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A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



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Next Mentor Orientation

Our next Mentor Training/Orientation will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 1PM until 4PM! The training will take place at the A Family For Every Child's main office, 1675 W. 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402. If you want to become a mentor or are just interested in learning more about the program, you are welcome to attend the training! Please RSVP to the Permanency Director, Caitlin: caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Mentors: A Family For Every Child is looking for mentors who live in the Elmira/Veneta areas of Lane County! We serve children who live in these areas, who have been waiting for mentors for a long time. In order to create solid relationships, we would like to find mentors who can spend ten hours a month with a child. If you or someone you know would like to be a mentor, please complete a volunteer application via our website, www.afamilyforeverychild.org. Mentors must complete an online volunteer application, attend a mentor training and orientation, participate in an in home interview, and complete a criminal background check. Mentors are asked to spend at least ten hours a month with their mentee.

Community Outreach Volunteers: A Family For Every Child is looking for community outreach volunteers to promote our mentor program in the Lane County community! This includes making presentations to local groups, hanging flyers, and creating partnerships in the community! If you are interested in public speaking, making community connections, and recruiting mentors for foster youth, this is a great position for you. This position requires a completed volunteer application, good organization and communication skills, and 5 - 10 hours per month of availability.

Sunday Funday Volunteers: "Sunday Funday" is a monthly event held for mentors and their mentees. This event is an opportunity for mentors and mentees to engage in fun and educational activities while meeting

other mentors. A Family For Every Child is looking for volunteers to help prepare for each monthly event by collecting materials, organizing activities, facilitating donations, and so on. A Family For Every Child is also looking for volunteers to help supervise activities and assist in monitoring the event. Volunteers who would be helping with activities and attending the event will need to pass a criminal background check. Sunday Funday volunteers will need to complete an online volunteer application on our website, www.afamilyforeverychild.org.

Children Needing Mentors in Oregon

Elvis, Age 4

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, OR.

David, Age 15

David is a laid back young man that lives in the Portland area and recently turned 14 years old. He enjoys action and spy movies. He is interested in learning how to play video games. David likes to run track and wants to play basketball more often. His favorite indoor activity is chess. He prefers home cooked meals to eating out. David isn't too into reading, but he does enjoy reading Manga comics such as Full Metal Alchemist. If he could do anything for a day, it would be something that involves animals; his favorite animal is the otter. He wants one as a pet! If David had one wish, it would be to own a zoo. He also has two bulldogs. When he grows up, David wants to be either a scientist or a writer. A mentor who could work on math with David would be very helpful to him.

Sean, Age 8

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.

Mitchell, Age 12

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 type 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.

Nolan, Age 11

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.

Bradly, Age 11

Bradly is an 11-year-old boy that lives in the Portland area. His favorite color is red and he also likes other bright colors. He enjoys playing music on his recorder and the piano. Bradly would like to learn to play the flute and guitar. Some activities that he does with his friends are arts and crafts, video games, badminton and flying kites. Tennis and bowling are a few more things he enjoys doing with his friends. When at home he likes to play Mario Brothers, Angry Birds and to build things with Legos. He would like to learn to play board games, card games, draw and other arts and crafts. When he gets frustrated he likes to express himself through painting. Bradly enjoys spending the holidays with his family. He also likes stuffed animals. When Bradly grows up, he wants to go to Italy. Bradly would benefit from a mentor who could help him with schoolwork.

Travis, Age 8

Travis is an 8-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. Tyler 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. Ninjago is one of his favorite books. 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 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.

Manual, Age 6

Manual is very interested in movies, video games and television. It would be nice for him to be exposed to some other things. He would like to learn how to go horseback riding, and fishing. He'd also like to go to the coast and hiking in the mountains. Manual also wants to learn how to walk dogs and ride a bike. Some indoor activities that he would like to learn are board games like checkers, card games, how to draw and paint, as well as other arts crafts. He also enjoys watching movies, and reading Spongebob. He loves to play soccer and go to Chuck E. Cheese. Manual enjoys coloring and playing with puzzles. His favorite animals are dogs and sheep. Someday he wants to be President.

Bethany, Age 16

Bethany is a very creative 16-year-old girl living in Noti who expresses herself through drawing. She likes reading books, but she doesn't write. Bethany enjoys hiking, fishing, making jewelry and going for walks. She also enjoys singing and dancing with her friends downtown. If she had one free day, Bethany would go to her sister's house, downtown, and the mall to buy new jeans. She likes most fashion and makeup, as long as it isn't too 80s. Her favorite sport is basketball. Bethany's favorite holiday is Christmas because of new clothes and lots of presents, but she also likes Thanksgiving. When it comes to music, she likes rap and hip-hop; Rhianna, Nicki Minaj and Lorde in particular. Bethany likes school

and is taking jewelry, sewing, drama and geography. One thing she would like to take lessons on is 3D drawing.

Bethany describes herself as shy, funny and creative. She works hard at doing what is asked of her. Her least favorite chore is laying gravel, but she likes cleaning the house. When she grows up, Bethany wants to be a veterinarian. She really loves animals! Her favorite is the chimpanzee. Bethany's hero is her sister because she doesn't give up. When she is upset she likes to talk to her sister or otherwise spend some time alone. Bethany would like her mentor not to ask too many questions and know that she is quiet at first.

Peter, Age 15

Peter is a 15-year-old who is a very active young man that lives in Springfield. Peter is a social and athletic teen, who's favorite sports teams is the Ducks. He also enjoys baseball, soccer, fishing, and golfing. Peter also enjoys hiking, climbing, boating, and many more outdoor activities. Some things he likes doing indoors is playing on the computer, playing cribbage and spending time with his siblings. Some of his favorite video games are Mortal Kombat, Need for Speed and Tony Hawk. Peter likes comedy movies like Norbit. His favorite books are the Book of Mormon and skateboarding magazines. Peter 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!

Trey, Age 7

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 Virgil's 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 also 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.

Wade, Age 12

Wade is a 12-year-old boy living in Elmira who has a 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 the Philadelphia Eagles 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.

Lance, Age 7

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 team is the Ducks. He enjoys playing kick ball, soccer, biking and football. He wants to learn how to play basketball, swimming and baseball. When the weather is rainy he enjoys playing video games in his room (no violent ones), watching movies and wrestling. His favorite wrestler is John Cena. Grapes and Mexican food are his favorite.

Drawing and painting are ways he expresses himself. Lance enjoys reading any kinds of books. One thing he is the most proud of is his ability to do a front flip and handstand on a trampoline. His favorite animals are dogs and cougars. He would like to have a sleep over at a friend's house. If he could go anywhere he would go to them moon for a day. He likes playing the guitar and listening to any kind of music. Lance would like to own his own drum set. He also enjoys candy and laughing. When he grows up he wants to be a cop.

Sori, Age 13

Sori is a friendly 13-year-old girl in 8th with a bold sense of humor. She lives in Eugene. Sori's favorite subject in school is math. She plays soccer and sometimes watches football. She enjoys sleeping, going on Facebook, and going to the park. She also likes watching Teen Mom, boxing, and writing- she even published her own ebook! Sori likes court shows and any movie involving Abraham Lincoln. Her favorite food is potatoes and her favorite restaurant is any one that has french fries. She would like to visit London. One thing that Sori works hard at is fixing her BMX bike. Sori is quite talkative and likes to discuss everything. When she grows up, she wants to be a lawyer. Sori wants her mentor to know that she really wants to do boxing.

Tanner, Age 15

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 the Eugene area. If Tanner had a free day he would visit Hawaii or Dubai. Tanner likes any Adam Sandler movies. 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.

Trentin, Age 13

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 his favorite team is the Ducks. Trentin hopes to become a master hunter when he is older, and own a cabin in which he can display his trophies and 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.

Je'nai, Age 8

Je'nai is a loving 3rd grade girl living in Gresham. Her favorite subject in school is art and she would like to work on homework with her mentor. Her favorite outdoor activities are jumping rope, swimming and basketball. Indoor activities she would like to try include the games Subway Surfer and Candy Crush. Je'nai's favorite foods are hamburgers, nachos, ice cream and burritos; her favorite restaurant is McDonald's. When it comes to music, she likes listening to Down by the Station, Justin Bieber and Michael Jackson. She used to like "The Little Mermaid", but now she prefers the TV show "Too Cute".

As for reading, Je'nai likes *Because of Winn Dixie* and any book involving kittens. Her favorite holiday is Halloween because of the candy and because she can be a princess. On a free day, she would visit Swim America or any place surrounded by pets, since she loves cats and dogs. Je'nai loves going to Lazer Planet and the mall. If she had three wishes, she would wish for a million candies, a million pets, and money to feed poor people. Je'nai wants to take gymnastics lessons or learn how to roller skate. Her favorite chore is helping with the animals, and when she grows up she wants to be a veterinarian. Je'nai is very fond of the family, teachers and counselors that surround her. She says that she would like a mentor who is very kind, lovely, and loves pets.

Elise, Age 15

Elise is a lovely young lady who likes art and uses it to express herself. She is 15 years old and lives in Eugene. Elise is very lively and funny, and has a close relationship with her little sister. That being said, she would like a mentor who can spend one-on-one time with her. Elise enjoys a number of activities including ceramics, dancing (especially hip-hop), singing, and geo-catching! Elise often does not want to show her feelings, but would like a mentor that she could open up to. Her favorite movies are *Taken*, *Twilight*, and *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. She likes to listen to Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. 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. Elise has experienced some difficult things in the last year, and has already moved and switched schools a few times. She really needs a mentor who will be consistent and there for her.

Chase, Age 6

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.

Jeremy, Age 14

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 movies, 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 mentor who will spend time with him out in the community and help him through his high school years.

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

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