

A Family For Every Child Adoption Agency



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



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We are so honored and blessed by the continued community support we receive. This years event was once again a huge success and this **ONLY** happens because of each of you.

As we celebrate 10 years of serving children in foster care we can 't thank you enough for all the support. We had an incredible year with record attendance. Your generosity is truly appreciated and we extend our heart felt gratitude to each one of you.

You Can Make a Difference



For over two decades, National Adoption Month has been celebrated across the country. Many national; State; local agencies; and foster, kinship care, and adoptive family groups will arrange programs, events, and activities during the month of November to raise awareness for children and youth in foster care who are waiting for permanent families.

How National Adoption Month started and grew to what it is today:

1976: Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis announced an adoption week in his state to promote awareness for the need for adoptive families for children in foster care.

Couldn't make the event but still want to help? Please consider making a donation to help children in foster care find their forever homes. There is no amount too small. If you would like to donate, please email [donations](mailto:donations@afamilyforeverychild.org).

Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do this without each of you.

THANK YOU!!

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.

If you've been thinking about adopting, now is a great time in Deschutes County to get financial assistance with your home study fees.

Also, feel free to contact our Adoption Agency Program Director by email at kim@afamilyforeverychild.org for any additional questions

1984: President Regan proclaimed the first National Adoption Week.

1995: President Clinton expanded Adoption Awareness Week to the month of November.

1998: President Clinton directed the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to expand the internet as a tool to find homes for children waiting to be adopted from foster care.

2008: President Bush provided an explanation of National Adoption Month in Spanish.

National Adoption Month is an initiative of the Children's Bureau with a goal to increase national awareness and bring attention to the need for permanent families for children and youth in the U.S. foster care system.

This year, National Adoption Month focuses on the importance of identifying permanent families for thousands of 15-18 year olds in foster care who are currently less likely to be adopted, often because of their age, and who all too often age out of the system without a stable place to call home. Securing lifelong connections for older youth, legally and emotionally, is a critical component of their future achievement and overall well-being. However, talking with youth about adoption or permanency can sometimes be challenging.

Youth want to be involved in conversations about their future and who they feel connected to, which is reflected in this year's National Adoption Month theme: We Never Outgrow the Need for Family-Just Ask Us. Explore this year's website to find tips and resources to help you begin or reengage conversation with older youth about adoption, why permanency is important, and how to build lifelong supportive relationships that can help them reach their goals.

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](#)

Have YOU Considered Adoption?

At A Family For Every Child we are dedicated to helping bring families and foster children together for loving permanent placement.

As we approach the holidays and we plan to gather with friends and family consider if you can make a difference in the life of a child. Have you thought about adopting? Now is the perfect time to reach out to AFFEC and get started on the adoption process. It is not as difficult, expensive, time consuming, or daunting as you might think.

Over 500,000 children across the United States will spend the holidays in foster care this year. Some of them will be reunited with their families in the coming months, but many are waiting for a family to call their own. If you have every considered adoption, please contact [Kim Esser](#) to find out how easy it is to provide a home for a waiting child.

Did You Know?

More than 100,000 children are waiting in foster care to be adopted?

The average wait to be adopted for children in foster care is **3 years** ?

More than **23,000** children age out of foster care every year with no family or permanent home?

You Can Make A Difference:

4,000 children were adopted by their forever families during last years National Adoption Day.

58,500 children have found their forever homes and moved out of foster care since the inception of national adoption day in 2000.

You don't have to wait for a special day to help a child. Are you considering adoption?

Think you can't afford it or don't have a big enough house, or don't look like the "right" person? Please call and get information on adoption today. It's an easy process and if you have love in your heart for a child, **we can help you give a home to a waiting child in foster care.**

If you would like more information on adoption Please email **kim@afamilyforeverychild.org** today for more information on how you can learn more about adopting!