

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



"Adoption is not about finding children for families, it's about finding families for children"



**Please Join Us For our End
of Summer Bash!!**

Mark your calendars for
August 22, 2015 from 5:00 -
9:00pm

A Family For Every Child is
teaming up with
Meriwether Winery for our
3rd Annual Summer Event.
88334 Vineyard Lane
Veneta, Oregon

Tickets are \$50.00 per
person and will include:

Dinner provided by
Texas Roadhouse Grill
Beer and Wine



Oregon Families! Find Out About Adoption

Interested in adopting? Find out more about the process of adoption and get started... it is our goal to significantly reduce the barriers to adoption by making the process positive and exciting all around. Begin your adoption process now and plan on growing your family this year. Then call 541-343-2856 to schedule an orientation convenient for you! You can also email kim@afamilyforeverychild.org

A Family for Every Child is dedicated to finding loving, permanent families for every waiting foster child. A Family For Every Child, a nonprofit organization, was started by Christy Obie-Barrett and dozens of dedicated and passionate volunteers. In 2006, AFFEC was formed and developed into an organization focused on finding permanent and loving adoptive

Music provided by:

Deb Cleveland and the Vipers

Help us find a home for thousands of children in foster care by joining us for a fun filled night!!

Get more information

[Visit our website](#)

homes for all waiting children. Our intention is to develop programs that assist special-needs/challenging-to-place foster children in finding their own Forever Families.

We started with our first sole project called The Heart Gallery in November, 2006, and now we have blossomed into ten incredibly successful programs.

None of this could have occurred without the wonderful support from this community's sources, including volunteers, sponsors, photographers, in-kind donors and many more.

- See more [here](#)



Mentor Program Mission Statement

The mission of A Family For Every Child's Mentor Program is to bring enthusiastic, dedicated, caring adult members of our community and unite them with youth in foster care - to provide someone who can be a friend, who will encourage and support them through the various transitions in their life, help instill independence, confidence and everyday life skills they will need - and ultimately to build long lasting relationships.

Welcome to Adoption Basics.....

Each month this section will address basic questions regarding the adoption process, adoption agencies, and adoptive families.

Step 2 Initial Orientation

This is an orientation meeting where you will be given a basic understanding of:

The Adoption Program, policies and procedures of the Adoption Agency

Who are the children;

The needs and characteristics of children available for adoption through state foster care systems.

Overview of attachment, separation, grief and loss, abuse, neglect or traumas that children have experienced

The role and responsibility of adoptive parents

- See more [here](#)

How do mentors help?

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 more likely to attend and graduate from college.

-A study conducted by Big Brothers, Big Sisters

The importance of cultural and ethnic identity to the child

The importance of birth parents

The process of what you will need to go through and the next steps on your journey

Background checks
Parent Packet Application Process

Overview of Home Study/Assessment

The length of the process with approximate timelines

Rights and responsibilities of the adoptive family

Adoption Agency Overview of family selection / matching process

- See more at:

<http://www.afamilyforeverychild.org/Adoption/TheBasics/index2.php#sthash.AVIG2eII.dpuf>

Heart Gallery

A portrait exhibit displayed to raise awareness of the needs of foster children



**A Family For Every Child
Family Finding**

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

What is the

A Family For Every Child's Family Finding Mission is to find safe, loving kith and kin connections for youth in

Heart Gallery?

The Heart Gallery is a portrait exhibit displayed to raise awareness of the needs of foster children. Foster children waiting and hoping for their own adoptive family to love and protect them. Professional photographers volunteer to take compelling portraits and these beautifully framed and matted portraits get displayed along with the children's biographies in various venues that will touch your heart.

Heart Gallery Locations

Applebee's
Cottage Grove Community Center
Denny's - Glenwood
Eugene Airport
Good Shepard Community Church
Ray's Food Center - Creswell
The Inn - Portland Oregon

Do you have space in your business to help display photos of waiting children? If you're interested in providing a Heart Gallery location in your community please contact us.

foster care. By discovering such individuals we hope to create a lifelong support system for youth, help children learn about their family and history, and reconnect them with loved ones who can be a part of their "forever family." - See more [here](#)

Extensive Team Recruitment

ETR is a program based on the family finding model of searching for and engaging relatives in order to remove children from foster care. ETR combines family finding, mentorship, child recruitment, and child preparation methods in order to find a child a forever home within 12 to 20 weeks. ETR is an extensive Family Finding model that offers multiple services to youth and their social workers in order to find every child their "forever family".

Do you need family finding help? Please contact us at:

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Email: famfind@afamilyforeverychild.org

Email: rochelle.lewis@afamilyforeverychild.org

Life Books, Welcome Books, and Scrapbooking.

Life books are created for foster children to tell their story, much like a scrapbook.

Welcome books are created by the adoptive family as a way to introduce a child to their new family.

Our Life Book team puts together pre-made scrapbook pages for case workers, foster parents, and adoptive parents to use in their scrapbook creations.

We have heard it is the best gift in the world for a

- See more [here](#)

foster children or adoptee.

For more information on how you can help: [Click Here](#)

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