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### More Portland Mentors Needed!



**Brad** is a 9-year-old boy who lives in Tualatin. He has a "trachea" so his medical assistant will go on outings with his mentor. He is very funny and has a great sense of

### Children in IMMEDIATE NEED of Mentors!



**Amy** is a teenage girl who lives in Corvallis, but will soon be moving. Amy lives in a group home and really needs some extra support. Amy likes to play games and is a "girly-girl," but loves sports, especially basketball. She is a fan of horses, shopping, and is very compassionate. She is diabetic and would love to have someone that understands her disease.

**Jason** is a 13-year-old boy whose favorite sports team is the Ducks and would really like to go to a Duck game. He likes to play games and sports. Jason's favorite food is pizza, and he hates seafood. If he had a free day, he'd like to spend it at Autzen Stadium. He spends his summer vacations hanging out with friends. He works very hard at playing football. De'Anthony Thomas is his hero and when Jason grows up he wants to be a football player. He likes to talk about anything, but especially football. His favorite indoor games are "Pathfinder" and pool. Jason could use a mentor who is outgoing and will be comfortable with Jason's reserved personality.

**Charlie** is a fourth grade boy who lives in Dexter. He is artistic and smart. Charlie likes to build things, and he collects rocks. Charlie enjoys playing outdoors, animals, and would like to be a craftsman. He draws impeccably. Charlie is very smart, and is protective of his siblings, even though he is not the oldest. Charlie is very intelligent, funny, and independent, but could use a positive male role model. Charlie would like a male mentor.

**Hazel** is a 10-year-old girl who lives in the Eugene/Springfield area. She is a tomboy who likes wrestling and climbing trees. Hazel is very funny and loves her cats. She likes cooking, especially cookies. Hazel has four sisters, and she is the youngest. She would like a female mentor who shares her interests.

**Shelly** is 16 and loves makeup! Shelly 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.

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

**Carl** is a 16-year-old boy who lives in Portland. Carl like cooking, movies, sports and video games. He is a high achiever and is excited about having a mentor. He would like a male mentor.

**Jacob** is 11 and enjoys all sports.

His favorite is basketball. He is a sweet and kind young man. He relates better to African-Americans. He also loves to cook, volunteer and going to church. He has low adaptive skills and is DD eligible. Jacob is a fun kid that needs a solid routine and guidelines; he lives in Portland.

**Mike** is 6 years old, and is a creative, active little guy. He is great at puzzles and likes to paint and color. He also likes to ride his bike and go to the park. At the park his favorite things to do are the swings and slide. Mike's mentor should be a positive male influence, and be able to influence Mike to continue his education throughout his life. Mike lives in Gresham.

**Macy** is a shy 8-year-old girl, but once she warms up she is very talkative. She likes to ask lots of questions. She doesn't like crying. Macy loves to read and really needs someone to spend time with her. She loves to watch movies and to do crafts including drawing, painting and coloring. Macy likes the polar bears at the zoo. Macy wants to be an artist when she grows up, and lives in Gresham.

**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. If Chase could visit any place he would go to the moon.

humor! She can be shy at first, but really opens up once you get to know her. She is also a Justin Bieber fan, and would love to see him in concert one day. Shelly is open to trying new things, and would like a mentor who is interested in the same. She is a big sister, and would appreciate a mentor that she can hang out with.

**Karmen** is in fourth grade, and loves to wear colorful clothes. She enjoys playing outdoors, particularly when it comes to biking, scootering, and playing tennis. She hopes to grow up to be a professional tennis champion. Her favorite game is Monopoly even though it "takes a long time." Karmen's favorite food is sushi. She has 3 younger siblings and would like a mentor who could spend some one-on-one time with her.

**Eddie** is in fourth grade and is a huge Ducks fan! He is very athletic and funny. He enjoys pizza, action movies, and wants to be a football player when he grows up. Eddie lives in Eugene and would like a male mentor who shares his love of sports and is outgoing. Eddie has a number of siblings, and would like a male mentor to spend some one-on-one time with. Eddie is a dare devil; he wants to try zip-lining and skydiving one day! He also is a good brother, and is close with his sisters.

**Alexia** is an artistic 14-year-old. She loves horses and other animals, and would like to work with them when she grows up. She plans on becoming a pitbull rescuer. Alexia's mentor should be someone with patience and understanding. Preferably, her mentor should be someone with experience with teen girls. A positive, guiding female influence would be great for Alexia, especially for support as she matures through adolescence. Alexia is currently staying at a group home in the Corvallis area.

**Kelly** would love to learn how to play the guitar and piano. She is in high school and lives in Cottage Grove. Kelly likes the outdoors, and she would like to go rafting, hiking and play ultimate frisbee. Pole vaulting and running are a few of the sports Kelly participates in. She would like to travel and do missionary work in Spain. Kelly likes to sing, her favorite type of music is Christian. She is very driven, and is eager to begin college. Kelly is looking for a mentor that enjoys longboarding and has experience working as a missionary.

**Laura** lives in Eugene and is a very outgoing young lady.

She enjoys a wide range of games. She plays board games like Apples to Apples and question games. She is into playing racquetball and ballet. Laura wants to learn how to play tennis and gymnastics. Her favorite colors are pink and purple. Her favorite holidays are Christmas and Halloween. She has a ferret, but would like a bunny and parrot. She is most proud of her art and drawings. Her favorite foods are chicken and ham. Some of her favorite movies are Grease and Mean Girls. Laura would benefit greatly from someone who is outgoing and into trying a wide variety of active activities.

**Jace** is 9 years old and loves to skateboard and build with legos! Jace wants to learn skating tricks, he works very hard at skating. One trick Jace can do are hand stands! When he grows up Jace wants to visit countries all over the world. On a free day, Jace would want to visit Africa or China. Chinese food is his favorite. Jace likes to listen to hip-hop, Eminem is his favorite artist. Jace likes to read fiction books and enjoys school when there are parties. Jace lives in the Eugene area, and would prefer a male mentor or a couple.

**Chelsea** is an 8-year-old girl living in Springfield. Chelsea loves recess at school. She is very active and enjoys swimming, biking and some hiking. Cookies are Chelsea's favorite food, she loves using her easy bake oven. When spending time with friends she likes to play jump rope and hop scotch. Chelsea also likes to have her nails done. If

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.

**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.

Chelsea had a free day she would like to go to Disneyland. A movie that Chelsea would like to see is "Wreck it Ralph." If Chelsea had three wishes they would be: live in a castle, be a princess and have a dog. An activity Chelsea would like to learn is how to crochet.

**Grant** is a 10-year-old boy living in Springfield. Grant loves spicy food and Mexican food like Taco Bell. Something that makes Grant laugh are funny movies. Grant spends time with friends by playing board games and computer games. Grant works very hard at his chores; his least favorite chore is doing the dishes. He is most proud of his hair. Batman is his hero. Grant plays a few musical instruments like the trombone, ukulele, recorder and piano. His favorite holidays are his birthday and Thanksgiving. Grant enjoys dancing as well. Soccer and football are some of the sports Grant plays.

**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.

**Samuel** is a 16-year-old boy living in Eugene. He loves the Culinary Arts, he loves making Cream Puffs. When Samuel is older he would like to join the Military and become a Military Chef. Samuel enjoys swimming and boating during the summer time. Samuel loves to read. A few of his favorite books are the Hunger Games series, Aragon and the Hobbit. Samuel likes to play video games, his favorite indoor game is Pathfinder. Thanksgiving is Samuel's favorite holiday because of the food, he especially enjoys the stuffing. Samuel likes Pink Floyd and would like to learn to play the guitar. Family Guy, South Park and American Dad are a few of Samuel's favorite TV shows. Samuel was excited when the Ravens won the Super bowl this past month, they are his favorite football team. His favorite college football team is the Oregon Ducks. Samuel would like a mentor that is kind and can help him with his homework.

**Tyler** is a 13-year-old boy living in Creswell. He enjoys school, specifically Algebra. Tyler loves his Mom's broccoli and rice casserole. He does not have a least favorite food, he likes everything! Tyler would like to visit China one day, he would also like to visit Disneyland/Disneyworld. Boise State is Tyler's favorite football team, he likes playing them on his video games. Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith is his favorite movie. Tyler likes Christmas because of the presents. Spiderman is Tyler's hero, he also likes sharks. In his free time or vacations away from school, video games are Tyler's favorite activity. Tyler would like a mentor that enjoys video games, will take him to movies and lunch, enjoys football and Star Wars.

**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. 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' 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.

## 5 Reasons Why Men Should Be Mentors



1. Mentoring is fun! Hanging out with a child means playing games, sports, and tons of action-packed fun!
2. Mentoring is meaningful! Being an adult role model for a child can make a huge difference in that child's life.
3. Mentoring is easy! Through A Family For Every Child's Mentor Program, kids spend 10 hours a month with their mentor doing their favorite activities, like biking, swimming, enjoying a football game, movies, and more! Mentors just need to be a consistent friend for their mentee, and fill out a monthly activity report which is only 5 - 7 questions.

4. Mentoring is admirable! Mentors help their mentees, themselves, and their communities by being good resources for their mentees.

5. Mentoring is helpful! Statistics show that boys who have male mentors are more likely to stay in school, less likely to try drugs or alcohol, and more likely to be a successful adult.

## Upcoming Mentor Orientation

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or learning more about our mentor program, join us for our Mentor Orientation on March 27th from 5:30PM until 7:30PM!

The orientation is at A Family For Every Child's offices, 1675 W. 11th Ave., Eugene OR 97402.

Space is limited, so RSVP to our volunteer coordinator, Lindsey Gross:

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## Community Involvement

Are you a part of a club, business, group, or faith-based organization that would be interested in learning more about our mentor program? Do your friends or family members want to give back to the community through mentorship?

We would be happy to make a presentation to your group about our mentor programs, and what it takes to be a mentor!

To schedule a brief presentation, please email our volunteer coordinator, Lindsey Gross, at [lindseygross@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:lindseygross@afamilyforeverychild.org)

## AFFEC Annoucement

A Family For Every Child is pleased to announce that we have partnered with the Portland-based agency, Christian Family Adoptions (CFA), in order to offer more support to our mentors as well as recruit more mentors in the Portland area.

Rachel is a 8-year-old girl living in Eugene. Rachel loves to swim. Her favorite colors are purple, yellow, red and green. When Rachel grows up she would like to be a police officer and a model. Rachel likes to eat at Hometown Buffet, McDonalds, Taco Bell and Burger King. Hop scotch is one of her favorite activities. Rachel likes to watch Disney Channel movies and enjoys playing on trampolines. Rachel is currently taking gymnastic and cheer lessons. Rachel would like to play soccer and basketball. Eventually Rachel would like her own room so she can write songs, she enjoys dancing. Rachel is most proud of her math, reading, people and animal skills. Rachel would like a mentor that is into "girly" activities.

\*All names have been changed

## Princess for a Day 2013 was a Huge Success!



350 little and big girls became Princesses this past Sunday, March 3rd, at Valley River Inn.

Thank-you to all those that gave dresses, tiaras, jewelry, shoes, make up, tea party food and much more. This event and magical day is truly a reflection of a huge nationwide community of support for the children in our community.

Donations poured in from everywhere! From Eugene to New York, it seems every one loves a princess! And everyone wants to make girls feel special and loved.

Some special moments (far too many to list here) include a dad in a tuxedo, a dad with a princess pink sash he wore proudly, a couple that sponsored 6 little girls and then came to watch their transformation. Many, many dedicated volunteers painted nails, did makeup & hair. Finding dresses, shoes, accessories, taking professional pictures and making wonderful tea party food made it such a special day.

We are very grateful for all your support on this collective effort! Thank-you!

A Family For Every Child will continue to oversee children referred to their mentor program and support those matches. Through partnering with CFA, A Family For Every Child will be able to help match children in the Portland area with stable, supportive adults in a more timely manner.

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