



Heart Gallery Big Bend photo exhibit at Christian Heritage Church

On Sunday, February 14th, Valentine's Day, Pastors Steve and Yvonne Dow with Christian Heritage Church will launch the Heart Gallery Big Bend photo exhibit featuring children in Florida's foster care system who are available for adoption. The exhibit will also feature photos of children who have found their "forever family" through adoption.

The Heart Gallery Big Bend is a traveling photo exhibit that features professional photographs of children available for adoption. These photos are displayed in public spaces and are designed to capture the attention and hearts of individuals and families to consider adoption.

Currently, there are 22 children in the Big Bend area who are available for adoption.

Mr. Zackary Gibson, Florida's Chief Child Advocate and Director of the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, will speak on the importance of family and collaboration between the faith community and government entities. Ms. Jeanna Olson with the Department of Children and Families will discuss the need for foster and adoptive families.

Immediately after the service, attendees will be invited to view the photo exhibit located in the Main Street Hallway. Dr. Judy Hefren with Heart Gallery Big Bend, Ms. Jackie Barksdale with Boys Town North Florida, Ms. Vicki McCrary with Children's Home Society, Dr. Thomas Croom with Go Foster!, and a representative from Florida Baptist Children's Home will be on site to answer questions and provide information on how individuals and families can get involved and be a positive connection for children.

The Heart Gallery Big Bend photo exhibit will be an ongoing display at Christian Heritage Church and is open for viewing by the public Monday – Friday during normal business hours.

If there are businesses and faith organizations who would like to host Heart Gallery photos, please contact the Heart Gallery Big Bend.

WHO: Heart Gallery Big Bend and Christian Heritage Church

WHAT: Launch of the Heart Gallery Big Bend photo exhibit at Christian Heritage Church

WHEN: Sunday, February 14, 2016, approx. 10:45am (interviews available after the service)

WHERE: Christian Heritage Church, 2820 Sharer Road, Tallahassee, FL, Main Street Hallway

For more information about Heart Gallery Big Bend, please contact Dr. Judy Hefren at (850) 445-0260. For more information about foster care and adoption, please contact Children's Home Society at (850) 488-0506.