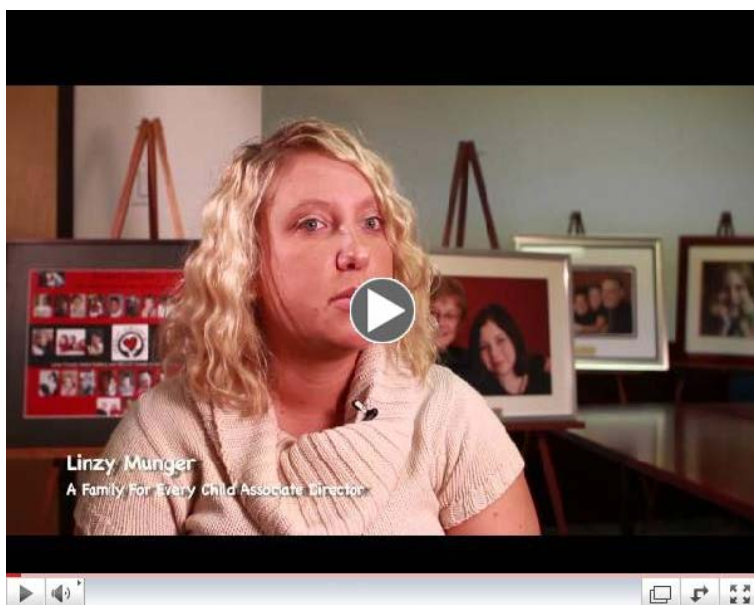




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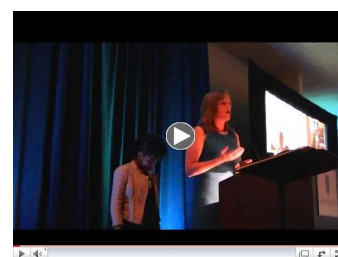


AFFEC Event Video 2014

Giving Thanks...

This is the time of year to be grateful for those we love and for all we have. This is also the time of year your mailbox is filled with appeals for help and donations.

This year A Family For Every Child has decided to send a thank-you letter instead. We have been very blessed this year with support, donations and acts of kindness. We want to give you just one story, and just one reason why you are and have been so important to us.



**AFFEC Dinner 11.13.14
A Success Story**

Together we have: Placed

- 3050 children
- 850 sibling groups
- 1000 minority children
- 520 teenagers

Served

- 800 Children photographed
- 220 map families matched
- 250 mentor matches
- 120 family finding cases
- 60 heart gallery venues

THANK-YOU!

Below are some Efforts/Events and People to be thankful for

With your assistance we can work together to improve matching waiting children with loving families.

YOUR DONATIONS, SUPPORT, GENEROUS VOLUNTEER HOURS AND PRAYERS HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

Last year, we had the honor to represent 3050 children through our many programs. Most of these children are minorities, older, part of a sibling group, and/or are children with physical, psychological or developmental challenges. Due to these factors children with unique needs are often underrepresented by their state social workers or overlooked by families. At A Family For Every Child, we focus on these children's unique qualities to match them with loving, permanent families.

Your support has allowed us to continue increasing the prospect of adoption for every child and limiting their time in foster care. This is a point of great significance.

Last year 400,000 children spent at least one day in foster care in the United States. These children entered foster care after being removed from their homes and placed in the care of unfamiliar adults. A child in foster care does not know what the future holds, when the next unexpected move to another temporary home will be, if their physical and emotional needs will be met, or if a family will find them for adoption.

Our goal is for all children in foster care to have the same attention brought to their simple need for a family.

Foster care by the numbers...

399,548 children currently living in U.S. foster care.

Average age of a child in foster care is **nine**.

Fewer than **10%** of children adopted from foster care are between 14 and 17.

20,000 is the average number of children who age out of the



[AFFEC Princess For A Day Event 2014](#)



[Hero for A Day 2014](#)



[Success Story 2014](#)



Our adoption story began when our 3 bio children were young. Hank and I always knew we wanted to adopt "someday" and started taking the DHS foundations classes even before we were to a place in our lives where we could actually proceed with an

U.S. foster care system each year.

12,000 children are living in the foster care system
just in Oregon!



***A Family For Every Child -How we,
together change the numbers***

Mentor Program 2014

[Check out the latest on our Mentor program](#)



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adoption. We found the classes informative and a good resource for learning about children from "hard places" as well as connecting with other foster/adopt families. In 2004, the time was finally right to move forward with our plan to adopt when an infant relative was born in California and placed straight into foster care. We got to experience 6 months of grueling ICPC protocol before we were finally able to pick her up and bring her home to Oregon. During the time we waited for her and for a couple years after she joined our family, we were foster parents to several children.

Unbeknownst to us, each of these experiences was helping prepare us for an even bigger adoption adventure.....[Read](#)

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**[In Loving Memory of one of our most
dedicated Volunteers](#)**

[Roxane Endress](#)

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Thank-you for your support in 2014, together we have made a difference!



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