

# A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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

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## October 2014



**A Fun and Safe Halloween Experience for Foster and  
Adopted Children**

**Preparing Foster Children and Newly Adopted Children  
for Halloween Fun**

Halloween is a fun fall holiday, but for kids new to the holiday,

whether foster or adoptive, it can be scary and not in a good Halloween way! What can you do to help prepare new foster children or newly adopted children for Halloween? [Click here for more information!](#)

### **Fall Fun for Foster and Adopted Children**

Slow down and enjoy the fun stuff that fall naturally brings. Fall itself is fun. Think of the things you enjoyed when you were little. Many foster children have not experienced these everyday little pleasures while others may not be able to celebrate Halloween due to religious beliefs. What can you do to bring some fall fun into the lives of new foster children or newly adopted children? [Click here for more information!](#)

### **Managing Halloween Treats for Foster or Adopted Children**

Sometimes Halloween can be a bit much for foster or adopted children who have had limited experience with the spooky holiday, but treats are part of most Halloween party fun. Here are a few ideas on Halloween treats from various About.com Guides. [Click here for more information!](#)

### **Taking the Haunt out of Halloween**

We all know that Halloween can be filled with some frightful stuff, some people thrive on it, some love scaring others, or being spooked themselves. But what happens when our children who've come from some really scary places meet bloody, spooky, skeletons? It doesn't help them. [Click here for more information!](#)



## **Oregon Families Needed!**

Children are waiting! You can help!

Are you thinking about adoption? There are currently over 450,000 children in foster care who are waiting for their forever family. We can help these children! If you are an Oregon family with room in your heart and home, please consider opening both to these

wonderful waiting children. These children are simply looking for someone to love and care for them, to provide them a sense of permanence and security, in essence, a family who will be committed to them forever. These children need a family who will help them with their homework, attend their sporting events, and be there to support them during other major life events like graduations and weddings.

You do not have to be the perfect family to adopt a child. These children will love you just the way you are! [Click here to find out more.](#)

We would love to help your family begin the adoption journey! We work with families all over the state of Oregon. We can set your family up with an informative orientation, complete a Homestudy for your family, and provide support for your family throughout the entire adoption process.

If you are interested in adoption and would like more information please call (541) 343-2856 or email [adoption@afamilyforeverychild.org](mailto:adoption@afamilyforeverychild.org)



### Save The Date!



#### When:

Thursday, November 13th, 2014

5:30pm-9:30pm

**Where:**

**Valley River Inn**

**Eugene, Oregon**

We would like to invite you to join us for our annual event: Home for the Holidays! It will be an evening of delicious food, wine, and exciting events benefiting foster children. This will include an auction, wine wall, dessert dash, and a raffle. Please come and join us for an evening of fun for a great cause!

[Click here for more info!](#)

**Can't attend, but still want to help?**

Everyone can do something to help a foster child!

We have helped over 3,200 children find their forever family nationwide. With your help and support we can continue to help these wonderful children! We are looking for donations of items of value, places to stay in various locations, wine and desserts for our annual event.

Any donation can be mailed to or dropped off at  
1675 West 11th Eugene, Oregon

**You can also contact us with any questions at:**

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**Join our Blog!**

Every week we have great new posts on our Blog! Our Blog features inspiring and eye-opening stories about foster care, adoption, mentoring, and everything else in between. You can sign up for our mailing list below and each week you will receive the latest Blog posts. We will also inform you of ways you can help and fun events

you can attend.

[Grab a cup of coffee and a snack, and click here to begin enjoying all the fun!](#)

## Local Upcoming Events!



**WILLAMALANE'S ALL-NIGHT HALLOWEEN BASH**

**Willamalane Center**  
250 S. 32nd St, Springfield  
Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1  
10 p.m.-6 a.m.

Grades 6-8. Join us for dancing, a costume contest, games and more as we go all out on All Halloween Eve. End the morning with classic Halloween movies (rated up to PG-13). Concessions available all night: \$1 hotdogs and 50-cent drinks. Breakfast will be provided. Cost: \$20 Save \$5 off the price of admission with a Two50 membership card!

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Adoption Connections of Oregon  
Presents  
**Parenting Adopted Children:  
Infancy Through the Teen Years**



13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Everyone Welcome  
Parents, Educators and anyone touched by adoption are welcome!  
Lunch included with pre-registration

**WHAT:**  
Come learn from specialists in childhood development, adult adoptees, and other adoptive parents

**WHERE:**  
Oregon Research Institute  
1776 Millrace Dr., Eugene, OR 97403

**WHEN:**  
November 15, 2014 10AM - 3PM

**SESSIONS:**

- Confronting Fear and Trauma in Adopted Children Through Trust Based Relationships
- Challenges, Rewards, and Strategies in Parenting Adopted Children
- Three Stages of Teen Development, from Identity Formation to Differentiation
- Adult Adoptee Panel
- Adoptive Parent Panel

**Suggested donation:**  
ACO members: \$15  
Non-members: \$25

**Register at:**  
[www.adoptionconnectionsforegon.org](http://www.adoptionconnectionsforegon.org)





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