

## A Family For Every Child



*“ Giving is not about making a donation. It is about making a difference ” – Cathy Calvin*

At this time of year, we find ourselves reflecting and counting our blessings. This was a special year for A Family For Every Child as we celebrated 10 years of service to children and families throughout the country. In 2006 we started as an all volunteer-based organization with our first program, The Heart Gallery that served Lane County. Since then we have grown to assist in placing over 5,000 children into adoptive homes, bringing together over 250 mentor relationships, and have worked with over 15,000 families nationwide.

We have continued to grow year after year, but much of the credit for this growth goes to our community (both locally and now nationally) and all the wonderful volunteers, donors, and supporters that we have had over this past decade.

Together we have made a difference, together we have changed lives, and together we will continue to do this very important work.

Thank you for being a part of our journey and for your continued support!

**DONATE TODAY!**

## *Because of your support...*

“ My new family has shown me many things and takes me fun places. These people make me joyful and happy. I am thankful to be blessed with my amazing family! ”

*-Kyra, Adopted through AFFEC in 2008*



“ We are blessed with the perfect family thanks to the hard work and dedication to our AFFEC family. ”

*-The Pressley Family*



“ We are so grateful for all the support and guidance from AFFEC. I don ’ t even know how we could get through this without their wonderful support. ”

*-The Hall Family*

“ We are so blessed to have our daughter and so thankful to AFFEC for all their support along the way! ”

*-The Shipley Family*



“ I'm having a blast being a part of this child's life. She is looking to me for advice and trusting me and we are developing a great bond. ”

*-Mentor Testimonial*

## *The Gift of Family Lasts a Lifetime*

As we approach the holidays and the New Year, our thoughts are often drawn to our families and of warm memories of year's past. For many children and youth in foster care, this is a difficult time and their memories are not so warm. Because of the support of community partners like you, we are working to make sure that every child in foster care will find their forever family. Each of our programs work together to support this goal. When you give to A Family For Every Child, you are giving to:

### **Mentoring**

Your gift supports the recruitment and development of mentors. Mentor activities focus on building foster children's confidence and providing a stable, consistent, friendly presence in their often turbulent lives. This relationship helps foster children to develop common life-skills that will enable them to cope with their lives and build confidence. Mentors aid children in their search for permanent families and provide continued support if they eventually "age out" of the foster care system.

### **Family Finding**

Your gift brings families together. The focus of family finding is on reconnecting children with safe, supportive family members in order to help the children in their recovery from emotional trauma. Using Internet search technology, we locate biological family members and friends for children in the system. Once we have identified family members and friends, we work to reestablish and create lasting relationships and/or find a permanent family placement for the child.

### **Family Preservation**

Your gift help keep families together. There are families in our community at risk for child abuse and/or neglect. These families need guidance to move on from the past and into the next chapter of their lives, learning how to make positive changes for themselves and their families. We believe these early and often preventative steps can make the difference between a family successfully parenting their children and losing them to the foster care system. Effective family preservation efforts could keep many children from the trauma of entering foster care.

### **Matching Assistance**

Your gift provides support to families. This program is designed to help adoptive families cope with the often frustrating and seemingly complicated, convoluted adoption process. Through our use of technology we have developed specialized and exclusive web tools. We have found prospective adoptive parents to have more successful outcomes if they are able to be their own advocates as well as being educated and supported along the way.

We know that you have many worthwhile causes to consider for your year-end giving and we are so thankful for your consideration of our organization.

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## *Year-End Giving Update*

Thank you to everyone who has supported our year-end giving campaign! So far we have raised about \$6,500.00! When you donate to AFFEC through December 31st, you double your impact, thanks to a \$5,000 matching funds gift! All donations directly benefit foster and at-risk youth in the community and nationally.



## *10 Years of Helping Children*



### **Placed**

5,000 Children  
1,500 Sibling Groups  
1,625 Minority Children  
400 Teenagers

### **Served**

800 Heart Gallery Photos  
420 Map Families Matched  
250 Mentor Matches  
150 Family Finding Cases  
240 Heroes For A Day  
2,550 Princesses For A Day

*From all of us at A Family For Every Child, thank you!*



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