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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Region 11, and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Community Outreach and College of Liberal Arts

WHAT: "Heart Gallery of South Texas" Reception

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, 2021 Agnes St.

Heart Gallery of South Texas Exhibit Showcases Foster Children

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Photos of 62 foster children seeking permanent homes will be on display at the fourth annual "Heart Gallery of South Texas" opening reception Wednesday, Nov. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, 2021 Agnes St.

The exhibit will remain on display through Wednesday, Dec. 31. The exhibition, which coincides with National Adoption Month, is a collaborative project between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Region 11, and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Community Outreach and College of Liberal Arts.

The photos were taken by Texas A&M-Corpus Christi students Kristi Beach and Millie Harrison and other volunteer photographers. Technical and professional writing students assisted with interviewing the children and writing biographies to accompany the portraits.

The "Heart Gallery" highlights children who are considered more challenging to place because of their age or because they are part of a sibling group that wants to stay together. Participating child placement agencies include A World for Children, the Children's Shelter, Spaulding for Children and Pathway Youth and Family Services.

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