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Subject: Make the difference in the life of a child!



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Sponsor Abel!



Abel is a sweet and affectionate 8 year old from Texas. He likes having others read with him.

Sponsor Destini!



Destini is a multi-talented 11 year old from Washington and enjoys cooking!

Sponsor Shyanne

This is why we are here...

From the perspective of Rebecca Rhodes, AFFEC Recruitment Coordinator

Most of you get emails frequently telling you a about the need for change in the child welfare system, success stories brought to you by our organization, or general updates about what A Family for Every child is doing now. This is a different kind of story and I hope that you take the time to read through what I, personally, have to say about my experience at AFFEC .

I started this job with little to no experience in the actual foster care system, just a passion for helping kids and the technical and communication skills that the job required. Hired as the Recruitment Coordinator, my job is focused on assisting social workers find forever families for every waiting foster child, doing so through our photo listing site, targeted emails, and matching events.

The first week that I began working I had received three emails from families about two little girls. For confidentiality sake we shall call them Taylor and Talia. According to their profile they had been in foster care for over a year and were in desperate need of a forever family. Being the Recruitment Coordinator and knowing that these three families were interested I wanted to jump right in and call the social worker and see if there was anything I could do to help or at least bring to her attention that we had three families that were interested. The social worker answered the phone right away and was thrilled to know that we had three families that were interested. Because I had her on the phone I thought I would explain to her our other recruitment services to see if she needed any additional help just in case any of the three families were not a good fit. She

and Travis!



Shyanne (13) and Travis (12) are a charming sibling group from Idaho. Shyanne's favorite subjects include science and reading. Travis has a great sense of humor and a lovely smile.

Sponsor Romel!



Romel is a handsome 5 year old from Texas who loves playing with cars and bird watching!

Sponsor Dachai!



Dachai is from Washington and is a speedy 11 year old who joined

quickly jumped on the idea of additional recruitment options and I was excited that I had my very first sibling group that I could recruit for. As I hung up the phone I heard my name "Rebecca..." and the Associate Director called me into her office.

Oh my, was my only thought, "Did I do something wrong?" I asked. I had over looked the number of families that had already submitted on Taylor and Talia; there were 88 dating back almost a year. Slightly embarrassed and extremely confused I decided to call the caseworker back. Why had she asked for me to recruit more families? Was she only looking for in-state families? Did she lose the home studies that she received? Giving her the benefit of the doubt I asked her all these questions, thinking there has to be a reason why she had asked for extra recruitment ideas. When asking if she was only looking for in-state families she replied...no. When I had asked if she received all 88 families' home study submissions, she replied . . ."Oh yeah, I think they are on my desk somewhere." She thinks? I followed up by answering, "I have absolutely no problem sending you them again, if for some reason you cannot locate them." She said that wouldn't be necessary and neither would the extra recruitment. It then took the social worker four more months to decide on a family.

This is exactly why we are here. To not only provide our recruitment services but we serve as a watchdog and help advocate for these children. I won't bore you with the complexities of our database but we have the capability to track how many families are interested in each child, how long the children have been "with us" in recruitment, and what recruitment efforts have taken place. If a social worker says they lost the families' home studies then we can resend them. If the social worker says they have done everything and can't find a family, we tell them we can do more. If the social worker says they are still looking for a family for Taylor and Talia we tell them we have 88.

I hope that you see our cause as important and join me in advocating for our children. On the right are children that have touched my heart and I hope that you have it in your heart to sponsor one of them.

There are almost 1000 other children on our website, any of which can be sponsored. We realize you can't help every child but we hope you will sponsor just one.

the track team
last year!

Sponsor Jiovanna and Humberto!



Jiovanna (10) and
Humberto (9) are
from New Mexico!
Jiovanna loves is
an artist and her
brother loves all
sorts of animals
including bugs!



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Note: This is an example of a social worker who is not doing her job to the best of her ability and although this is all too common, there are also many good social workers. By sending this email I do not want to discredit any of their work or the changes they are making in thousands of children's lives.

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Your contribution can make a difference
in a child's life!

"If you can't help a hundred children,
then just help one."

Rebecca Rhodes

Sponsorship Coordinator

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