



A Family For Every Child

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A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



Please plan to join us for ' Hero For A Day '

Mark your calendars for June 18, 2016

Hero for a day is a special event taking place at Willamalane Center on June 18th from 12pm - 3pm. This event allows foster children to be transformed into heroes for one special day. Hero for a day is for ages 2 - 18 and is designed to be a gift to foster children in the area as well as to raise awareness about the foster care system. Hero for a day is filled

**Whats in a Name?
For an Adopted Child, a lot!**



An adopted child joins your family with their own history, culture, and a lot of time, name.

All parents want to choose the perfect name for their child. It shouldn't be too common or too

with tons of fun activities designed

This event is free for children in foster care and \$50.00 dollars for community children.

Hero for a Day is an annual event allowing foster children to have a special day just for them.

Registration is now open.

Follow this [Hero Link](#) to register your Hero today!!!



Please Come and Join Us

Have you been wondering about adoption? Have you been considering getting more information but don't know where to turn?

Join us at a social hour coming to your area soon!!!

We are holding informal question and answer sessions in your community. This is an opportunity for the public to come and ask questions about adoption, the children, agency policies, and the adoption process.

This is our opportunity to share experiences, family stories, and answer questions that YOU might have.

Upcoming Social Hours include:

Bend/Redmond Oregon on Friday, May 27th
5:30pm - 7:00pm

unusual, and it should fit the child's personality.

But when a child comes to your family with his own unique culture and history, and his own name, it can make the debate around naming a child all the more difficult. There are no strict guidelines on choosing your child's name, but here is how other families have handled the decision.

Honoring the Past

For many families, preserving the link to the child's history is the most important factor in the name decision. Please link to full story originally printed in Adoptive Families Newsletter [by clicking here](#).

If you would like more information on adoption Please email kim@afamilyforeverchild.org today for more information on how you can learn more about adopting!

A Family For Every Child Mission

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 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.

- See more [here](#)

Adoption Tax Credit Webinar

Abby's Pizza
1115 NE 3rd Street
Bend, Oregon 97701

Portland, Oregon on Monday, June 27th at 6pm
Location to be determined

We will provide refreshments and pizza for you to enjoy while we talk about adoption and you get the chance to meet workers in your local area.

If you are interested in either of these events, please email [Kim Esser here](mailto:Kim.Esser@afamilyforeverychild.org). We want to make sure we have enough nibbles for everyone!!

We look forward to seeing you there!!

NACAC's adoption tax credit expert, Josh Kroll, presented a webinar on the federal adoption tax credit on February 2nd. You can access the recorded webinar and learn the steps to file for the adoption credit. Although the focus of the webinar was on tax year 2015, it will also cover applying for the credit for adoptions as far back as 2012. Josh will explain what parents need to do to take advantage of the credit. The fee of the webinar is \$15.00 for NACAC members & \$20.00 for non-members. Payment is accepted by credit card or PayPal. To view this recorded webinar visit [NACAC](http://www.nacac.org).

Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency Program Director by email at kim@afamilyforeverychild.org for any additional questions



Are you interested in making a difference in your community? We are looking for a talented individual who can assist in developing our outreach and recruitment plan.

Do you have talent for marketing? Do you know or can you learn Constant Contact? Do you like to design newsletters?

We are looking for passionate, dedicated people to assist us in fulfilling our mission. When you work with us, you not only expand your skills but you contribute to making a difference in the life of a foster child.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteer application available [here](#).



Have you considered being an Adoption Social Worker? We are currently hiring adoption social workers throughout Oregon and Washington.

If you have a Bachelors Degree or higher in:

**Human Services
Psychology
Sociology
Education
or a related field**

we would be interested in hearing from you.

Please complete the volunteer/employment [inquiry form here](#) to begin the application process.

No Contribution is too small!!



A Family For Every Child is seeking an awesome intern interested in social services for the following position:

**Adoption Worker Assistant
(Intern or Volunteer)**

Under the direction of the Adoption Agency Program Staff, the Adoption Worker Assistant is responsible for assisting the Adoption Worker(s) with their families in all steps of the adoption process. Such as meeting with families, admin support and knowledge on policy work, recruiting children for families. Our Adoption Workers are responsible for assessing, training and providing support to families within their caseload during the entire duration of the adoption process from orientation through finalization, while ensuring compliance with agency policies and procedures, and all federal and state requirements and laws. This is your opportunity for the Adoption Worker assistant to get very hands on social work experience that will help you be better equipped to apply and find a job in the Social Work field.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

- Family Recruitment and Follow Up**
- Initial Family Meeting / Orientation**
- Conducting Family Interviews**
- Assisting Families Through The Matching Process**
- Updating and Renewing Family Home Studies**
- Attending Adoption Worker Trainings and Meetings**
- Submit Case Notes Daily/Weekly**
- Shadowing Opportunities with Experienced Adoption Workers Through all Phases of the Process.**

We look forward to hearing from you!



Success Story



Hi, we are the Pressly family. We (Jacob and Ainslee) started out early in our marriage knowing adoption was the path we wanted to take to grow our family.

We began the process with AFFEC in Dec. 2013. We were fortunate to get to work with a phenomenal caseworker, who helped every step of the way. Two days after beginning the home study process we heard about our children from a friend who knew of them. They were not yet free for adoption, however we felt there was a reason things worked out the way they did. Just one week after starting our home study we went out of state to meet our future children. Talk about excited! After meeting the children we were convinced we would do whatever was necessary for our kids. It was a rather quick, but not painless process.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteer application available [here.](#), and to get a copy of the full job description.

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Our children had to be cleared to be adopted as there was suspicion that the children may have had to be registered with a Native American Tribe. In just six short months, the children were freed to be adopted. Thanks to the help of AFFEC, our girls were placed with us in June 2014 and we were able to finalize their adoptions in March 2015.

We couldn't have done it without the assistance AFFEC provided us in terms of the support their staff provided so willingly. They really kept the best interests of our family in mind the whole time and we are so grateful to be the parents of such silly, sweet, wonderful children!

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