Region 5

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 Southeast Texas

Heart Gallery: Texas Family Care Network
Website: https://www.heartgalleryofsetx.org/
Launch Event: May 15, 2024

When Texas Family Care Network officially launched the Heart Gallery in 2024, they were already rooted in the work. With staff on their team who had long been connected to earlier Heart Gallery efforts in the region, they brought deep relationships and community trust that allowed them to hit the ground running. What sets them apart is their creativity in outreach—transforming awareness into action through lively efforts such as community scavenger hunts, gospel breakfast information sessions, and a steady presence at local events. They've engaged almost 11,000 people through community engagement events, collaborative stakeholder meetings, and foster/adopt information sessions. Their efforts have also built a vibrant online community of 14,500 social media followers, 300 newsletter subscribers, and more than 19,000 website visits. But the real success is measured in lives changed: this year alone, 36 children found their forever homes through the Heart Gallery.

Supporting families beyond adoption day, Texas Family Care Network was also rolling out their community-based care efforts this year, so they started small and targeted with post-adopt services. They partnered with Buckner and will be expanding to additional partners and region-wide coverage this coming year.

Impact in FY25

78	**Children featured on a Heart Gallery website**
126	**Exhibits**
36	**Children removed from Heart Gallery due to adoptive placement**
15K	**Heart Gallery website clicks**
21	**Caregiver trainings offered**
330	**Caregivers attended trainings**
14	**Support groups**
180	**Attended support groups**

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.