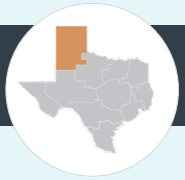
# Region 1



The Heart Galleries of Texas is transforming the future for youth who have experienced foster care. Backed by $24 million in funding from the 88th and 89th Legislative Sessions, Texas is expanding the Heart Gallery model statewide and building a powerful network of post-adoption support and training. This includes dedicated post-adopt funding distributed to organizations across the regions to help families stay connected to resources long after adoption—ensuring lasting stability and healing.

This investment ensures that families formed through adoption, kinship, and guardianship receive the tools and resources they need to thrive. By strengthening families through these regional partnerships, the Heart Galleries are helping children find lifelong belonging and preventing re-entry into foster care—creating brighter futures across Texas.

## About the Heart Gallery of the Panhandle Plains

**Heart Gallery Organization:** Community Partners of Lubbock
**Website:** www.heartgallerypptx.org
**Launch Events:** April 30, 2024 in Lubbock and September 12, 2024 in Amarillo

The Heart Gallery of Panhandle Plains was established in 2024 through Community Partners of Lubbock and is powered by a dedicated staff that includes adoptive parents with lived experience and a passionate Advisory Committee. Serving an expansive 41-county region that spans two distinct communities, Lubbock and Amarillo, the gallery operates with co-directors in each sub-region to meet the unique needs of both areas.

Beyond connecting children and families, this Heart Gallery stands out for its exceptional post-adoption support—providing mental health services, caregiver coaching, family bonding activities, wellness programs, and professional training. Region 1 used every dollar of its post-adoption funding to make these supports accessible, going above and beyond through partnerships with two dedicated therapy providers in Lubbock and Amarillo who offered pro bono services to keep families connected and supported when funds ran out.

### Impact in FY25

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| 68 | **Children featured on a Heart Gallery website** |
| 96 | **Exhibits** |
| 19 | **Children removed from Heart Gallery due to adoptive placement** |
| 22K | **Heart Gallery website clicks** |
| 427 | **Clients received mental health services** |
| 63 | **Support groups provided to 465 attendees** |
| 669 | **Participants in family bonding activities** |
| 112 | **Youth participated in normalcy activities** |

In addition, the Heart Gallery actively participates in local adoption collaboratives, partnering with child placing agencies and supporting organizations to strengthen recruitment efforts for adoptive and foster families. These collaborations help engage local communities in child welfare, fostering awareness, compassion, and lasting involvement across the region.

From launch events to community fundraisers, the Heart Gallery has ignited excitement across the Panhandle, raising more than $120,000 to sustain local efforts. Most importantly, their work is changing lives. Of the 68 children featured in FY25, 19 were placed in adoptive homes - proof of what's possible when a community comes together with heart and purpose.

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