at Valley River Inn

children available for adoption through state foster care systems.

- Overview of attachment, separation, grief and loss, abuse, neglect or traumas that children have experienced
- The role and responsibility of adoptive parents
 - The importance of cultural and ethnic identity to the child
 - The importance of birth parents
- The process of what you will need to go through and the next steps on your journey
- Watch for our next orientation TBA or set up an individual orientation. If you would like to attend this orientation please RSVP to latha@afamilyforeverchild.org

The next step will be to complete the Parent Application packet or adoptive parent training; training will need to be completed before the home study can be completed.

Urgent Volunteer Needs

GRANT WRITERS NEEDED!

Grant writer needed for non-profit focused on services for foster children.

Build your resume, and experience as a grant writer

Need to have your own computer, writing ability

Will be working with Executive Director and Development Team

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PRIVATE DETECTIVES NEEDED!

A Family For Every Child's mission is to "Get kids out of foster care and into loving committed forever homes!"

Sometimes this is done by re-connecting them to people from their past, people that loved them and people that they loved.

We have a program based around this philosophy called Family Finding. We are expanding it to include Extreme Recruitment, and in doing so we are looking to hire a private investigator type/skilled person to help us dig for relatives and lost connections for the children we serve.

Caitlin@afamilyforeverchild.org

EVENT VOLUNTEERS-

All things events. We need all kinds of help with events, small and large, and everything in between.

linzy@afamilyforeverchild.org

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED-

Spokane area photographers are always a need for taking photos of foster kids looking for their forever families-----

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Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival

AFFEC is the proud recipient of Bi-Mart's Willamette Country Music Festival's generosity, AGAIN THIS YEAR. They are making available to us tickets for our Mentor/Mentee matches, foster families and adoptive families, for a weekend of fun. Please submit your interest by [registering here](#).

In 2010 over 200 people attended, our first year! We hope to have 300+ this year!

This event is critical to the overall support of our programs. We would love to have your contributions for our Wine Wall and/or Dessert Dash for the event. We have already begun to plan and collect.

[Winter Wonderland Info](#)

Needs:

- 100+ wine bottles with a value of 25 dollars or more
 - 40 desserts that feed 10 people
 - Silent/Oral auction items, out-of-state getaways, gift cards, and more
 - Volunteers for silent auction
- [REGISTER NOW](#) FOR YOUR TABLE OR TICKETS!

Questions?

Feel free to call 541-343-2856 or email: info@afamilyforeverychild.org

The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival is an exciting 3-day outdoor country music and camping event located near the historic community of Brownsville, Oregon. The 2011 dates are August 17, 18 and 19. This fantastic event is the Pacific Northwest's fastest growing concert and camping experience featuring more than a dozen of country music's biggest stars!

Besides star studded music, the Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival also offers RV and tent camping just steps from the grand stage. Make your summer concert and camping plans now. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Thank you Bi-Mart!

Did You Know We Also Manage the Heart Gallery of America Website?

www.heartgalleryofamerica.com

The Heart Gallery is a traveling photographic and audio exhibit created to find forever families for children in foster care. The Heart Gallery of America is a collaborative project of over 120 Heart Galleries across the United States (and growing) designed to increase the number of adoptive families for children needing homes in our community.



Now in its tenth year, the Heart Gallery model is being replicated in many communities across the country. Although many of our children were removed from abusive and neglectful situations, they still have hope. They love to laugh, to learn, and to be with their friends. Most of all, they dream of finding a forever family to be their own.

There are nearly 500,000 children in foster care in the United States.

Over 250,000 will never return home.

Over 123,000 need adoptive homes right now.

More than 29,000 aged out of foster care in 2008 (age 18) with no support on how to live on their own.

Can you change the life of a waiting child?

Can you adopt? Can you foster? Or maybe you can start a Heart Gallery or volunteer for one?

**How can you contact A Family For Every Child?
Call, email, or visit us online or in person!**

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