

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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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:** Monday, Nov. 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

## **Heart Gallery of South Texas Exhibit Showcases Hard to Place Foster Children Who Are Seeking a Permanent Home**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Photos of 62 foster children seeking permanent homes will be on display at the fifth annual "Heart Gallery of South Texas" opening reception from on Monday, Nov. 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center, 2021 Agnes St.

The "Heart Gallery" highlights children who are more challenging to place because of their age or because they are part of a sibling group that wants to stay together. The community is invited to view the pictures and learn about the children through brief biographies written by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi student Marsha Perez and photos taken by student Yvanna Navarro, Photography Professor Barbra Riley, and other volunteer photographers.

The exhibition, which coincides with National Adoption Month, is a collaborative project between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Community Outreach and College of Liberal Arts. Participating child placement agencies include A World for Children, Spaulding for Children and Pathway Youth and Family Services.

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