

Mentor Program Newsletter December, 2016



A Note From The Director:

As the year comes to a close and we take a moment to look back on what an incredible year we have had within the Mentor Program, I wanted to take the time to let you all know that I will be transitioning out of my position as the Mentor Director for A Family For Every Child.

For almost 3 years now, I have helped form friendships and profoundly meaningful relationships between youth and volunteers. It overwhelms me with joy to have helped facilitate so many life changes. I am so incredibly humbled and feel so fortunate to have met so many incredible individuals from our community.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank every single mentor in this program that have allowed me to help them connect with youth that need support. I have thoroughly enjoyed

being in this position and I take away a lot of great memories. After serving 5+ years working in the non-profit sector, it is time for me to make a career change to better myself and my family. I am hopeful that it will be as rewarding as this position has been for me.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to each and every volunteer, intern, family, youth and community partners that have helped this program grow and expand to it's remarkable capability!

You all will be missed dearly!

*Warmest Regards,
Mavis Sanchez*



*“ We make a living by what we get,
we make a life by what we give. ”
— Winston Churchill*



Introducing Our New Mentor Program

Team!



Emma Stahl

After moving from upstate New York, Emma graduated from the University of Oregon in 2015 with a degree in both Ethnic Studies and Sociology. After finishing her degrees, she volunteered at AFFEC before being hired on in April 2016. As the Permanency Director, Emma is able to continuously facilitate connection for foster and at-risk youth, both nationwide and within the Eugene-Springfield area. Being an advocate for youth and finding ways to have their voices heard makes this job an on-going learning opportunity. In her free time Emma enjoys being a member of the Eugene Reign Women's Rugby team and volunteering with Hosea Youth Services.



Liz Riley

Liz Riley comes to AFFEC with a background in the foster care system as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). As a CASA, Liz spent 12 years advocating for and supporting children in the Oregon foster care system. She was a school employee for many years and as such supported children and families. Many years of life experience and travel have given her the desire to be a part of "something good" and this is the reason she thrives here at AFFEC.



Do you know of a child that would truly

benefit from a mentor? A Family For Every Child's Mentor Program is accepting referrals for at risk youth as well as foster care youth within the Lane County and Portland area counties. Our referral is quick and easy. [Click here](#) to refer a youth!

Have questions? [Click here](#) to find out more!



Consider Gifting The Gift of Time This Holiday and Mentor One of These Wonderful Children!

Meet Jeremy!

Jeremy is a charismatic 12 year old that lives within the Portland area. Jeremy hopes to become a mechanical engineer when he grows up. Jeremy loves all food, but his favorite place to eat is Red Robin. Jeremy loves to play sports! He would greatly appreciate a mentor that has the same passion for sports as he does! Jeremy would greatly benefit from a mentor that could be strong male figure in his life and teach him how to become a gentleman. If Jeremy sounds like a great fit for you, please apply to become his mentor today!



Meet Jacob!

Jacob is a sweet and loving 5 year old that lives in Eugene, OR. Jacob loves playing at the park and desires to learn more about how to play sports. Jacob loves cheese pizza! Jacob is in need of a positive and supportive figure in his life that could support his curiosity in sports as well as explore his community. Jacob is restricted in activities due to family factors. If you feel as though you 'd be a great mentor to Jacob, please apply to become his mentor today!



Meet Edward!

Edward is 8 years old and lives in the Portland area. Edward is an active young boy that would like to become a police officer when he grows up. In his spare time he loves to play

any and all sports. His favorite is Soccer! Edward has such an infectious personality. It's hard not to like him! Edward is looking for a mentor that is willing to support his athletic journey as well as help him explore outdoor activities. If you would like to become his mentor, apply to be his mentor today!



The One New Years Resolution You'll want to Keep: Mentor a Child in Need!

THANK YOU
For being a listener, a guide,
a friend, and most importantly,
for being there -- in real life.

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While so many youth in our community are wishing for the latest electronic gadget or an exclusive toy, there are so many youth in our community that are wishing for one special gift- to have a mentor and friend to call their very own. Make your New Years Resolution one that counts and positively impacts a child's life for the better. If you would like to impact your community and future generations,

consider mentoring in the upcoming year. So many children are need of someone to simply show up., motivate and encourage them through all of life's journeys.

*Have questions?
We'd love to answer them for you!*

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All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them.

- Earvin "Magic" Johnson

