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THE HEART GALLERY OF WV EXHIBITED DURING PICNIC WITH THE POPS Seeks to bring a face and give a voice to WV children who are in need of adoption

The Heart Gallery of West Virginia will be on display on June 13 at River Front Park in Huntington WV during the Huntington Orchestra Symphony's Picnic with the Pops. The Heart Gallery of WV is a traveling photography exhibit that features portraits of West Virginia foster children who are eligible for adoption. Currently, there are approximately 1,000 foster children who are legally eligible to be adopted.

The exhibit, named "The Heart Gallery of West Virginia – Portraits of Hope", seeks to bring a face and give a voice to children who need and deserve the love of a family. By sharing their stories, the Heart Gallery hopes to touch hearts and find families for the children ready for adoption. Recognizing the need to accomplish this goal, photographers volunteered their time and talent to create intimately compelling portraits of some of West Virginia's waiting children.

The purpose of the Heart Gallery is to feature children who have yet to find their permanent family. Many of the children featured have waited years to be matched with a family who will love and support them to adulthood and beyond. Every child deserves to grow up with the love, support and safety of a family.

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THE HEART GALLERY OF WV

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The goals of the Heart Gallery of West Virginia are to spotlight children available for adoption, recruit families for children featured in the Heart Gallery, and recruit additional foster and adoptive families for West Virginia's children.

West Virginia photographers across the state have volunteered their time, talent, and services to photograph the children featured in the Heart Gallery. Photographers include Dewayne and Ginnie Lowther, John Fluharty, Ric MacDowell, Paul Bibbee, Nikki Starcher, Amanda Glass, Courtney Bell and Kim Earl. The Heart Gallery of West Virginia is exhibited throughout the state. For a complete listing of locations and presentations of the Heart Gallery of West Virginia, visit our website at www.missionwv.org

Many children are still awaiting adoption. If you would like to find out more information on how you can adopt or how to assist Mission West Virginia's Heart Gallery or the Frameworks Program, please contact Mission West Virginia at 1-866-CALL-MWV or visit their website at www.missionwv.org

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