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‘Heart Gallery of South Texas’ Showcases Foster Children and Siblings in Need of Loving Families and Permanent Homes

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

The exhibit, which will remain on display through Thursday, Dec. 31, is free and open to the public. 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, Region 11, and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi’s Community Outreach and College of Liberal Arts.

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. After viewing framed 12” by 16” photos and reading a short biography of each child, prospective families can learn more by contacting Foster Adoptive Recruiter Doug Williams at 361.878.3560.

The Heart Gallery exhibit was founded by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department in 2001 as a way to call attention to foster children in protective custody, who are awaiting adoptive families. Participating child placement agencies include A World for Children, Spaulding for Children and Pathway Youth and Family Services.

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