

## A Family For Every Child



# 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 November 21, 2016

Hero for a Day is a special event that takes place each February that allows foster children to be transformed into a super heros for one special day. Hero for a day is for children ages 2 - 18 and is filled with tons of activities designed to create, not only an educational and fun experience for local children, but to raise awareness about the foster care system.

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

Hero for a Day started as an idea after years of hosting Princess for a Day. We felt the need to do something special for boys to participate in.

Stay Tuned For More Details!!

### Baby ACE: The Adoption Miracle

A social worker, named Danny, was in New York on a hot summer day in August, traveling to meet his partner Peter, when Danny found what he thought to be a lost toy from a distance.

He walked over to inspect it, for he felt empathy for the child who must have lost it, and discovered that it was a baby wrapped up in a blank, and left alone.

Danny contacted the authorities, and then Peter, who arrived along with an ambulance who took the baby immediately for care and Danny, Peter and the authorities went their separate ways.

But Danny was convinced that this no event that he could just let go of or forget and Peter agreed.

The next day they went to the hospital to check on the baby when the nurse insisted they could not see Ace, who got the name due to Danny finding him at the station of which trains A,C, and E stop.

A woman came to pick up the baby a few days later to which later found out that the courts had false information and that the biological mother had no interest in keeping her baby so the courts contacted Danny.

Danny immediately jumped at the chance of adopting as he felt it was meant to be; and him



## Did You Know We Accept Community Mentor Referrals?

You do not need to have an open DHS case or be a foster care youth to obtain mentoring services.

Single parents, school officials, therapists, and community partners may submit a request to obtain mentoring services. Just complete our user friendly mentor referral form or contact us directly.

Have questions? Please contact our Lane County Mentor Director [Mavis Sanchez](#) by clicking on the link or you can complete a referral form. To learn more about the kids we serve [click here](#).

and Peter had discussed adopting before. The courts allowed the baby (which they renamed Kevin due to sentimental value) go home with Danny and Peter for the holiday weekend.

Upon returning to the courts Danny and Peter knew that this was their baby and after discussing with the courts; all they had to do was wait for it to be finalized.

Miraculously, the paperwork was cleared and finalized the next day and Kevin, Danny, and Peter all were able to go home as one family.

Danny and Peter feel as if this was the best gift they could ever receive for the holidays and would not want it any other way.

Please email [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org) today for more information on how you can learn more about adopting!



The Heart Gallery is a portrait exhibit displayed to raise awareness of the needs of foster children. Foster children waiting and hoping for their own adoptive family to love and protect them.

Professional photographers volunteer to take compelling portraits and these beautifully framed and matted portraits get displayed along with the children's biographies in various venues that will touch your heart.

The mission of the Heart Gallery of America is to facilitate and use the power of photography to capture the individuality and dignity of children living in foster care in order to advocate for their permanency, raise public awareness about their needs, and obtain support to help meet those needs. An integral part of honoring this mission is to provide

## 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](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions.....

Each month this section will address basic

assistance and resources to Heart Gallery chapters nationwide to help them achieve parallel goals for the waiting children they represent.

## Professional Portraits Taken Nationwide

Knowing how important a good photo is to recruitment, AFFEC is now offering to take professional photos for child bulletins. We are committed to a two week turn around time (although caseworker or foster parent schedules may make that difficult). We have developed our Oregon/Washington list of photographers that can, within a week of our call, photograph a child or sibling group. (We are working on a nationwide list of photographers) Within a week of images taken we will email the .jpg images to caseworkers. We then store all images until for further recruitment tools if requested by the caseworker.



Can you help Heart Gallery Displays?  
[Click Here to Donate \\$75.00](#)  
to Sponsor a Frame!!

A Family For Every Child is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your entire donation is tax deductible.

questions regarding the adoption process, adoption agencies, and adoptive families.

## Asking the Questions

Today in the United States, 423,000 children are living in foster care waiting for their forever families. Approximately 115,000 of these children are ready to be adopted. Unfortunately, 40% of these children will wait for over three years in foster care before finding a permanent home. Could you be a forever home for a child who is waiting?

## Who Are The Children In Foster Care?

Many children are in foster care because they have been removed from their families due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Children live temporarily with extended family, a foster family, or a group home while social workers may try and help the birth family. If the birth families problems can not be resolved, the agency that has custody of the child goes to court to legally terminate parental rights.

At this point, social workers try to find a safe and loving family adoptive family for the child. Virtually every race, ethnic group, and socio-economic category is represented. Some children are waiting alone while others are with their siblings..

All these questions and many more can be found on our website. Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency Program Director by email  
at [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org)

- See more [on our Website](#)

## PLAY KIM'S GAME

As a family game that tests everyone's powers of

# Volunteer NOW!

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](#).

**No Contribution is too small!!**

observation and memory this game can't be beat!! The game comes from the novel *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling about nineteen century spies in India. In it, the hero, Kim first acquires his skill as a secret agent by playing this game. For anyone in the family who thinks they might like to be a secret agent, this game is an ideal way to start their training!!

## Now You See It - Now You Don't

While the other members of the family are in another room, collect between 20 and 30 different objects and place them on a tray or table and cover it with a cloth.

The rest of the family then gathers around the covered tray or table.

Next remove the cloth and let them study the things you have laid out for 30 seconds.

Then replace the cloth, hiding all the objects.

Everyone is given a piece of paper and pencil to try and list as many of the objects as they can remember.

Give one point for each object they remembered, but a point is deducted for anything listed that isn't actually there.

The player with the most points wins.