

# A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



*"Adoption is not about finding children for families, it's about finding families for children"*

A Family For Every Child & The Heart Gallery  
would like to invite you to join us for our

## A Home for the Holidays

Winter Wonderland Social & Boutique Auction

Remembering Michael

Please plan to join us for our 7th Annual  
Home For The Holidays Gala and Auction.

Mark your calendars to join us at  
Valley River Inn  
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
November 10, 2016

A Family For Every Child would like to take this opportunity to invite you to partner with us to support this worthwhile event benefiting foster children in search of their forever family.

Individual tickets are \$75.00 dollars and include a delicious meal and fine wine!! In addition to dinner there will be a silent auction with exceptional packages

## You Can Make a Difference



A Family For Every child is comprised of ten innovative and highly successful programs all focused on finding forever homes for children in foster care. Just six years ago it all started as a single "Heart Gallery" in Eugene's 5th Street Public Market, where portraits of foster children were displayed in hopes that potential parents would notice them and want to learn more.

In that first year, enough venues were added that over 60 children found their way to forever homes through those galleries. Now, a mere six years later, AFFEC coordinates more than 50 galleries around Lane County, and 80 percent of the children featured in those galleries find permanent homes.

for everyone in the family, an outstanding oral auction, a raffle with a 'mystery' box valued at \$250.00 dollars, and even a wine wall!!

2016 is an important year in the life of our organization as we celebrate 10 years of serving foster children locally and nationally. This past decade, with your help, we have been able to place over 5,000 children, 1,500 sibling groups, 1,600 minority children, and 400 hundred teenagers. Together we have accomplished so much and we are looking forward to even more in the next 10 years.



Space is filling up fast, so don't forget to register [HERE!!](#)

### *Adoption Home Study Fee Assistance*

We are currently recruiting for families in Deschutes County who are interested in adoption but have felt like the cost of the home study was preventing you from moving forward. We have received a grant for Deschutes County from the Crevier Family Foundation to assist families in Deschutes County with the cost of their home study fees, if financially qualified.

If you are interested in adoption and live in Deschutes County, please complete the inquiry form [found here](#) as completely as possible.

We will get in touch with you and see if you qualify for this amazing **Limited Time** grant opportunity.

Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency

As anyone in the organization will attest, the principle driving the Heart Galleries is simple and compelling: every child is an adoptable child, and for every child there's a family who wants her or him; the challenge is simply to make connections happen between waiting children and waiting parents.

But there's no mistaking that the challenge is a big one. Currently, more than 130,000 children are waiting for permanent homes in the United States. Most of them are school-aged or older; many are brothers and sisters who want to stay together; more than 60 percent come from minority cultures; many have emotional, physical, or mental challenges. While conventional wisdom is that these characteristics make a child harder to adopt, AFFEC recognizes that there are families who are eager to provide the love and security of a forever home for every one of them.

The families just need to find the children. And this is exactly the purpose of the Heart Gallery. In malls, grocery stores, dentists' offices, and a variety of other venues around the state, stunning professional portraits of waiting foster children catch the public's eye. The portraits, along with the brief biographies that accompany each one, are carefully crafted to capture the children's unique personalities.

The primary goal is to connect children with families, but as the most visible part of AFFEC's organization, they also help raise awareness of children in foster care. "We get a lot of response from heart galleries," explains Heather Smith, a current AFFEC staff member who directed the Heart Gallery until recently. "Not just for adoptions, but from people interested in ways of helping. They can't help but stop and look at pictures of these gorgeous kids, and can't help but be moved by them."

Program Director by email at [kim@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:kim@afamilyforeverychild.org) for any additional questions

### 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](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**

Have you been considering adoption but would like more information first?

Do you live in the Portland Metro area?

If the answer to these questions are yes, then plan on joining A Family For Every Child for an informal question and answer session.

**When:** September 26, 2016 at 6 pm

**Where:** Colossae Church  
12244 SW Garden Place  
Tigard, Oregon 97223

Please RSVP by emailing our [Adoption Director](#)

So in this way, the Heart Gallery not only started it all for AFFEC, but fueled its growth into ten highly successful programs. "For a lot of people, the Heart Galleries are their first introduction to AFFEC," explains Joanne Wirtala. "We get a lot of calls from people who see these pictures and just want to help."

The volunteer base and community support behind AFFEC is vast. The Heart Gallery itself is only possible through the donations of time and talent from those in the community. Portraits are taken by volunteer professional photographers; community businesses and organizations donate the space to display the portraits; volunteers do the work of maintaining each venue by switching out the portraits and even building and repairing the easels.

The Heart Gallery is where it all began for AFFEC, and it continues to be the most visible and recognizable piece of AFFEC's rapidly growing programs. Whether it's a family looking for a child to adopt, a community member looking for volunteer opportunities, or a caring adult who might see an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, "these pictures lead people straight to AFFEC," says Joanne. "And we get so many phone calls from people who see the pictures and want those children."

In some ways, the growth is gratifying. It's a measure of how effective AFFEC's various programs are in helping the kids who need help so badly. "But in a dream world," Heather says, "we wouldn't be here. There wouldn't be a need for us. But we keep growing, as the need for foster care grows and grows."

If you would like more information on adoption Please email

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

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