Region 3

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 North Texas

Heart Gallery Organization: Gladney Center for Adoption
Website: https://heartgallerynorthtexas.org/
Launch Event: February 12, 2025

Gladney Center for Adoption brought years of staff experience and strong ties to earlier Heart Gallery efforts in the region. That foundation gave them the momentum to begin connecting children in foster care across 19 counties, including Dallas and Fort Worth, with families ready to provide love and stability. What makes this region unique is the presence of two Single Source Continuum Contractors, requiring close collaboration to ensure every child has the best chance of being matched with a family. The Heart Gallery has become a leader in coordinating adoption efforts across both contractors and local child-placing agencies, creating a united front for children in need of adoptive families. Beyond powerful photo exhibits, the Heart Gallery also brings children's stories to life through *Wednesday's Child* news segments, giving the community a chance to see their personalities shine. 59 of the 198 children featured in the Heart Gallery were placed in adoptive homes - a testament to the power of partnership, visibility, and hope.

Impact in FY25

198	**Children featured on a Heart Gallery website**
89	**Exhibits**
59	**Children removed from Heart Gallery due to adoptive placement**
470K	**Heart Gallery website clicks**
51	**Clients received mental health services**
21	**Families received respite care**
189	**Youth funded to participate in normalcy activities**
63	**Attendees in family bonding activities, camps and other events.**

In addition to connecting children with families, there was also an investment in vital post-adoption supports across the region, including respite care, family camps and activities, and mental health services. Moving forward, Region 3 is working to strengthen collaboration among partners to maximize impact and ensure that future funding supports a more coordinated network of services - helping families continue to thrive long after adoption day.

Heart Galleries of Texas is a collaboration between The Moritz Center for Societal Impact, Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing and The Center for Child & Family Studies.