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## A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



*"A Mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself"*

**A Family For Every Child  
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Be the difference in a child's life! When kids enjoy a regular, positive activity with an adult over the course of a year, those kids are 46% less likely to begin using drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, and 52% less likely to skip school. This decreases drug-related suspensions, drug related crime, and the number of babies born drug-affected.

Children guided by positive role models are more likely to improve their academic performance, make better decisions, have more self confidence, and a sense of belonging. Foster youth with a mentor tend to have better relationships with parents/caregivers, teachers and peers. They are also more likely to attend and graduate from college.

**Become a mentor today!**

### **See Waiting Mentor Kids Online**

For an updated list of the children who are currently in need of mentors, you can always [visit this page](#) on our website.

### **Mentor With Your Partner**

A Family For Every Child's Mentor program is accepting new mentors for our foster youth! If you want to make a positive difference in the life of a child, mentoring is one of the best ways to do so!

Mentoring is fun and fulfilling, and you are welcome to mentor a child as a couple! Couples mentor together for a number of different reasons:

1. To spend time with their spouse or partner while spending time with a child.
2. To introduce a child to a variety of activities and

interests.

3. To make sure that a child feels supported, and to be a consistent friend and resource for him or her.
4. To model healthy adult relationships.
5. To explore the possibility of adoption.
6. TO HAVE FUN!

### **Children Needing Mentors in Lane County**

**Aster\*** is an intelligent and sweet 10-year-old who can be bashful at times, but still enjoys talking. She lives in Eugene. Her favorite subjects in school are math and PE (because of track and field). Aster knows German and Chinese. She'd like it if her mentor helped her with her homework. She doesn't have a favorite sports team, but she roots for the Ducks and the Beavers. Aster plays soccer and tetherball. She is open to other outdoor activities and wants to try gymnastics and martial arts. On a rainy day she enjoys arts and crafts and reading. She also likes singing and listening to Kelly Clarkson. Her favorite fruit is strawberries and she likes Mexican food. Aster likes funny movies, her favorites are Pitch Perfect and Rise of the Guardians. She is very passionate about track and field and is a fast runner. When she has a problem, she prefers to talk about it with her mom. Aster aspires to be a track and field coach and a mother. Her favorite holiday is Halloween, particularly because she likes dressing up, but she also likes to go to corn mazes and haunted houses. If she could have three wishes granted, she would go home, have more wishes and own a mansion. Aster wants a female mentor who could take her swimming and to the aquarium.

**Peter\*** is a 15-year-old boy living in Springfield. Peter is a social and athletic teen, whose favorite sports team is the Ducks. He enjoys spending time with his brother and his friends, particularly when they are playing football or basketball. Peter likes fishing as well. Peter also enjoys studying the Bible and hopes to become a clergy member as an adult. Peter enjoys comedy and likes telling jokes; joking is a part of how he expresses himself! Peter is interested in learning about new activities, and likes to have meaningful conversations with individuals. He spends a lot of time with his brother, but would like guidance and support from a more experienced individual. Peter would like a male mentor who is easy to talk to.

**Mitchell\*** is a 12-year-old boy living in Springfield. Mitchell is looking for a mentor that loves to scooter! In his spare time Mitchell enjoys going to the skate park, playing basketball and soccer. His favorite

types of movies are cartoon and action. Mitchell's favorite food is pizza. Mitchell's favorite basketball teams are the Chicago Bulls and the LA Lakers. "Tyga" is Mitchell's favorite artist, he enjoys listening to rap music. If Mitchell had only a few wishes they would be to get a new scooter and to be on a basketball team. Mitchell's favorite chore is cleaning the living room. His least favorite chore is cleaning his bedroom. Dogs and ferrets are a few of Mitchell's favorite animals. Mitchell would like a male mentor who enjoys watching basketball and is an extrovert.

**Stephanie\*** a 13-year-old girl who lives in Eugene. She is shy at first, but opens up once she gets to know you. She is starting high school this year. Math is her favorite subject and she is proud of it. Stephanie likes to cook, dress up, play video games, and do outdoor activities like hide and seek, picnics and swimming. She also likes to just hang out. She is good at cooking French food and wants to go to Paris. Her favorite food is Chinese and she likes to go eat at Olive Garden. When it comes to music, Stephanie likes hip-hop and Bruno Mars, but not country or metal. She likes to read mystery romances. When she grows up, Stephanie wants to be a veterinarian, masseuse or a chef. Her hero is Wonder Woman because she is the only female superhero. For Halloween she wants to be the Queen of Hearts. She loves her dog Kammi and all animals. She would love to go horseback riding or see a tiger. Stephanie has had mentors in the past and wants to build a lasting relationship with someone that will be around long-term.

**Lance\*** is a very sweet little boy living in Veneta. In the fall he will be starting 3rd grade. He enjoys recess and is proud of his writing. His favorite football team is the Ducks. He enjoys playing kickball, soccer, biking and football. He wants to learn how to play basketball, baseball and how to swim. When the weather is rainy he enjoys playing video games in his room (but no violent ones), watching movies, and wrestling. His favorite wrestler is John Cena. Grapes and Mexican food are his favorite things to eat. He likes to express himself through drawing and painting.

Lance enjoys reading and is open to all kinds of books. He is very proud of his ability to do a front flip and handstand on a trampoline. His favorite animals are dogs and cougars. If he could go anywhere he would go to the moon! He likes playing the guitar and listening to any kind of music. Lance would like to have his own drum set. He also enjoys candy and laughing. When he grows up he wants to be a police officer. He lives with his aunt, and would therefore like a male mentor he can spend

some time with.

**Adam\*** is a 16-year-old boy living in Springfield. He loves horror movies! His favorite movies are about zombies, he especially enjoys the film "28 Days Later." Adam is very good around animals, he even has two guinea pigs! He enjoys learning about cars as well, and would appreciate a mentor who can teach him about such. Adam also loves fishing, video games, and has a great sense of humor! Adam would like to spend time with his mentor out in the community just "hanging out." Adam is sarcastic, and would like a mentor who appreciates it. Adam would benefit from a mentor who understands physical disabilities, and can introduce Adam to new experiences.

**Elvis\*** is a very energetic little boy. He loves to go to the park and play football. He is also interested in basketball, tennis, and soccer. He is brave and talkative. He enjoys playing power rangers, hunting with a BB gun, and fishing. Some other outdoor things he likes to do are ride his bike and his scooter. He enjoys learning to fix cars and bikes. Elvis's favorite foods are spaghetti, ice cream, and popsicles. Grumpy cat is his favorite book. He has a puppy dog named "puppy dog" and two cats named Keebler and Falcor. Elvis likes to watch Spongebob and Danny Phantom. When he grows up he wants to be a ghost fighter. Elvis wants a mentor that will take him to the park and play football and teach him about dirt bikes. He lives in Springfield.

**Tanner\*** is a fan of the Miami Heat basketball team. He loves pork chops and lasagna. The Vampire Buffet is his favorite restaurant. Tanner is 15 years old and currently lives in Lane County. If Tanner had a free day he would visit Hawaii or Dubai. Tanner likes any Adam Sandler movies, and he loves to laugh. When Tanner is older he would like to be an architect or an actor. Tanner works very hard on making blueprints and is most proud of art. Language Arts is his favorite subject in school. When asked if he could pick three words to describe himself Tanner chose: smart, athletic, and driven. Tanner would benefit from a male mentor who can help him through his teen years.

**Samantha\*** is a 13-year-old girl who lives in Springfield, and has a variety of interests. She likes to draw, and is a talented artist. Samantha also enjoys watching TV and playing video games, particularly Mario games. She likes to cook as well, and her favorite food is chicken. When Samantha is not cooking, she likes to go to Five Guys Burgers and Fries. Samantha is very funny, she

frequently makes herself and her sisters laugh. Samantha does not often spend time outdoors, but when she does she likes swimming and playing basketball with her friends. Samantha loves to shop and try different hairstyles as well as listen to Justin Bieber. Samantha appreciates music, and would like to learn how to play the guitar, the piano, and the recorder. Samantha would like to visit Africa one day, and hopes to see a tiger. She would like a female mentor who likes humor and shopping.

**Travis\*** is a 7-year-old boy living in Eugene. Travis loves to play football and wrestle with his friends. Travis loves eating ice cream cake, pudding and pizza. McDonalds, Taco Bell and Subway are a few of his favorite places to eat. Travis would love to become a Navy Seal when he gets older as well as a football player. Travis enjoys watching Power Rangers and likes all kid movies. Math and recess are Travis's favorite subjects in school. Going on car rides and wrestling are a few of his favorite activities. Travis loves animals, his favorite animal is a chicken.

Something Travis would like to learn how to do would be back flips, he would also like to try fishing. Travis is most proud of his dirt biking and normal biking skills. Travis describes himself as sometimes being shy at first, he would like his mentor to be good at bumper cars and fishing. If Travis could have any pet he would want to have a lion. Travis would benefit from a male or female mentor who is active and shares some of his interests.

**Jeremy\*** is a very intelligent 14-year-old boy who will be transitioning into high school next year. He lives in Springfield, and likes to ride his bike around his neighborhood. Jeremy loves baseball, video games, reading, math, and science. One of Jeremy's favorite activities is going to PK Park to watch Emeralds games. Jeremy likes going to the beach and fishing, as well as swimming, hiking, and watching Duck games. His favorite kinds of movies include action, comedies, and family films. He enjoys the occasional horror movie, but comedies are his favorite. When Jeremy grows up he hopes to join the military and then become a member of the Secret Service. Before doing so, he wants to attend college at either Oregon State University or the University of Oregon. His favorite kinds of music include rock, country, rap, and classical. Jeremy is very active, funny, and smart, and would appreciate a male mentor who will spend time with him out in the community and help him through his high school years.

**Trentin\*** is a 13-year-old middle school student living in

Springfield. He really enjoys hunting, fishing, woodshop, and the outdoors. He likes school, but was disappointed when woodshop classes were cancelled in his school district. Trentin is a compassionate kid who like spending time outdoors and being amongst animals. He admires Steve Irwin, and even owns his own snake! When the weather is bad and he cannot spend time outside, he likes to play with his pet snake, Lizzy. He also likes to spend his time watching old horror movies, which he finds both funny and frightening.

Trentin enjoys reading Steven King novels, and expresses himself through drawing. He also likes to watch football games and hopes to refine his hunting and fishing skills. Trentin is bothered by people who do not appreciate what they have and "complain too much." When he becomes upset or irritated, he usually just walks away from the situation and spends some time alone. Trentin would like a male mentor who enjoys the outdoors, and is not afraid of snakes.

**Heather\*** is an energetic 10-year-old living in Veneta. She enjoys sports of all kinds. In the fall she would like to either play soccer or football. Her favorite team is the Ducks. She like jumping on the trampoline and playing wall ball. Heather has a hamster and would like a dog. She enjoys school and her favorite subject is art, specifically drawing hearts. "Total Drama" and "My name is Earl" are examples of the television shows that Heather likes to watch. If she could go anywhere she would go to Antarctica. One of her favorite places to go is to the mall. She enjoys shopping for shoes and toys and that is where she got her ears pierced. She likes swimming and playing on the playground. Some things that she is interested in learning are gymnastics and how to play the drums. Her favorite color is turquoise and her favorite food is bean and cheese burritos. When she grows up she want to be a lawyer.

**Pamela\*** is a 9-year-old girl living in Eugene. She likes outdoor activities including skating, skateboarding, riding bikes and playing on the trampoline. Pamela likes to do arts and crafts and draw; she would like to learn how to make a volcano. Pamela loves Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; it's her favorite TV show. She wants to marry the character Raphael one day. Her favorite food is ice cream- chocolate with gummy worms flavor. When it comes to music, she likes High School Musical, Michael Jackson and Justin Bieber. If Pamela had a free day to go anywhere, she would go to New York- to visit the ninja turtles, of course.

Pamela's least favorite chore is vacuuming, but she likes to feed the animals. Her favorite holidays are Christmas



and Halloween, and this Halloween she is going to be April from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Pamela prides herself on her effort to be a good girl, however, it is best for her mentor to be someone who is not easily rubbed the wrong way. If she had three wishes, she would choose to be with Raphael, go to New York, and visit Paris. Pamela would like a female mentor who is active and outdoorsy.

**Wade\*** is a 12-year-old boy living in Elmira who has passion for being active. His main interests are sports, mainly football, and anything that will keep him moving. Wade plays football, basketball and track, but also does various outdoor activities such as hiking, backpacking and crabbing. His favorite positions in football are running back, tight end and defensive end. His favorite teams are Philadelphia and the Ducks. Wade's hero is LeSean McCoy, because he is fast and can pull off many impressive moves. Wade's favorite subject in school is PE, but not so much science or math. When it comes to food, he will eat anything, and he enjoys eating at Izzy's and Hometown Buffet. When staying inside, Wade likes spending time on Facebook and Youtube or playing Madden and NCAA.

Wade likes to read Percy Jackson books, or books involving Greek, Roman or Egyptian mythology. He prefers to listen to country or hip-hop music, but he would rather not listen to any heavy metal. In three words, Wade describes himself as tall, strong and athletic. He says that nothing makes him sad. When he grows up, he wants to be in the NFL or be a carpenter. If he could have any animal, he would have an elephant. One thing that Wade wants to try is skydiving. If he had three wishes, he would wish for money, fame and fun. Wade wants a mentor who is athletic.

**Mattie\*** is an active 7-year-old living in Springfield. She plays baseball, softball and will be in Girl Scouts when school starts in the fall. Sometimes she watches sports. She wants to learn to swim and loves to play with dogs. In the winter she enjoys drinking hot coco and watching movies like "Rapunzel", and other Disney movies and comedies. She also enjoys watching musicals, singing and dancing. Her favorite book is "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." When with friends she likes to relax. If she had a day to do anything she would go to the beach and run in the wet sand.

Mattie enjoys theatre and math. She has a very active imagination. Her favorite food is pizza. If she could have two wishes she would be a bird so that she could fly or be other different animals so she could run and be free. She wants to try horseback riding, and hopes to do so

with her mentor. She has puppies, a frog, bunnies, and guinea pigs. Mattie enjoys being around people who tells jokes and play around.

**\*Names have been changed to protect identities**

### **Children Needing Mentors in Portland**

**Chase\*** is a 6-year-old boy living in Portland with his older brother. He loves to eat burritos, but his favorite place to go is McDonalds. Chase likes the color green. His favorite subject in school is reading. "10 Little Gingerbread Men" is his favorite book as well as the Bible. If Chase could visit any place he would go to the moon. Chase is most proud of his Grandma, he wants people to know that he is smart. Cats are his favorite animal. When Chase grows up he wants to be a police officer or a football player. Superman is a hero to Chase; he also likes playing cards and legos. Chase is African-American and is looking for a Mentor that is from a similar background.

**James\*** is an 11-year-old boy living in Portland. James would one day like to work with kids in behavioral therapy. Thanksgiving is his favorite holiday, he enjoys cooking and spending time with family. James loves dogs and horses. Hip Hop, Reggae and Rap are a few of his favorite types of music to listen to. Kickball, soccer and dodgeball are James's favorite activities. Recently named "Student of the Month", James likes math, especially algebra. An outdoor activity he wants to try would be bike riding. Dairy Queen and Wendy's are his favorite places to eat. Comedies such as the movie "Sanford and Sons" and action movies like Transporter are James' favorite movies. James would one day like to visit "John's Incredible Pizza." If James had a free day he would go dirt biking and visit Wonderland.

**Nolan\*** is 11 years old living in Gresham. Nolan is a big fan of the Oregon Ducks. Nolan would like to try to play Frisbee golf. He expresses himself by writing and going to the gym. Nolan enjoys reading, especially the Harry Potter series. The Walking Dead is Nolan's favorite TV series, he also likes to watch the MTV channel. If Nolan had a free day he would spend it fishing on the Willamette. Something Nolan is most proud of is his ability to improve his grades. When Nolan grows up he would like to be in the Army and be a dog trainer. Golden Retrievers are Nolan's favorite kind of dog. Archery is an activity Nolan would like to take lessons



for; he would like to go to archery camp. During the holidays Nolan's favorite thing to do is spend time with his family. Nolan says the best thing that has happened in his life is living with his sisters. Nolan would like a Mentor that enjoys going places.

**Sean\*** is an active and fun 8-year-old living in Hillsboro. He absolutely loves soccer, and would like a mentor that also likes soccer. His favorite team is America. Sean enjoys playing outside, swimming, and playing video games on the Wii such as Wipeout. He is also open to trying new sports and other activities. Sean likes rock music and the artist LMFAO. His favorite restaurant is IHOP (he loves bacon). Sean's favorite foods are ravioli, fruit, and cucumbers. His favorite holiday is Christmas. When he grows up, Sean wants to be a police officer. Sean would benefit greatly from a mentor who is fun but can also help him focus on his homework.

**Trey\*** lives in Portland and his favorite color is blue. He loves school and loves to play jump rope. Trey has one younger brother. Trey likes going to Chuck E. Cheese and Uncle Virgils is his favorite restaurant. Playing duck duck goose, camping, fishing and climbing trees are some of his favorite activities. Trey likes to draw animals and paint. When he is with friends he likes to play on the playground, mostly the swings or tire swing. When Trey grows up he wants to be a photographer. He wants people to know that he is good at reading. Trey likes playing Star Wars and Legos. Trey is African-American and is looking for a mentor that has had a similar background.

**April\*** is a 16-year-old girl living in Banks. April has an affinity for the city- she prefers a lively environment with things to do. One place she would like to visit is Manhattan; she would want to look at the skyline, go shopping, and hang out. She says that Manhattan "has a lot going on" and that's what attracts her to it. However, she does enjoy simply hanging out and talking with friends. When April reads, she prefers teen novels and romances. Adam Sandler movies make her laugh and she likes comedies and scary movies.

April likes to listen to rap and Lana Del Rey. When she has a problem, she handles it by going to her room and listening to music. April loves cats and dogs and has two dogs, a hamster, and a fish. Her favorite holiday is Halloween. April has yet to discover what she is truly passionate about, but she really wants to try new things; she likes to talk about anything and is willing to try anything. April would benefit greatly from a mentor who can introduce her to different interests, help her build up

confidence in herself, and help her find her strengths.

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