

# **A Family For Every Child**

#### October 2014

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#### Volunteer Fact of the Month

Adults who began volunteering as youth are twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not volunteer when they were younger.

# **Volunteer of the Month:**



Dean Johnson and his wife Opal own and operate Deans Professional Photography, Inc. From Everett, Washington, Dean and Opal have been actively volunteering with A Family for Every Child since 2010, photographing children. They are dedicated and always willing to help. Dean and Opal opened their business in 1986 and are members of both the Professional Photographers of Washington and the Professional Photographers of America.

#### click here to visit their website!



## **Volunteer Positions**

Below you will find a list of some of our more urgent volunteer needs. For more information on these and many other positions, please visit our website to view all of our opportunities and to complete our <u>Volunteer Application.</u>

## **Interested in Building an App?**



We are looking for a volunteer/intern who can help us make a designated number of our web pages mobile ready! This requires advanced experience with mobile development and programming. Intern/volunteers will work directly with our tech department and learn many new skills and will help build your resume!

#### **Annual Event Volunteers:**



Our Annual Home for the Holidays Event will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014. We have positions ranging in all aspects of this evening. This includes but isn't limited to: Event Coordination, Donation Procurement, Mailing Invitations, Sending Thank-Yous, and Decoration/Set Up to Take Down. There is a place for everyone! We would love to have your assistance with this very special Annual Event!

### **Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers:**



We have need of Heart Gallery Venue Volunteers for the following Heart Galleries:

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This position helps with the delivery of photos and supplies to Heart Gallery venues. Once per month, Venue Volunteers will pick up new photos from our office and exchange them with photos already in the Heart Gallery Venue. This typically takes a little over an hour per month, depending on your location. It is a great activity to do with your children to get them involved in volunteer service; even the little ones! Families often exchange photos in more than one Venue, though that is not required.

#### Family Finding Volunteers



Family Finding Volunteers are a bit like detectives in that they help to locate connections children may have lost while in foster care.

#### **Blog Contributors/Writers:**



We are in need of creative writers! Intern duties would include writing blog posts regarding adoption, family relations, foster care issues, success stories etc. Editing services would be provided before final posting.

## **Search Engine Optimization Intern:**



Our SEO Intern would explore all avenues of Google and Bing Search Engine Optimization, including: oral and written communication skills, with ability to communicate with diverse populations, computer skills / ability to understand HTML, experience using Dreamweaver or equivalent ,well organized with attention to detail and the ability to carry out tasks independently, and to meet deadlines.

### **Targeted Notification Volunteer/Intern:**



Also known as a Targeted Email Volunteer/Intern, this position requires solid Microsoft Word and Excel experience and an attention to detail. The ability to manipulate and edit photos is also a plus. This position involves creating email notifications for children in need of adoption.

> And so many more! We have a place for everyone! Visit our website at <u>www.afamilyforeverychild.org</u> to learn about all of our Volunteer and Intern opportunities!

## Why Helping Others Makes Us Happy!

This article, written by Philip Moeller, dives into the variety of benefits volunteering brings. He explains how volunteering improves health, happiness, and in some cases, longevity. Communities with a higher percentage of volunteers are often more stable and seen as better places to live. In fact, The United States has one of the worlds highest rates of volunteerism. Jane Piliavin, a retired University of Wisconsin Sociologist, explains how volunteering at a young age helps youth in more ways than one. This article also explores the five main reasons people volunteer and how volunteering throughout life will help individuals network and participate in engaging activities. Click on the title to view entire article. Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.