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# We Found Our Forever Families!

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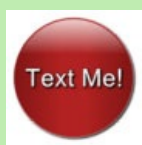
**April 2013**

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**Kimberly**



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

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

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**Princess For  
A Day 2013:  
Thank You!**

**Adoption Often Leads Older  
Children Behind, Alone, but  
Waiting Families Change the  
Future**

**By Lois M. Collins  
Desert News  
April 16th**

SPRING CITY, Utah - Don and Ellen Walker exchange a smile when they see Rae and her horse Flicka stand cheek to cheek in a casual embrace, both happy.

Rae is their daughter, nearly equal parts joy and vexation, born 14 years before they ever met her and around the time their sons were starting to leave home. Ellen Walker was drawn to Rae by the words "crazy about horses and animals," and wondered how to tell her husband she thought they might want to parent another child.

Thank you to all of our donors for making this event so special!

Click on the image below to watch our thank you video!



This event could not have been what it was without the contributions of many local and national donors. From dresses to sashes, invitations to ice cream. All items were generously donated to make this event a special day for all of the princesses.

A Family For Every Child had the honor of hosting 345 princesses at this year's Princess For A Day Event on Sunday, March 3rd.

Each girl was able to take their time to pick out just the right dress, get their hair and make up done, and finally dance the day away with their prince charming. This is truly a community event and could not have been possible without the support and commitment given by so many volunteers, donors, and community partners.

## **AFFEC Blog**

Our blog is focused on providing support and information about the foster care and adoption system.

We aim to create a community of people invested in the interest of the children who are in the foster care system. Through our blog we want to encourage families who are thinking about becoming adoptive or foster care parents while assisting those who are already a foster or adoptive parent(s).

We hope to provide support by sharing individual stories, advice, and constant information on A Family For



Don Walker says Rae is a child God always intended them to parent. He wonders why it took so long for them to find each other and why she had to endure so much to reach this piece of land where she rides horses and raises chicks and is starting to feel safe.

Rae, 15, bucked long odds to get here. If you graph children like her who reach their teens in foster care, you see something dramatic. Babies available for adoption are snapped up; by age 8, the trend turns downward, adoption becoming rarer. For teens, the adoption rate plummets. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says 400,000 abused and neglected children are in foster care nationwide.

Some return to their original families. Some wait for new families that may or may not appear. In September 2011, there were 104,000 foster children available to be adopted. Roughly 43,000 stay in foster care five years or more. And 27,000 children turn 18 and "age out" annually, with no permanent family to support or love them.

Foster care is not the only place where older children wait for adoption and permanent homes. But it's by far the largest pool.

[Read rest of story.](#)

## **Home for the Holidays Winter Wonderland**



Our annual event last year had close to 350 guests.

This event is critical to the support of each A Family For Every Child's programs.

[A few of the committee's roles/needs:](#)

- Oral Auction
- Silent Auction
- Invitations/Registration
- Take down/Set up
- Decorations
- Logistics

Every Child and the foster care/adoption process. Visit [our blog here!](#)

While you are there, make sure to sign up for the email alerts which will notify you any time we have a new post!

## Inquire and Submit on Any of Our Kids!

Simply [Click Here!](#)

Sponsorships  
Wine Wall  
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And more!

We will be holding our first event meeting soon, watch for a date and location

Please let us know if you are interested:  
[Rebecca@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:Rebecca@afamilyforeverychild.org)

Please also bring along any friends or coworkers you would like to get involved.  
Thank you!

## Save the Date!

November 12, 2013  
5:30-9:30  
Valley River Inn  
Eugene, OR

## 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@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:christy@afamilyforeverychild.org)
  - Become a [volunteer](#)
  - Donate, attend, or become a sponsor at our [event](#)
  - Host a Heart Gallery: [info@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:info@afamilyforeverychild.org)
  - Become a mentor: [caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org)
- Questions? Ideas? [christy@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:christy@afamilyforeverychild.org)

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