# Region 10

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 El Paso

**Heart Gallery Organization:** Paso del Norte Community Foundation
**Website:** https://www.heartgalleryelpaso.org/
**Launch Event:** November 14, 2023

The Heart Gallery of El Paso started in 2023 with the Paso del Norte Foundation serving as its fiscal agent. With an active Board of Directors and a strong referral relationship with DFPS, they quickly built momentum. Though the region has fewer children waiting for adoption than other parts of Texas, it also has fewer community resources to support them. Rising to the challenge, the Heart Gallery has become a unifying force—building a strong brand, raising awareness, and bringing together local child welfare organizations to collaborate for lasting change. Through exhibits, community events, and stakeholder meetings, they have reached more than 14,000 people—and their social and web presence extends their reach to over 270,000. 11 of the 19 children featured this year have found loving, permanent homes.

### Impact in FY25

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| 29 | **Children featured on a Heart Gallery website** |
| 177 | **Exhibits** |
| 11 | **Children removed from Heart Gallery due to adoptive placement** |
| 127K | **Heart Gallery website clicks** |
| 20 | **Clients received mental health supports** |
| 114 | **Therapy sessions were provided** |

Their signature annual fundraiser, *Framing Hope*, held on May 7, 2025, at La Nube STEAM Discovery Center, captured that same energy and purpose. Community leaders and supporters—including the First Lady of Texas, the Governor's Commission for Women, and Mayor Renard Johnson—came together to celebrate the power of belonging. Through generous sponsorships, a live auction, and individual donations, the event raised nearly $85,000 to help the Heart Gallery continue connecting children in foster care with families and strengthening post-adoption supports.

Region 10 was eager to support adoptive families, though organizational capacity in the area limited the ability to launch new programs to support additional families. Through strong collaboration and grassroots outreach, they expanded access to much-needed mental health services, helping to reduce stigma and build comfort around seeking care. Support groups took root, and professional trainings equipped local providers to better serve adoptive families. Region 10's progress shows how partnership and persistence can spark lasting change.

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