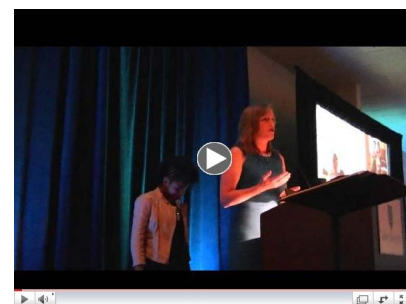




# Thank You!



**Event Video 2014**

# Annual Event 2015

## **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

**Together we have:**  
**Placed**  
5010 children  
1250 sibling groups  
1574 minority children  
1054 teenagers

**Served**  
900 Children photographed  
330 MAP families matched  
290 Mentor matches  
150 Family finding cases  
80 Heart Gallery venues  
**THANK-YOU!**

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

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.

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 4572 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.



**[Hero For A Day 2015](#)**



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



**[Success Story 2015](#)**



**Hi, we are the Pressly family. We (Jacob and Ainslee) started out early in our marriage knowing adoption was the path we wanted**

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 U.S. foster care system each year.

**10,000** children are living in the foster care system *just in Oregon!*

to take to grow our family. We began the process with AFFEC in Dec. 2013. We were fortunate to get to work with a phenomenal caseworker, Michelle Brown, who helped every step of the way. Two days after beginning the home study process we heard about our children from a friend who knew of them. They were not yet free for adoption, however we felt there was a reason things worked out the way they did. Just one week after starting our home study we went out of state to meet our future children. Talk about excited! After meeting the children we were convinced we would do whatever was necessary for our kids. It was a rather quick, but not painless process. Our children had to be cleared to be adopted as there was suspicion that the children may have had to be registered with a Native American Tribe. In just six short months, the children were freed to be adopted. Thanks to the help of Michelle and others at AFFEC, our girls were placed with us in June 2014 and we were able to finalize their adoptions in March 2015. We couldn't have done it without the assistance AFFEC provided us in terms of the support their staff provided so willingly. They really kept the best interests of our family in mind the whole time and we are so grateful to be the parents of such silly, sweet, wonderful children!





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

### **Mentor Program 2015**



**Change the world one child at a time!**

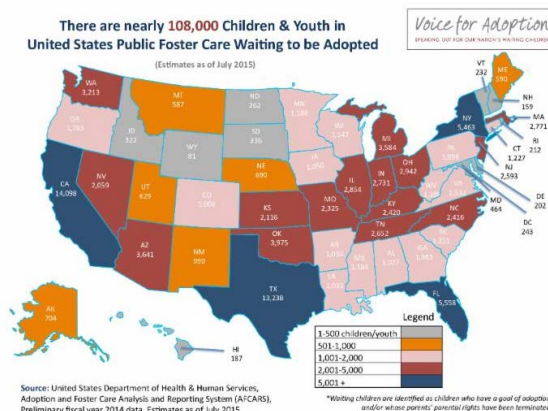
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Thank-you for your support in 2015, together we have made a difference!

