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We Need More Mentors!



"Your environment doesn't define you. I don't have a lot of money, but I can help train people and I can talk to people. We can all be mentors to the next generation."

Children in **IMMEDIATE NEED** of Mentors!



Elise is a lovely young lady who likes art and uses it to express herself. Elise just began high school, and is enjoying it so far. Elise enjoys a number of activities including ceramics, dancing (especially hip-hop), singing, and geo-caching! Elise often does not want to show her feelings, but would like a mentor that she could open up to. Elise "works hard at school and life" and is proud of her individuality. Elise wants to grow up to be a detective, model, and a singer. She wants her mentor to know that she is creative, and would like her mentor to have a creative side as well.

Sophia is an 11-year-old girl who speaks English and Japanese. She is very involved in tennis and plays competitively. Sophia is an active girl who has many favorite outdoor sports, including basketball, tennis, and ultimate frisbee. If she could try a new sport, it would be golf. While outdoors she also enjoys walking, swimming, biking, and riding her scooter. Sophia's favorite indoor activities are making friendship bracelets, watching Disney Channel and Nickelodeon, as well as playing computer games.

Amy is a teenage girl who lives in Corvallis. Amy lives in a group home and really needs some extra support. Amy likes to play games and is a "girly-girl," but loves sports, especially basketball. She is a fan of horses, shopping, and is very compassionate. Amy loves kids, and is very kind. She also enjoys being around animals, and one of her favorite "chores" is working in the horse stables. She is diabetic and would love to have someone that understands her disease.

Jason is a 13-year-old boy whose favorite sports team is the Ducks and would really like to go to a Duck game. He likes to play games and sports. Jason's favorite food is pizza, and he hates seafood. If he had a free day, he'd like to spend it at Autzen stadium. He spends his summer vacations hanging out with friends. He works very hard at playing football. De'Anthony Thomas is his hero and when Jason grows up he

- Jackie Joyner-Kersey

A Family For Every Child's Mentor Program has served over two hundred youth in the last five years of operation, and our numbers are steadily increasing! While there are always children who are waiting for mentors, we are always "waiting" for more volunteers! If you have ever thought about becoming a mentor, please feel free to reach out to our organization and our Permanency Director, Caitlin, at caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org

Here is a testimonial from one of our mentors:

"When I first signed up to be a mentor, I had no idea- no idea about how rewarding it would be and no idea how difficult it would be! I can truly say that my relationship with Alice has changed my life, and I believe that I have been able to do some good things for and with her. It's an amazing experience, and everytime I think it's settling down and nothing else will surprise me, I am proved wrong!"*

- Amy Miller*

*Names have been changed

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or just learning more about our mentor program, please RSVP to our next Mentor Orientation on February 20th from 5:30PM until 7:30PM. Learn about the benefits of mentoring, the youth we serve, and start your journey towards a great relationship with a child!

Our orientation is held at A Family For Every Child's offices, 1675 W. 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401. Please RSVP by emailing the Permanency Director, Caitlin Baird, caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org

We hope to see you there!

Male Mentors



A Family For Every Child serves a number of foster youth in the Lane

wants to be a football player. He likes to talk about anything, but especially football. His favorite indoor games are "Pathfinder" and pool. Jason could use a mentor who is outgoing and will be comfortable with Jason's reserved personality.

Brad is a nine-year-old boy who lives in Tualatin. He wears a "trache" about 75% of the time. He is a very funny little boy. He likes to tell jokes and is very talkative. He likes to play with legos, play games and watch movies. If you aren't medically trained, his medical assistant can go on outings with you. Brad would appreciate a male or female mentor.

Charlie is a fourth grade boy who lives in Dexter. He is artistic and smart. Charlie likes to build things, and he collects rocks. Charlie enjoys playing outdoors, animals, and would like to be a craftsman. He draws impeccably. Charlie is very smart, and is protective of his siblings, even though he is not the oldest. Charlie is very intelligent, funny, and independent, but could use a positive male role model. Charlie would like a male mentor.

Hazel is a 10-year-old girl who lives in the Eugene/Springfield area. She is a tom-boy who likes wrestling and climbing trees. Hazel is very funny and loves her cats. She likes cooking, especially cookies. Hazel has four sisters, and she is the youngest. She would like a female mentor who shares her interests.

Shelly is 16 and loves makeup! Shelly has a great sense of humor! She can be shy at first, but really opens up once you get to know her. She is also a Justin Bieber fan, and would love to see him in concert one day. Shelly is open to trying new things, and would like a mentor who is interested in the same. She is a big sister, and would appreciate a mentor that she can hang out with.

Karmen is in fourth grade, and loves to wear colorful cloths. She enjoys playing outdoors, particularly when it comes to biking, scootering, and playing tennis. She hopes to grow up to be a professional tennis champion. Her favorite game is monopoly even though it "takes a long time." Karmen's favorite food is sushi. She has 3 younger siblings and would like a mentor who could spend some one-on-one time with her.

Eddie is in fourth grade and is a huge Ducks fan! He is very athletic and funny. He enjoys pizza, action movies, and wants to be a football player when he grows up. His favorite sports are basketball, football, and soccer, and his favorite subject in school is P.E. Eddie would really like to try hang gliding and indoor soccer. He is also interested in learning Spanish. His favorite food is pizza from Little Caesars. The movie that makes him laugh is Home Alone and he also likes Fast & Furious. On a free day, Eddie enjoys going to a football game or the beach. He would like to spend his summer vacation at the water park.

Nathan is a 14-year-old boy who lives in Creswell. He likes to play video games, reading, and is very funny. He likes Home Town Buffet and trying new foods. Nathan loves history as well. Nathan would love to visit Peal Harbor, and is proud of the amount of volunteer work he does in his community. He hopes to join the army one day. He also enjoys paintball, and is very funny. Nathan would prefer a male mentor who shares his interests.

Krista is an adorable six-year-old girl who likes everything from art, to ponies, and Legos! She loves animals, particularly goats, horses, cats, and dogs. Krista would like to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Krista enjoys books about ponies, playing on the swings and monkey bars with her friends, and wants to learn how to ride a bike. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite food is pizza. Krista takes a while to warm up to new people and engage in conversation,

County area, and many of those foster youth are male. These boys yearn for a positive male role model that they can spend some one on one time with.

Whether it be talking, enjoying a Ducks' game, sharing a meal, spending some time outdoors, or throwing the football around, the time spent with these children can make a meaningful difference! Many of our youth are older boys (ages 10 and up) and sometimes have not had positive male influences in their lives.

Studies show that youth who form a positive relationship with a role model are more likely to remain in school, less likely to use drugs or alcohol, and experience better relationships with peers and other adults in their lives.

If you are over the age of 21 and have at least 10 hours a month to spend with a grateful child who just wants to have fun doing "guy stuff" please email our Permanency Director, Caitlin, at: caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org

Community Outreach Coordinator

We serve youth all over Lane County (and beyond)! In order to find mentors in all of the areas needed, we need community outreach volunteers! The tasks that the community outreach coordinator would be responsible for:

- Posting flyers, posters, and information in local restaurants, coffee shops, and stores informing the community about AFEC's mentoring program
- Making brief presentations to community groups and events once a month
- Gathering names and contact information of people who are interested in becoming a mentor

We are in need of a Corvallis area community outreach coordinator.

If you or someone you know is interested in this volunteer position, contact: caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org

Would you like us to

and would need a mentor who has skill in engaging children. Krista also is reluctant to ask adults for help when she needs it, so she would need a mentor she could trust and who would be receptive to her.

Alexia is an artistic 14-year-old. She loves horses and other animals, and would like to work with them when she grows up. She plans on becoming a pitbull rescuer. Alexia's mentor should be someone with patience and understanding. Preferably, her mentor should be someone with experience with teen girls. A positive, guiding female influence would be great for Alexia, especially for support as she matures through adolescence.

Adam is a high school student in the Springfield area who loves his guinea pigs, making jokes, fast cars, and all things scary! He enjoys watching horror films, jazz music, fishing, and going to Ducks' games. Adam is in a wheel chair, and would benefit from a mentor who could take him out in the community to do fun activities! His favorite food is hamburgers and his favorite movie is 28 Days Later. Adam also loves to play video games, and is not one to easily give up on things! He would like a mentor who shares his interests, and who shares his sense of humor.

Kelly would love to learn how to play the guitar and piano. Kelly likes the outdoors, she would like to go rafting, hiking and play ultimate frisbee. Pole vaulting and running are a few of the sports Kelly participates in. She would like to travel and do missionary work in Spain. Kelly likes to sing, her favorite type of music is Christian. She is very driven, and is eager to begin college. Kelly is looking for a Mentor that enjoys long-boarding and has experience working as a missionary. Kelly has diabetes and would like a mentor who understands her disease.

Jessica is a very bright, fun girl who loves to sing, dance, sew, and more! Jessica is an animal lover, and would love to have her own pet one day. She has experienced quite a lot in her young life, and needs a mentor who will be patient with her. Jessica loves horses, and would like to gain more experience with them. She enjoys visiting Zany Zoo and would like her mentor to do that with her! Jessica would like to be an actress when she grows up, and is very fond of the arts.

*All names have been changed

Sign Up for Princess For A Day 2013!



This year will be A Family For Every Child's 6th annual Princess for a Day event. This is a special occasion where girls (both in foster care and any community girl) can come and get "pampered" and enjoy a tea party.

Register Now!

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. Each year we are in need of donations of the following items

present at your next community event?

We know that the best mentors are living in our own community! We would be thrilled to come and speak with people at your place of work, worship, or club about how mentoring improves the lives of children and the well-being of our community!

We can make a brief five to ten minute presentation to tell you and your peers about how to apply to be a mentor with our organization, the minimum mentoring requirements, and how rewarding mentoring can be! You will also have the opportunity to learn about some of the youth we have who are waiting for wonderful role models like you!

To have us present to your group, please email the the Permanency Director, Caitlin Baird, at caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org

for the princess event. Please keep in mind our princess run from 2-18.

We are looking for volunteers for the following items:

- Volunteers
- Princess Dresses, gently used Holiday dresses, prom dresses
- Slippers, fancy shoes of all sizes
- Tiara's
- Boa's
- Princess Jewelry
- Lip Gloss
- Glitter Dust
- Glitter Hair Spray
- Combs
- Nail Polish
- Anything and Everything Princess

Feel free to visit our online [Wish List](#) for the list of items we need!

[Register Now!](#)

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