



*[“THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.”
~ GANDHI]*

Hello Everyone!!!

Things here at AFFEC have been very busy since we last published our monthly volunteer newsletter and we want you all to know how much we appreciate the time you give to our organization. With your help we continue to successfully find Forever Home's for the thousands of children in the foster system.

With June quickly approaching we are preparing to say goodbye to our student volunteers for the summer. We value all that our student volunteers do for us and are always so sad to see them leave at the end of every term. What this means is we will soon have more volunteer and internship positions available. You can find job descriptions below that we are continually needing to fill.

Programs are continually expanding, growing and developing so there is definitely something for everyone. While many of our programs are administrative in nature, we do have some that offer more interaction with children and families.

For more information on any of our programs or volunteer opportunities both in our offices or from home, feel free to contact me at:

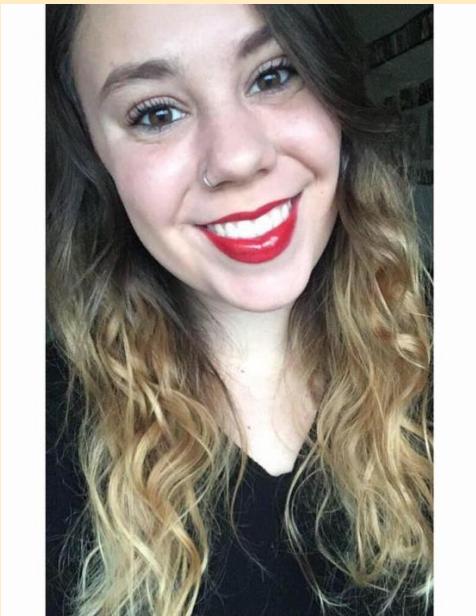
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Thank you for your continued support. Our volunteers mean so much to all we do!

Gratefully,

Kelli Smith

Volunteer of the Month



Ashley Wilson

Hello! My name is Ashley Wilson, I am a Junior in the family human services major at the University of Oregon and hope to be a social worker in the future. I have loved my time here at A Family for Every Child and look forward to returning after the summer in the fall. Next year I am excited to take on new challenges at this internship as a adoption worker intern.

Monthly Feature Article

An article as published on Forbes.com by Mark Horoszowski

5 Surprising benefits of Volunteering

The *power of volunteering* has been documented for the last 2,500+

years, however a slew of recent research is shedding even more light onto its surprising benefits. Science now proves what great leaders and philosophers have known for years:

"One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served." - Gordon Hinckle

Here are five surprising benefits of volunteering:

1. Volunteering time makes you feel like you have more time.

Wharton professor Cassie Mogilner wrote in the Harvard Business Review that her research found those who volunteer their time feel like they have more of it. This is similar to other research showing that people who *donate to charity* feel wealthier.

Said Mogliner: "The results show that giving your time to others can make you feel more 'time affluent' and less time-constrained than wasting your time, spending it on yourself, or even getting a windfall of free time."

2. Volunteering your skills helps you develop new skills.

In my experience, skills-based volunteering is an excellent opportunity to develop talents to help you get ahead in your career. In fact, an article in Stanford Social Innovation Review called skills-based volunteering overseas "the next executive training ground."

At MovingWorlds, we've found that skills development in technical and leadership-related areas is the primary reason corporations invest in international skills-based volunteering programs.

3. Volunteering your body helps you have a healthier body.

A Corporation for National & Community Service report noted: "Research demonstrates that volunteering leads to better health ... those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer."

The fact that volunteering has been proven to make you healthier is reason enough to engage in pro bono activities.

4. Volunteering your experience helps build your experience.

We consistently see this with highly skilled professionals like investment bankers and business consultants. Also, volunteering in a new industry will give you knowledge to help you *switch fields*. And if you want to move from the corporate world to the nonprofit sector, volunteering first can help prove your commitment.

Beyond our own research, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Next Avenue* have published articles about how volunteering can help you earn your next job.

As the Journal wrote: "According to the survey of 202 human-resource executives, skilled volunteer work — such as helping a nonprofit with its finances — makes job applicants look more appealing to hiring manager."

5. Volunteering your love makes you feel more love.

Admittedly, love is a hard thing to measure. But when researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness, they found the more people volunteered, the happier they were. Volunteering builds empathy, strengthens social bonds and makes you smile — all factors that *increase the feeling of love*.

To read the full article visit [Forbes.com](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Below you will find a number of volunteer opportunities with our organization. The best way to connect with the program that is the right fit for you is to contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kelli Smith, at info@afamilyforeverychild.org for more information and to schedule an interview.



Child Recruiter:

Child Recruiters work with Child and Family Operations to develop outreach plans to engage casework in other states and recruit more children nationwide. They help make plans for kids coming into the program and identify possible barriers and solutions. Recruiters would need to be well organized, have excellent oral and written skills, and have the ability to make deadlines.



Family Adoption Specialist:

Family Adoption Specialists are responsible for supporting families through the adoption process, being available to help answer questions, and assuring that families are kept informed throughout the process. Volunteers would need to be supportive, empathetic, and well-organized along with being able to work unsupervised and have excellent oral and written skills. This position also requires a high level of professionalism and specific training is provided.



Education Outreach Intern:

Many children in foster care do not receive the academic assistance that they need. Due to the lack of aid and the probability of a higher rate of school transfers, many foster youth struggle to remain academically on track.

With Assistance from the Oregon Community Foundation, our Educational Outreach Program connects mentors to their mentee's school so they may help their mentee if he or she is struggling.

Our Education Outreach Coordinator helps guide the mentor by connecting them to key individuals, meetings regarding their mentee, offering trainings, and more. A high level of oral and written communication as well as computer proficiency and a professional demeanor combined with attention to detail are required for this position.



Family Finding Specialist:

Work within the Family Finding Department involves working closely with Department of Human Services (DHS) caseworkers and the Family Finding Director. Inter/volunteers will perform research and establish contact with positive, safe family members and meaningful people for deserving children in foster care.

A background check is required for this position. While each case is different, the typical case takes approximately three months to complete and approximately 5-10 hours a month in phone calls and research.

This intern/volunteer can be located anywhere nationwide. Local intern/volunteers can expect to do file mining at a DHS location and to attend two meetings; including a family meeting. Family Finding is an intensive relative search model with the goal of achieving permanency and supportive family connections for children in foster care. These interns/volunteers must have attention to detail and a high level of computer and phone proficiency as well as excellent written and oral communication skills.



Mentor Program:

Mentors would need to be enthusiastic, dedicated, and caring adult members of the Eugene community who can positively influence youth in foster care. As a mentor, you would help children develop confidence, independence, and everyday life skills. Mentors also provide friendship, encouragement, and support foster youth through the various transitions in their lives. You must be a stable and positive role model who can commit to at least 10 hours a month to their mentee.



Marketing Intern/Volunteer:

The Marketing Interns work in all areas in our organization. >From targeted email outreach, webinars, fundraising and awareness, to in person and phone contact, and everything in between, there is a lot to do and even more to learn with us. Marketing interns help us to grow, develop plans of action, and conduct important outreach to individuals nationwide. This position requires a high level of computer skills, excellent oral and written communication as well as proficiency with

Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and other forms of media.

TO APPLY, PLEASE FILL OUT OUR VOLUNTEER FORM HERE

AFFEC would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who make our organization and its related programs so successful! It is only with your dedication and hard work that we are able to achieve our goals and continue to grow as we have each and every year!



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