

December Newsletter



A Family For Every Child

Family Finding

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family.
Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."



A Family For Every Child's Family Finding program finds and engages relatives and kith connections of children who are in the child welfare system or at risk of entering foster care. This is a community-based program which serves the goal of the federal and state mandate of strengthening, preserving, and reunifying families. It also assists the state of Oregon in implementing different response methods for both front end and back end cases.

Core Beliefs of the National Family Finding Model:

- Every child has a family.
- Loneliness can be devastating, and particularly felt by foster children.
- Meaningful connections to family help children develop a sense of belonging.
- The single most identified factor contributing to positive outcomes for children involves meaningful connections and lifelong relationships with family.



~SUCCESS STORY~

Elijah, FL

Elijah's courageous journey took him through 7 years of foster care where he risked aging out without a forever family. Through our Family Finding program we were able to relocate biological family members who had lost track of Elijah, but who in fact were also longing to reconnect! As relationships were built, Elijah did in fact "age out". But, with a happy ending.

A recent follow-up confirmed that Elijah has rekindled a healthy relationship with his biological grandmother, whom he currently resides with.

If you're someone who always happens to lose the tape and scissors at the most important time while you're wrapping gifts, we have a solution for you!

Tell your friends, families and people you know to come down to the Fifth Street Public Market, shop local and have their gifts 'professionally' wrapped for a good cause! The more, the merrier! >From 3:00pm - 7:00pm the wonderful Fifth Street Market will be hosting a few local radio celebs to wrap gifts in lieu of donations for charities in our community. The two charities that will receive all of the proceeds from this event will be A Family for Every Child and the Greenhill Humane Society.

We hope to see you there!



**HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING
by CHINO AND AMANDA**

**PUBLIC
FIFTH STREET
MARKET**

Donations benefiting

A Family for Every Child

**Greenhill
Humane Society**

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