



Adoptive Family Portrait Project Role for Participating Adoptive Families

Families that participate in Voice for Adoption's Adoptive Family Portrait Project will help raise awareness and understanding in Congress about adoption from foster care by sharing their personal adoption experiences. We are looking to feature families that have adopted from foster care and can share their stories with members of Congress. We would like to feature a variety of families, including those who have adopted older children and sibling groups. We want to contribute to spreading the message that ALL waiting children are adoptable, and we plan to do so through sharing these incredible adoption stories on Capitol Hill. We also want to educate members of Congress and their staff about the joy and challenge that adoptive families experience.

For each member of Congress that participates in this project, we will identify an adoptive family from the member of Congress' home state (for Senators) or home district (for Representatives). After the project ends, Voice for Adoption will encourage the participating members of Congress to be in contact with the family whose photo they displayed in their office.

What We Need from Families:

- A digital photo of the family* (this photo will be displayed in a Congressional office and included in the program booklet that is provided to all participating Congressional offices and families). *The photo does not need to be a professional photograph.
- A completed family questionnaire (provided by email from Voice for Adoption), with information about the family's experience adopting a child/children from foster care. We will use the questionnaire to write a summary of the family's story for the Congressional office and the program booklet.

The Adoptive Family Portrait Project will take place in November, during National Adoption Month. **We need to collect all materials from families by October 1st.**

Please contact Schylar Baber at Voice for Adoption (202-210-8118 or director@voice-for-adoption.org) if you are interested in participating in this project or if you have any questions.