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# A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency

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## Oregon Families

Are you are interested in taking advantage of our scholarship, but would like more information?

We are currently setting up "Informational Adoption Meetings" in the following areas, please let us know if you would like to attend.

Portland  
Salem  
Eugene  
Bend  
Roseburg  
Costal Cities

## Adoption Myth Busters

### **You have to be married to adopt - FALSE**

You do not need to be married to adopt. Single parents can make great parents to a child looking for their forever family.

### **You must have a stay-at-home parent - FALSE**

You do not need to be a stay-at-home parent to adopt. As long as you have a safe place for the child to stay while you are away from the home, working full-time should not be a problem.

### **You have to own your own home to adopt - FALSE**

You will not be turned down for adoption if you do not own your own home. There are no rules preventing you from renting your home.

### **You must be a certain age to adopt - FALSE**

It is encouraged for parents with experience to adopt. Age should not be a barrier to becoming a parent to a child in foster care.

### **You have to have a high income to adopt - FALSE**

While it does not cost to adopt from the state foster care system, there are fees with choosing a private agency to write your home study/assessment. The fees for private agencies vary considerably and are usually less than other forms of adoption. A Family For Every Child charges \$500 for Oregon Families to adopt from foster care.

### **You don't have to be perfect to be a great adoptive parent - TRUE**

Children are looking for someone to love and care for them, a family to be committed to them forever. These children need a family to help them with their homework, to attend their sporting events, graduation, and weddings. You do not have to be the perfect family to adopt a child. These children will love you just as you are.

## LAST CHANCE!

## You Are Invited!

**Princess for a Day 2013 is THIS SUNDAY**  
**It will be a day she'll NEVER FORGET!**

We have the ability to work all over the state, but when we can lump families together, our worker can save families even more on travel expenses when they proceed with the homestudy.

If you are interested in adoption and would like more information, please call 541-343-2856 or email [linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:linzy@afamilyforeverychild.org) or [christy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:christy@afamilyforeverychild.org)

## Scholarship Opportunity!

A Family For Every Child's adoption agency has grown by leaps and bounds. We currently have over 60 families in the process of completing a Foster Care adoption. This last year has brought huge growth for our agency, and a new focus.

With the addition of several new adoption workers, we are making it part of our mission to reach out to all communities in Oregon, this includes diverse communities and single or non-traditional parents.

We believe all families have much to offer waiting children and we are interested in facilitating adoptions for any one that feels foster care is a wonderful way to grow their family.

Has the cost of the home study kept you from pursuing your dream of expanding your family? Let me take a moment to share something very exciting with you, we recently are able to offer to underwrite the cost of the first forty families interested in adopting from foster care. What better time to start your adoption journey, with the possibility to have part or all of your home study fees paid for!

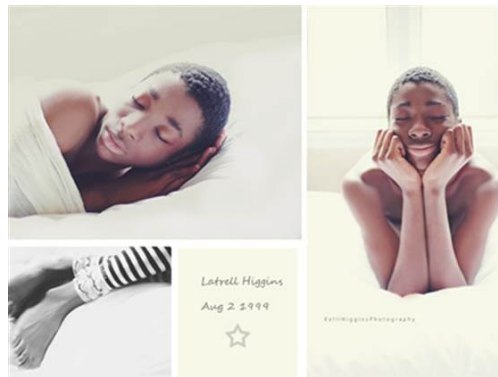
It is our mission to find forever families for those children considered hardest to place and with this offer we are able to do this for more children.

- **Family must pay the application fee of**

## [REGISTER NOW](#)



## Adoptive Mom's 'Newborn' Photo Shoot with 13-year-old Son Goes Viral



Check it out [here!](#)

## A Great Resource!

### **A feeding specialist answers adoptive parents' questions about bringing joy back to the table by minimizing picky eating and food insecurity**

Since bringing your child home, have you encountered behaviors like hoarding, food obsession, overeating, selective eating, or faced sensory challenges that impact feeding? Do you encounter picky eating and power struggles on a regular basis, and find that you dread dinner time?

Katja Rowell, M.D., aka "[The Feeding Doctor](#)," is a family physician who works with parents to establish healthy feeding relationships by focusing on the how of feeding. She has developed a special interest in supporting adoptive and foster families with feeding and weight worries. Rowell is a sought-after speaker, blogger, mother, and family cook. Check out her book [Love Me, Feed Me: The Adoptive Parent's Guide to Ending the Worry About Weight, Picky Eating, Power Struggles and More](#).

Also Listen to Katja Rowell answer questions about the challenges you've faced at meal or snack times during Adoptive Families' Adoption Expert Q&A Webinar: [Love Me, Feed Me](#).

## Do You Have Some Spare Time?

The Heart Gallery is in need of these things:

application fee of \$500.00 & Travel fee's only, no other fee's.

- Family will have an orientation with an adoption worker.
- Family will be offered the ability to search both instate and out of state for a sibling group match.

If you feel like you may match this criteria, you don't want to miss out on this opportunity. For more information you may contact our office. Now is the time as children are waiting for a "Forever Family."

Please contact [linzy@familyforeverychild.org](mailto:linzy@familyforeverychild.org) or call 541-343-2856 to get more information or to set up an orientation meeting. We look forward to hearing from you!

-Venue Volunteers: These volunteers pick up the photos, take them out to the venues and replace the other photos. This happens monthly, around the 10th. We need venue volunteers in the Eugene/Springfield area for Denny's on I-5, Strike City Bowling Alley and Putters on Highway 99, Kendall Honda, Chevy and Subaru on Goodpasture Island Road, Wells Fargo Bank and Summit Bank in downtown Eugene.

If you are interested in helping once a month at a venue, please call Joanne at: 541-343-2856.

-Contributions for photos: Children have beautiful photos taken by our volunteer photographers. When a child is approved to go up in Heart Gallery venues, we need to order photos to display. We keep photos and just exchange them from one venue to another.

New children are always going up in the venues and the children that are placed with their 'forever families' are taken out of the mix of photos. The average spent on photos monthly is around \$100.

-Sponsorships for venues: Sometimes a venue would be a great place to get a lot of exposure for these children with many people visiting the venue. Photos can be purchased monthly for just one venue, if we have people interested. This would assist us in having more venues, but would not stretch our financial obligations too thin with the other venues we are now assisting.

Photos are not that expensive if you purchase them for one venue once a month.

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## 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:**

- Email us any supports, training's, activities, blogs, anything that could help. Contact: [christy@familyforeverychild.org](mailto:christy@familyforeverychild.org)
  - Become a [volunteer](#)
  - Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
  - Host a Heart Gallery. [joanne@familyforeverychild.org](mailto:joanne@familyforeverychild.org)
  - Become a mentor. [caitlin@familyforeverychild.org](mailto:caitlin@familyforeverychild.org)
- Questions? Ideas? [christy@familyforeverychild.org](mailto:christy@familyforeverychild.org)
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## How Can You Contact A Family For Every Child?

Call, email, or visit us online or in person!

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