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NOVEMBER 1ST, 2012

We need volunteers to help gather silent auction items in Portland, Bend, Seattle, the coast and all areas outside Eugene. If you can help us with some items in any of these areas, please contact me at christy@afamilyforeverychild.org



Attention all our mentor/mentee's and foster/adoptive families

AFFEC is the proud recipient of Bi-Mart's Willamette Country Music Festival's generosity!

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They are giving each person you sign up a 3-day pass.

The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival has tickets available to us for our mentor/mentee matches and foster/adoptive parents for a weekend of fun.

The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival Welcomes an Exciting Line-Up of Performers!

The Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival is an exciting 3-day outdoor country music and camping event located near the historic community of Brownsville, Oregon. The dates are August 17, 18, and 19th.

This fantastic event is the Pacific Northwest's fastest growing concert and camping experience featuring more than a dozen of country music's biggest stars!

Besides star studded music, the Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival also excited kids' entertainment and family fun! Make your summer concert and now. We look forward to seeing you in August!

You will receive an email from our team to confirm your day and tickets, and any further steps needed.

Thank-you Bi-Mart and the Willamette Country Music Festival!

Children in Need of Mentors: July

Walter is a **13-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. Walter likes computers, movies, sports, biking and swimming. He is a

Grant Writers

AFFEC is always looking for grant writers and those that can support grant writers, please contact claudia.hatmaker@afamilyforever.org hild.org if you would like to hear more!

Mentors Needed

Youth mentors help children set goals, solve problems, and make good choices. A mentor never takes the place of a parent - a mentor is a friend/companion, supportive adult who can be a positive role model.

Simple activities such as reading together, playing games, shooting some hoops, going to museums, and doing homework can mean the world to a young person eager for guidance. All of the youth we serve are in the State of Oregon foster care system.

- Must be 21 years old
- Must pass a background check
- Make a one year commitment
- A sincere desire to be involved with a young person
- Spend at least 10 hours per month one-on one with the youth
- Listen, respect, empathize, show patience and the ability to be flexible and look for opportunities for positive outcomes
- To create avenues of positive and creative fun through adventures that show a life of excitement without the negative influences
- Track monthly activities, complete and return online report

Would you like to change the life of a foster child? Partner with us!

Many of our organizations do wonderful things to help foster children. Are you looking for other ways that can make a huge impact on the youth in your area? Start a mentor program and we are here to help.

A Family For Every Child is receiving a privately funded grant that will allow us to go into the state of Hawaii and help your organization set up a mentor program for youth in foster care.

A Family for every child was started in 2006 and has developed many

good ballet dancer. Walter likes dancing and playing games. Walter would like a male or female mentor.

Matthew is an **11-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. Matthew likes movies, reading, video games and sports. He is shy but warms up once you get to know him. He would like a male mentor.

James is a **nine-year-old** boy who lives in Eugene. James loves boxing, roller skating and riding his bike. He likes spaghetti, The Ducks and going to the movies. James loves sports and video games. He would like a male mentor.

Brad is a **nine-year-old** boy who lives in Tualatin. He has a "trache" so his medical assistant will go on outings with his mentor. He is very funny and has a great sense of humor. Brad likes to play with legos and playing basketball. He loves chocolate candy and silly movies. Brad would like a male or female mentor.

Andy is a **12-year-old** boy who lives in Gresham. He likes movies, cooking and all things about the "Oregon" nature. He likes to paint, swim and playing sports. He would like a male or female mentor.

Paul is a **13-year-old** boy who lives in a group home in Portland. Paul likes to read the bible, sports and taking pictures. Paul is social and very outgoing. He wants to go fishing and likes to play the guitar. Paul would like a male mentor.

Joe is a **7-year-old** boy who lives in Portland. Joe lives in a Spanish-only speaking home so we will need a bilingual mentor. Joe likes to break dance, movies, martial arts and swimming. He would like a male or female mentor.

David is an **11-year-old** boy who lives in Beaverton. David likes to play video games, animals and sports. He would like to have some new experiences with his mentor. David would like a male mentor.

Melissa is a **14-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. Melissa likes to play softball and basketball. She is silly and a great singer. Melissa likes to do arts and crafts, eating at Red Lobster and is good at math. She likes kittens and playing Twister. Melissa would like a female mentor.

Lisa is a **13-year-old** girl who lives in Springfield. Lisa is bilingual but her guardians only speak Spanish, so she will need a bilingual mentor. Lisa likes horses and cheerleading. She likes to cook and watch movies. She would like a female mentor.

Tracy is a **10-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. Tracy is friendly and happy and likes trying new things. She would like to play softball. Tracy likes to read, sports and watching movies. She would like a female mentor.

Alice is a **15-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. Alice likes sports, hunting and socializing with friends. Alice is more on the "tom-boy" side and not a "girly-girl". She is very excited about getting a mentor. She would like a female mentor.

Shelly is an **three-year-old** girl who lives in Springfield. Shelly loves to play with other children and would like a mentor that has children for her to play with. She likes math, ice cream, and reading. Shelly likes Disney movies, riding bikes and eating at McDonalds. Shelly would like a female mentor.

Ashley is a **16-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. Ashley speaks mostly Spanish and will need a bilingual mentor. She likes computers, biking and listening to music. Ashley would most benefit from a mentor that understands the cultural differences between the U.S. and Mexico. She would like a

in 2009 and has developed many successful programs to help youth in foster care. One of our most successful programs is our mentor program. Our goal for our mentor program is to create meaningful mentoring relationships that will help increase the odds for future success for the young person. Studies show that surrounding foster care youth with positive role models will help increase their odds for future success.

Mentoring relationships can play a huge role in helping foster youth reach their potential and have healthy successful lives. Research shows that youth who are mentored are 45 percent less likely to use illicit drugs; 59 percent more likely to succeed in school; and 73 percent more likely to attain higher life achievement goals. Foster youth are moved from school to school and home to home.

They lack stability and permanency. It is our responsibility to ensure that these youth have the opportunity to build lasting relationships. These youth can learn to thrive when someone gives them the time and energy to show they care.

A Family For Every Child would like to help your agency set up a mentor program in your area. We will provide the following assistance for agencies working with "at risk" youth.

- Selecting the management team for your organization
- Developing a financial plan
- Promoting the program
- Building relationships with Department of Human Services, therapists, schools
- Building relationships with community partners
- Recruiting mentors
- Training, screening, background checks on mentors
- Matching process
- Monitoring and support of the mentor/mentee relationship
- Closure
- Evaluation of the program's success
- Sustaining the program

The mentor support system provides guidelines on how to build new mentor programs and/or successfully help strengthen your old program. It focuses on designing and planning the program, managing the program and sustaining the program.

As Oprah Winfrey once said, "A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself."

female mentor.

Emily is a **three-year-old** girl who lives in Portland. Emily is a very sweet little girl. She loves to play dress-up, princesses and being read to. Emily is very coordinated and would love to play some sort of sport or take a dance class. She would like a female mentor.

Allison is a **16-year-old** girl who lives in Cottage Grove. She likes horses, movies and reading. She likes to swim and hang out with her friends. Amber would like a female mentor.

Teresa is an **11-year-old** girl who lives in Tualatin. She loves gymnastics, horses and animals. Teresa likes to go to the library, watching movies and going to the zoo. She likes science and doing projects. Teresa would like a female mentor.

Krista is a **17-year-old** girl who lives in Eugene. She likes arts and crafts, cooking, watching movies and animals. She is bright, engaging and funny. Krista would like a female mentor.

Alisha is a **14-year-old** girl who lives in Springfield. She likes Dairy Queen, roller skating, hazelnuts and Alaska. She likes to journal and to draw. She is shy until you get to know her. She would like a male mentor.

Please contact christina.para@afamilyforeverychild.org for more information.

Meet our new Mentor Director, Christina Para



Meet Christina, our new Mentor Program Director! She just recently received her bachelors of arts from the University of Oregon. Christina is the oldest of five siblings and has always seen herself as a mentor to her siblings. Her passion is to work with youth and inspire them to be great. She never had a mentor or very many positive role models to look up to growing up, and for those reasons she recognizes the importance of having positive influences in youth's lives.

She is beyond excited to be a part of A Family for Every Child. She's always known that she wanted to do her part and give back but never figured out how. Being a part of AFFEC will allow her to make a difference in youth's lives and she couldn't be more thankful. Christina believes that by helping our children today we can have a better tomorrow. One of her favorite quote is, "If you can't help a hundred children, then just help one." Our children are our future so the differences we make in their lives today are for a better tomorrow.

Christina plans on matching every youth with a mentor who will positively impact their life. Someone our youth can trust and build a relationship with. She wants to build lifetime relationships that will assist our youth in becoming

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Questions?

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successful adults. We can't do it all, but we can all do something.

Youth and Key Leaders Stress Need for Mentoring at White House Event

Wednesday, June 13, 2012 - The recently-released White House Council for Community Solutions' final report to President Obama cites youth mentoring as one of the key recommendations to help disconnected youth so they can get on a path to education, employment and economic prosperity.

Throughout the report briefing event, from Council member Jon Bon Jovi to Director of the President's National Economic Council Gene Sperling to a host of the youth panelists, the overriding need for mentors was expressed. Bon Jovi said of one of the Council's findings in listening to the voices of young people, "Mentors ... something all of us can be ... are a key to what youth need."

Established in 2010, the White House Council for Community Solutions has engaged a diverse group of prominent cross-sector leaders focused on helping "disconnected youth" by: Connecting, convening and catalyzing the best resources of the public, private, nonprofit and philanthropic sectors in communities across the country.

Identifying and highlighting solutions that work.

Identifying key attributes of effective cross-sector solutions from institutions working together on community problems. Catalyzing resources to support effective community-based solutions.

MENTOR's President and CEO David Shapiro was one of the national leaders working with the Council to find solutions for re-engagement. At least 6.7 million young people between 16 and 24 are out of school and the workforce. In 2011 alone, taxpayers shouldered \$93 billion in direct and indirect costs related to these young people, according to the report.

The Council completed three phases of work leading to the final report and recommendations, including research, listening and developing new resources. One striking figure from the research was the almost 80 percent of disconnected youth who said they want to connect with successful peers they can relate to, to college professors and to business mentors to get help going back to school and work.

In response, the U.S. Department of Education has posted an RFI (Request for Information), asking states, tribal governments, local entities, community-based and other nonprofit organizations, private-sector partners, philanthropic organizations, faith-based organizations, researchers and others for input on effective approaches to improve outcomes for disconnected youth. Due by July 5, the input will inform the Interagency Forum on Disconnected Youth on the best use of the authority requested in the President's FY 2013 Budget for as many as 13 Performance Partnership Pilots.

"Job number one is to develop the assets in young people to support their connection, achievement and sense of self so that they stay connected to school and, ultimately, to work. This is the true moral and economic imperative, and time and time again, mentoring is a critical ingredient in staying on track and thriving," said Shapiro. "But when our young people find themselves off track, yet searching for a way forward, the Council and a larger audience heard them express the need for mentors to enter their lives to help them find that path. It is a solution that must be backed with more than hope. It requires rigor and structure, and we will seek to promote and garner support for effective mentoring strategies that answer the call of our young people and the Council."

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