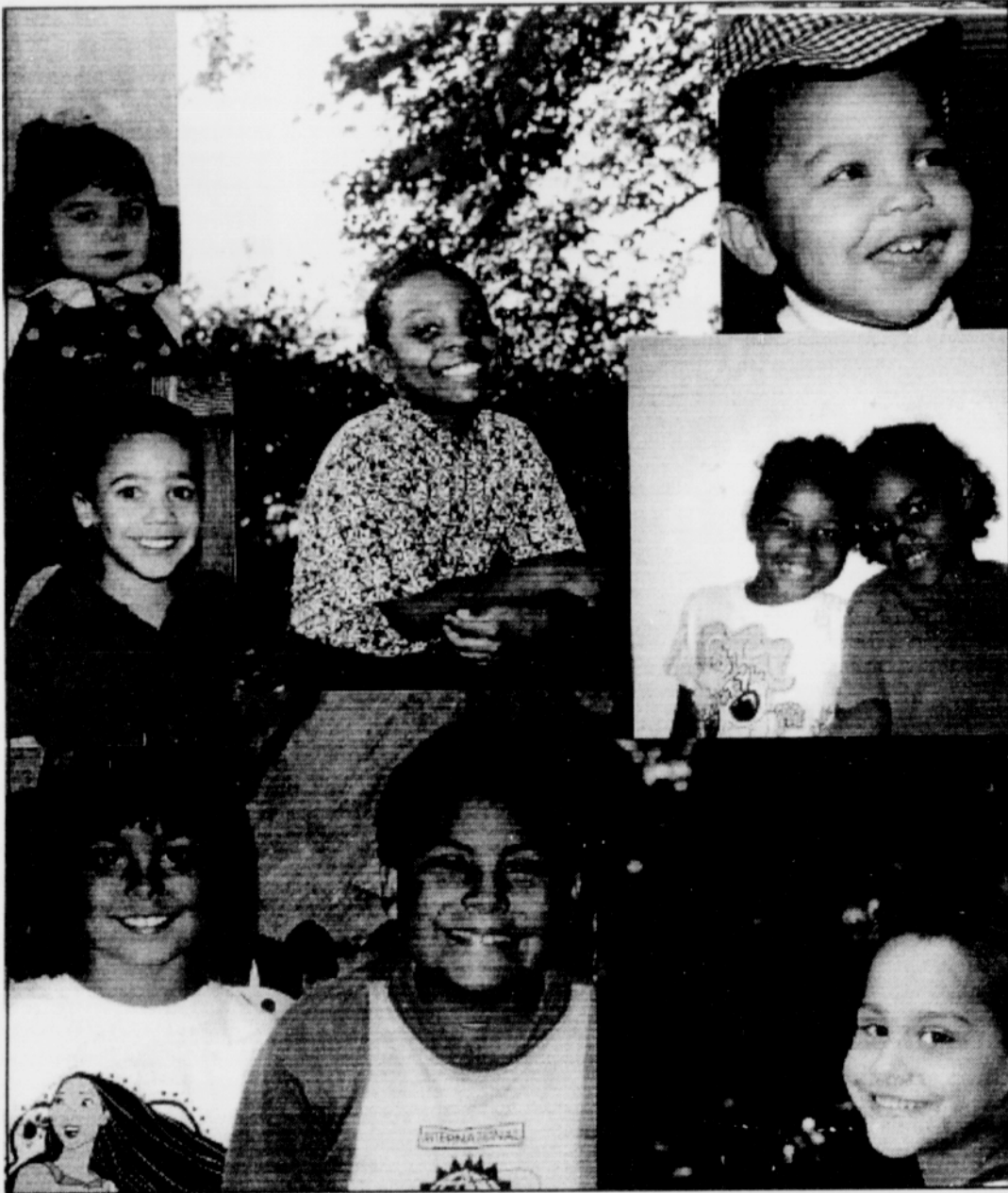


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On behalf of all our member agencies and the children we serve, I want to thank you for your continued commitment to Oregon children awaiting adoption. Your monthly "Child Awaiting Adoption" feature is such a needed and appreciated service!

In reviewing our program's statistics from this past year, I see that newspaper features on children

awaiting adoption brought in more inquires, and thus more potential homes for children, than all our other recruitment activities combined. We are especially pleased at the increased number of calls we have received from persons of color, as we are committed to finding homes for children that will honor the child's ethnic heritage.

You might recognize some of the children in this collage. Several have been adopted by families who first

learned of their plight through community newspapers. In addition, I personally know of two families who are in the process of adopting a child similar to the one that originally peaked their interest in the newspaper feature. Thus, your efforts have far-reaching effects.

Again, thank you so very much for your continued commitment to this project. May the New Year be a joyous and prosperous one for all of your staff!

Sponsors Invited For Summer Food Program

The Oregon Department of Education is looking for organizations to sponsor summer food service programs for children.

"Many children lose an important source of nutritious meals when schools close for summer vacation," said Rachelle Bagley, child nutrition director for the Department. "Needy families often do not have the resources to adequately replace these meals."

Sponsors receive cash reimbursement for operating and administrative costs. Payments are based on the numbers and types of meals. A higher rate is available to sponsors in rural area or to those which prepare their own meals. Some U.S. Department of Agriculture commodity foods are available.

Sponsors must be a public or private nonprofit school food authority; public or private nonprofit residential summer camp; unit of local, municipal, county, tribal, or state government; college or university sponsoring a National Youth Sports Program; or a private, nonprofit (IRS approved 501(c)(3)) organization.

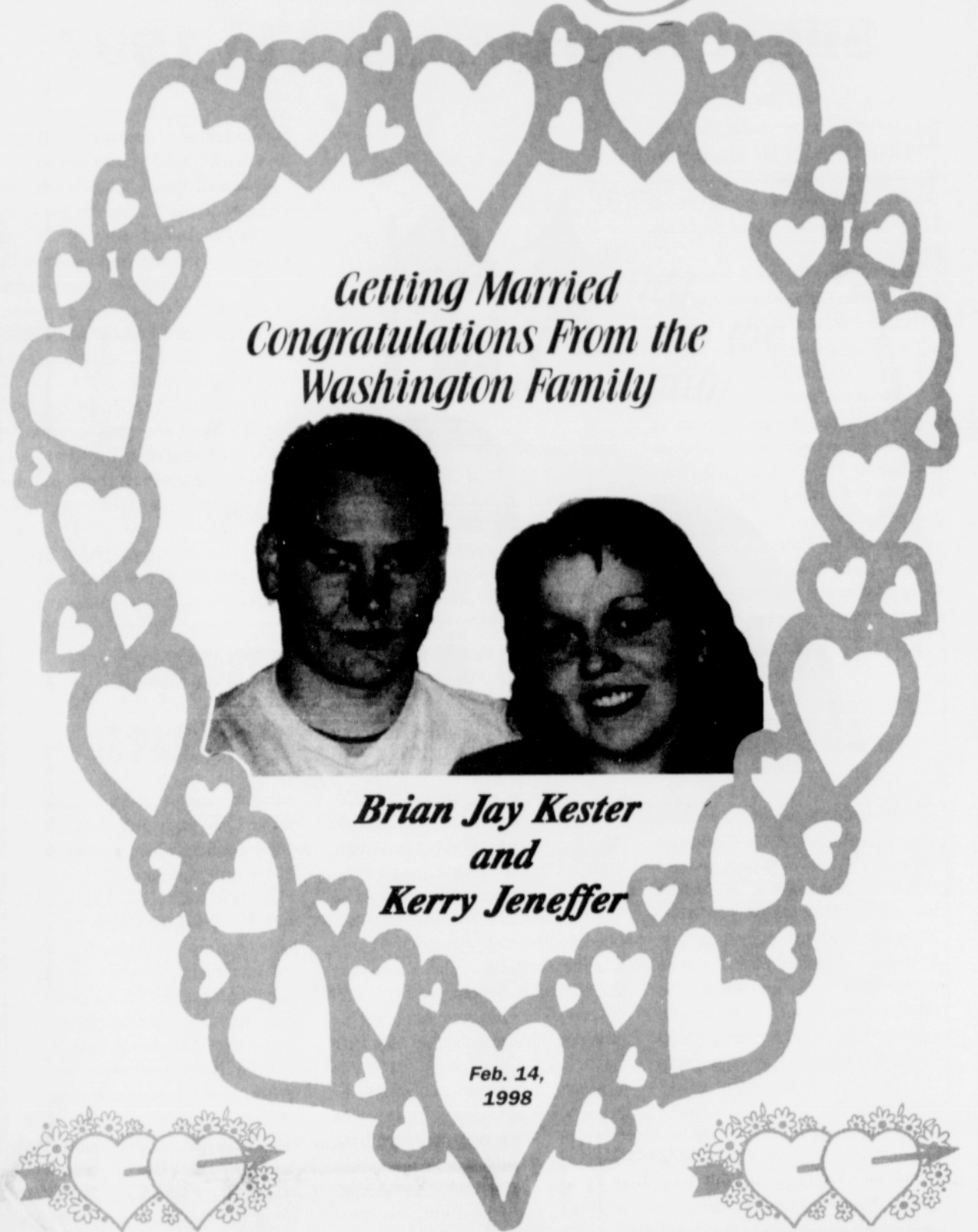
Sponsors must complete an application, attend a training session, and demonstrate ability to operate a program and comply with regulations. Contact the Department for the training dates and locations.

Meal sites chosen (other than camps) must meet geographic or enrollment criteria. A site is geographically eligible if it is located in an area

(usually a school district or census tract) in which 50 percent of the children qualify for a free or reduced-price school meal. A site is enrollment eligible if 50 percent of the children enrolled can be documented to qualify for a free or reduced-price school meal.

Approved programs must furnish free meals to children 0-19, regardless of family income. In addition, anyone attending a school program for people with disabilities may also participate.

For further information about this program and/or an application to participate, write to Child Nutrition Programs, Oregon Department of Education, 255 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97310-0203, or call Darla Wilson, 378-3579 ext. 468.



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