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Child Success Story: Nevaeh

Many times we are asked, "how can you do what you do?" Usually this means work long hours or with such sad stories. What we would like all of you to know is how blessed we feel to be in this job. We get to do something that makes a difference!

It is only a "sad story" when you can't find, or won't look for a happy ending. What we do at AFFEC everyday is fight for that happy ending. A family united, and a child finding their forever home.

We want to share with you a recent happy ending that came true for one little girl.

Nevaeh, a special-needs child, would typically be deemed a difficult case to find a match. However, after one targeted email (an email we send out to all our families that might be a potential match for a child), we were overwhelmed by the response and love of many waiting families for this young girl.

One email that took one volunteer *less than one hour* to create, found Nevaeh a home. We are thankful for everyone that believes in, and makes these happy endings come true.

Here is a video put together of this wonderful child by her new mom. To read her whole story, see further below.

Sincerely,
AFFEC



Verity Blessing

Nevaeh's Original Biography - November 1st, 2011

Nevaeh

Age 10

Nevaeh is a delightful young girl, who loves to laugh and smile. She enjoys being around family and friends. She also enjoys music and switch toys.



Nevaeh is a beautiful, vibrant 10-year-old girl who brings joy to everyone she meets. When Nevaeh initially entered care she lived with relatives. She currently lives with her great grandmother who is not able to be a long term caretaker due to her own health issues. It will be important for Nevaeh to stay connected to relatives and siblings. Nevaeh has supervised visits with her half-siblings and biological mother at her home...

Here is the Message We Received After Her Placement

Hi Christy,

I just wanted to let you know that our sweet Nevaeh moved in with us today! Unfortunately, the plan to have a gradual transition had to be changed and she needed to be moved immediately, but she is very happy and smiley so far today and seems to be taking it in stride! She is such a sweetheart!

She and I held hands for the whole three hour drive home, and pretty soon I was getting those wonderful big smiles I had heard about! We feel so blessed to have her here, and I wanted to thank you for the part you played in bringing her to our attention.

Our bio kids are already so in love with her, and totally seem to accept her just as she is. And they think her wheelchair is awesome! :) Once they asked some questions and understood what she can and cannot do, what she needs, etc., they were fine with it. By the time she arrived today, they were so excited! So we've had a great first day with our little cupcake and I want to thank you again!

Nevaeh's New Family

The Happy Ending!

Hi Christy,

I just want to send a quick note to let you know that we finalized Nevaeh's adoption this morning! She is now Verity Blessing. (She still goes by the same nickname, Vea, that she has had for many years.) Eighteen months ago you helped to connect us with this beautiful little girl, and today we are feeling so incredibly blessed to be able to call her our forever daughter. Thank you for all that you do for waiting children and families.

Nevaeh's Mom

It is official!

This morning we finalized the adoption of our beautiful daughter, Verity Blessing! We are so very blessed to love this little girl.



Yes, Verity Blessing is sound asleep in this picture. The sweet girl had to wake up at 5am this morning to get her breakfast and get ready for her adoption ceremony. She stayed awake through the official stuff, then started really yawning and getting droopy eyelids. By the time I got the kids gathered around for the group shot, she was out like a light. But when we were getting ready to head into the courthouse this morning, she was all smiles.



The kids' reactions after the judge signed the papers:

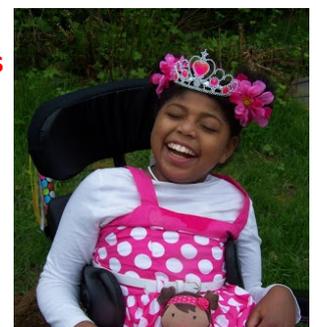
That's it? Is it already over? Did we adopt her?

She's really ours? She's my sister forever now? Yay!

When's the party?

Verity's reaction to never again being a foster child:

For the last eighteen months I've loved this kiddo and fallen more in love with her everyday. I've been humbled and amazed by her. I've learned so much from her. Today I can promise her that I will be her mom forever!





Hero for a Day: First Ever Boys Event!

Based off our very popular girls event "Princess for a Day", will be our first-ever boys event.

Coming next spring will be the "Hero for a Day" event! It is about time foster boys have an

event all to themselves! Partnering with a few great Foster Parents and O-Heroes, it will surely be something every boy in town will NOT want to miss.



How can you get involved now?

The Hero for a Day committee is doing a fundraiser in order to make this event possible and we need your help! We are hosting a firework stand in the Walmart parking lot on West 11th. We need volunteers and we need your support! Not only can you make all your Fourth of July purchases here but you can purchase a pre-sale ticket! This pre-sale ticket comes in 20 dollar increments and if you purchase 40 dollars or more you will receive a 10 dollar off coupon that is only redeemable at the West 11th Walmart.

AFFEC Summer Event: July 13th, 6pm-9pm

We are improving the lives of foster children nation wide and purchasing a ticket will ensure that we are able to carry out our mission, finding a loving, forever family for every waiting foster child. Your ticket will include:



- Your choice of Pulled Pork or Tri-tip Sandwiches
- A savory side
- One glass of wine provided by Sweet Cheeks Winery
- Night of music and dancing

Thank you to our very generous sponsors!
We could not do it without you!

Hole in the Wall BBQ is teaming up with Oregon Natural Meat Co. to provide a delicious home cooked meal.

Agrarian Ales and Hop Valley brewing have graciously provided us with beer that will be available for free until supplies run out.

Music will be provided by Country Singer, Amy Clawson.

Help us find a home for thousands of waiting foster children.

[Buy a ticket now!](#)

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