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A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



"A Mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself"

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A Family For Every Child's (AFFEC) Mentor Program is expanding its reach by connecting with children's schools in order to help them perform better academically and remain on track to graduate. With support from the Oregon Community Foundation, AFFEC has brought on a new staff member who is in charge of conducting school-based community outreach, connecting with children's school counselors, and supporting our mentors in their mentee's academic life.

This will allow AFFEC to help children and teens see greater academic success, and feel more supported by caring adults in their lives. Currently a little more than half of foster youth obtain a high school diploma due to difficulties when transitioning from home to home, and mentors have the potential to ease those transitions with schools and other institutions. Thanks to the Oregon Community Foundation, AFFEC will now be supporting mentors and youth to help ensure children not only receive their diploma, but exceed academic expectations.

In addition to providing more academic support, AFFEC is launching a Mentor Assisted Life Skills Program which will pair mentors with youth to help develop their life skills. Mentors and mentees will be offered a curriculum that includes information on how to handle one's finances, healthcare, cooking, and more. This program will better prepare children who are at risk of "aging out" of foster care for living on their own. These classes, in conjunction with the mentors' support, will aid in the success of each child becoming a self sufficient adult!

If you are interested in volunteering for our Mentor Assisted Life Skills or educational outreach programs, please email the Permanency Director, Caitlin Baird at caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org.

Mentor Lane Campaign

A Family For Every Child and Sponsors Inc. have recently partnered to launch the Mentor Lane Campaign, a coalition of mentoring programs in Lane County! The goal of the Mentor Lane Campaign is to enhance

mentoring in the community by allowing local mentoring programs to combine volunteer recruitment efforts and share resources.

If you are a part of a mentoring program in Lane County and are interested in learning more about joining the campaign, please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MentorLaneCampaign or email Caitlin Baird at A Family For Every Child, caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org, or Jen Jackson, jenjackson@sponsorsinc.org.

If you are a business owner or your place of work would be interested in donating to or supporting the campaign, please contact Caitlin Baird at caitlin@afamilyforeverychild.org or jenjackson@sponsorsinc.org.

Princess for a Day 2014



Sunday, March 2nd
10am-5pm
At the Valley River Inn
\$50 for non-foster girls

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Admission free for foster girls

We need LOTS of donations to make this event a success!

Each year we are in need of donations of the following items for the princess event: Please keep in mind our princesses are ages 2-18

We are looking for donations of the following items

- Princess Dresses, gently used Holiday dresses, prom dresses
- Slippers, fancy shoes of all sizes
- Tiara's
- Boa's
- Lip Gloss
- Glitter Dust
- Glitter Hair Spray
- Combs
- Nail Polish
- Rings, earrings, and necklaces
- purses
- Anything and Everything Princess

Feel free to visit our online [Wish List](#) for the list of items we need!

Contact for more information:

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Children in Need of Mentors

Sabrina, Age 15

Sabrina is a 15-year-old girl living in Linn County who will eventually be moving to Colombia County. Sabby is a good student; she gets good grades and doesn't need help with her homework. Sabby doesn't participate in sports because of her asthma, but she likes choir and anything artsy. She enjoys writing, poetry, painting, and pencil drawing. She likes to paint and draw cityscapes, trees, flowers and anime. Sabby also loves to go to art fairs and shopping at malls with stores like Spencer's or Hot Topic. Sabby's favorite food is curry, but not spicy curry. When it comes to music, she likes alternative and pop. She enjoys listening to 3 Days Grace, Avenged Sevenfold, and Evanescence. But no country!

Her favorite movie genres are horror (Silent Hill) and comedy (Baby Mama). Cheesy jokes make her laugh. On a rainy day, Sabby likes to play video games; particularly Left 4 Dead. She also likes to sing and dance. Sabby loves animals. She has had dogs, cats, and ferrets. Sabby describes herself as silly, weird, and outgoing. She is proud of her wisdom. Sabby would like her mentor to have a sense of humor, to be understanding of what she's going through, and to love shopping!

Andrew, Age 8

Andrew is a very fun 8-year-old boy living in Hillsboro, OR. Andrew likes swinging at the park and playing volleyball. His favorite sport is football and he roots for the Beavs! Andrew doesn't really like homework but his favorite parts of school are lunch and recess. He likes playing monopoly; his favorite playing piece is the horse. Andrew's animal of choice is the porcupine. He also likes Batman. Andrew's favorite food is burritos and his favorite movie is Despicable Me 2. He'd like to visit Disneyland someday. When it comes to literature, Andrew likes the "Lost Hero" book.

When he grows up, Andrew wants to be a soldier. Andrew wants to try skateboarding and also enjoys going to the lake. Andrew and his brother are very excited to be getting their own mentors who can take them on outings individually. He would like a male mentor who he can go swimming and to the park with.

David, Age 14

David is a laid back young man that lives in the Portland area and recently turned 14. He enjoys action and spy movies. He is interested in learning how to play video games. David likes to run track and wants to play basketball more often. His favorite indoor activity is chess. He prefers home cooked meals to eating out. David isn't too into reading, but he does enjoy reading manga such as Full Metal Alchemist. If he could do anything for a day, it would be something that involves animals; his favorite animal is the otter. He wants one as a pet! If David had one wish, it would be to own a zoo. He also has two bulldogs. When he grows up, David wants to be either a scientist or a writer. A mentor who could work on math with David would be very helpful to him.

Tristan, Age 17

Tristan is a sweet 17-year-old boy living in Tualatin, OR. He is a junior in high school and enjoys school life. Tristan enjoys going different places

for fun, including the movies, the park, Critter Cabana, and Albertson's for some doughnuts! He also likes to visit and feed the horses and go fishing and camping. Tristan would like to go to a football or baseball game. He wants to go to the Special Olympics as well. Tristan's favorite movies are Mrs. Doubtfire and Home Alone, and his favorite genre is comedy. He likes to play board games, though he has some trouble with fine motor skills.

On the weekend, Tristan usually likes to do crafts, paint, and watch some TV. He also likes to play Mario Bros. and various Wii Sports on the Wii. When it comes to music, he prefers country and Taylor Swift.

Tristan's favorite food is soda and he likes to eat Papa Murphy's pizza and Taco Bell. If he had three wishes, Tristan would wish for candy, a baseball game to play and to go to McDonald's.

Tristan is in a wheelchair and needs a mentor who can accommodate his disabilities. Options are available to help with transportation. Tristan is a very polite young man and would love a mentor who is pleasant, kind, and who is able to talk to him on a teenage level. He would also like a mentor who can take him out in the community to do things.

Ambrosia, Age 16

Ambrosia is a very intelligent 16-year-old girl living in Elmira. Ambrosia's favorite subject in school is English and she loves to write stories. She likes reading, drawing, brain puzzles and journalism, though she says she finds it hard to stay unopinionated all the time. This girl is a real intellectual! She also enjoys reading novels by Jodi Picoult, mysteries, and the Hunger Games series. She likes the movies The Hangover, Rainman, Forrest Gump and 80s movies. Ambrosia has a strong desire to travel. If she had a free day to go anywhere, she would go to Germany- she took German in middle school.

Two things that Ambrosia really works hard at are school projects and her writing. When she grows up, Ambrosia wants to be a police officer- it would help her "step out of her box". She would like to do it because of the writing and to help children in removals. Ambrosia also wants to learn how to craft things- she is someone who learns through repetition. Ambrosia would like it if her mentor could help her with geometry. She doesn't like large crowds and is quiet at times, but if you ask her questions she can really tell you a lot. She would like a younger mentor who is good at starting conversations.

Sean, Age 8

Sean is an active and fun 8-year-old living in Hillsboro, OR. He absolutely loves soccer, and would like a mentor that also likes soccer. His favorite team is America. Sean enjoys playing outside, swimming, and playing video games on the Wii such as Wipeout. He is also open to trying new sports and other activities. Sean likes rock music and the artist LMFAO. His favorite restaurant is IHOP- he loves bacon. Sean's favorite foods are ravioli, fruit, and cucumbers. His favorite holiday is Christmas. When he grows up, Sean wants to be a police officer. Sean would benefit greatly from a mentor who is fun but can also help him focus on his homework.

Bradly, Age 11

Bradly is an 11-year-old boy that lives in the Portland area. His favorite color is red and he also likes other bright colors. He enjoys playing music on his recorder and the piano. Bradly would like to learn to play the flute and guitar. Some activities that he does with his friends are arts and crafts, play video games, badminton and flying kites. Tennis and bowling are a few more things he enjoys doing with his friends. When at home he likes to play Mario Brothers, Angry Birds and build things with Legos. He would like to learn to play board games, card games, draw and other arts and crafts.

When he gets frustrated he likes to express himself through painting. Bradly enjoys spending the holidays with his family. He also likes stuffed animals. When Bradly grows up, he wants to go to Italy. Bradly would benefit from a mentor who could help him with schoolwork.

Manual, Age 6

Manual is very interested in movies, video games and television. It would be nice for him to be exposed to some other things. He would like to learn how to go horseback riding, and fishing. He'd also like to go to the coast and hiking in the mountains. Manual also wants to learn how to walk dogs and ride a bike. Some indoor activities that he would like to learn are board games like checkers, card games, how to draw and paint, as well as other arts crafts. He also enjoys watching movies, and reading Spongebob. He loves to play soccer and go to Chuck E. Cheese. Manual enjoys coloring and playing with puzzles. His favorite animals are dogs and sheep. Someday he wants to be President.

Blake, Age 14

Blake is a 14-year-old boy in 9th grade who lives in Cottage Grove, OR. He isn't a big reader, but he does read some fantasy. Blake likes trampolines and sometimes hiking and fishing as outdoor activities. He likes to spend time hanging out with friends, talking, and playing video games. He likes first person shooter video games in particular, including Call of Duty: Ghost. He also has a specific taste in music; he can't stand metal but he enjoys listening to rap, hip-hop and Hollywood Undead. Blake describes himself as stubborn. When he has a problem, he finds that going outside helps. Blake would benefit from a mentor who can help him expand his interests and become more involved in his schoolwork. He is open to new activities!

Gabby, Age 12

Gabby is a bright 12-year-old girl living in Eugene, OR. When outdoors, Gabby likes horseback riding, dressage and cross country. She would like to have a horse but only has a cat. She would like to go camping and try archery. Gabby enjoys playing minecraft, going on her tablet, doing crafts and drawing, hanging out with her friends, and going to movies. She likes the Hunger Games movies and the book "Stormchaser". She also likes to sing.

When it comes to food, Gabby hates vegetables but likes cheese and pepperoni pizza. Gabby enjoys school, particularly science and math. She works hard at her school/homework and is proud of her good grades. Gabby's favorite holidays are Christmas and her birthday. Gabby would like a mentor who would play minecraft and go to skateworld

with her, as well as other fun activities.

Charlie, Age 8

Charlie is a very polite 8-year-old boy living in Hillsboro, OR. Charlie loves sports; he enjoys dodgeball, football, mazes, and his favorite is baseball. Charlie also likes art, coloring, playing cars and chess. He doesn't like movies, though. Charlie's favorite food is yogurt. Charlie likes dogs, though he has two cats, Jax and Daisy. When he grows up, Charlie wants to be a firefighter. Charlie would like a male mentor. He would like to go to the movies and restaurants, among other things of course! Charlie and his brother are very excited to be getting their own mentors who can take them on outings individually.

Trentin, Age 13

Trentin is a 13-year-old middle school student living in Springfield, OR. He really enjoys hunting, fishing, woodshop, and the outdoors. He likes school, but was disappointed when woodshop classes were cancelled in his school district. Trentin is a compassionate kid who like spending time outdoors and being amongst animals. He admires Steve Irwin, and even owns his own snake!

When the weather is bad and he cannot spend time outside, he likes to play with his pet snake, Lizzy. He also likes to spend his time watching old horror movies, which he finds both funny and frightening. Trentin enjoys reading Steven King novels, and expresses himself through drawing. He also likes to watch football games, and his favorite team is the Ducks. Trentin hopes to become a master hunter when he is older, and own a cabin in which he can display his trophies and refine his hunting and fishing skills.

Trentin is bothered by people who do not appreciate what they have and "complain too much." When he becomes upset or irritated, he usually just walks away from the situation and spends some time alone. Trentin would like a male mentor who enjoys the outdoors, and is not afraid of snakes.

Ariana, Age 13

Ariana is a sporty yet girly 13-year-old, 7th grade girl who is living in Eugene, OR. Her favorite subject in school is math. When she grows up, Ariana wants to be a doctor, vet or an animal control officer. Ariana participates in baseball and swimming. She also enjoys hanging out with family, playing board games, playing with barbies or stuffed animals, bowling, going to the park, dancing, and going to roller-skating rinks. Ariana needs a patient, experienced mentor who can guide her through difficult and stressful moments. She would benefit a lot from a mentor who could do physical activities with her to help with stress relief. Ariana can be shy at first, but she's a lot of fun once you get to know her! She would fit great with a mentor who could help her come out of her shell and learn to share her wonderful personality with others. Arianna says that she would like a friendly, funny mentor who she could play games and do physical activities with.

Shae, Age 16

Shae is a 16-year-old girl living in Corvallis, OR. This is a letter written by

her when she found out that she might be getting a mentor.

"My name is Shae. I'm 16. I enjoy riding horses, playing volleyball, swinging at the park, writing poetry and I'm pretty good at dancing. Someday I'd like to publish my poems. Right now I'm writing a book about my past and I hope to publish that as well. I love to dye my hair and do my makeup. I paint my nails, too. I don't like many colors though. My favorite colors are black and red. I like to talk. I enjoy sharing funny stories and just having a great time. I like to go for walks sometimes. I like to go shopping.

My favorite things to buy are clothes and makeup. I'm not very girly. But not a tomboy, either. I've been called emo and I've been called a goth but I don't really know what I am. I can be really silly at times but when I'm depressed I get it bad. I'm really excited about getting a mentor. It would be nice to have someone to hang out with. I don't get to see my family much cause they live far away."

Shae would like to visit the humane society (she loves horses, cats and dogs), the mall, and the park. When she has a problem, laughter always helps. Shae wants to be a nurse when she grows up; she has a desire to help people. She'd also like to go to Costa Rica. Shae would like her mentor to enjoy swinging at the park but to know that she isn't too outdoorsy. She really just wants to hang out.

Jeremy, Age 14

Jeremy is a very intelligent 14-year-old boy who will be transitioning into high school next year. He lives in Springfield, and likes to ride his bike around his neighborhood. Jeremy loves baseball, video games, reading, math, and science. One of Jeremy's favorite activities is going to PK Park to watch Emeralds' games. Jeremy likes going to the beach and fishing, as well as swimming, hiking, and watching Duck games. His favorite kinds of movies include action movies, comedies, and family films. He enjoys the occasional horror movie, but comedies are his favorite. When Jeremy grows up he hopes to join the military and then become a member of the Secret Service. Before doing so, he wants to attend college at either Oregon State University or the University of Oregon. His favorite kinds of music include rock, country, rap, and classical. Jeremy is very active, funny, and smart, and would appreciate a mentor who will spend time with him out in the community and help him through his high school years.

***Names have been changed to protect identities**

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