



HEART GALLERIES OF TEXAS

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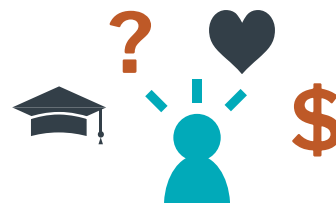
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youth in the Texas foster care system are eligible for adoption.



1,500

are older youth, sibling groups, or have complex medical or behavioral needs. These youth often need additional advocacy efforts to be adopted.



860

youth aged out of Texas foster care in 2024. When youth are raised in systems and not in their communities, they are more likely to start adulthood with no support.



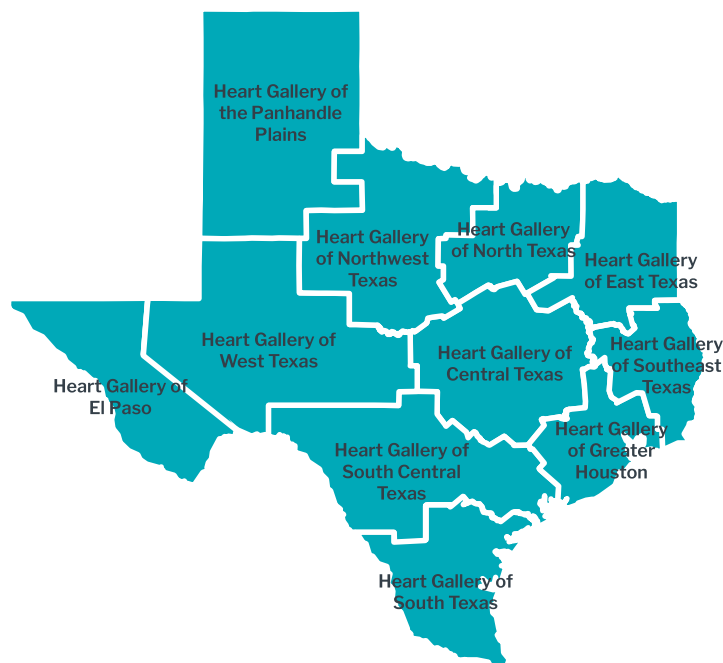
51%

of youth featured in a **Heart Gallery** were placed in an adoptive home. These public photo exhibits feature children eligible for adoption in their own communities. **Heart Galleries tell a child's story, capturing each child's spirit, individuality, interests, and unique needs.** The galleries generate awareness and advocacy for these youth while promoting adoption into local homes, helping children stay connected to the communities they know.



Texas has committed **\$24 million** to expand the Heart Gallery model across the state and provide extensive post-adoption support and training statewide to promote family well-being. When children in the system are cared for by families formed through adoption, kinship, and/or guardianship, the Heart Galleries will provide those families with the support needed to prevent youth from re-entering the system.

How You Can Help



Refer

Work with case managers to ensure that youth who are waiting to be adopted are referred to their **local Heart Gallery**.

Share

Information on **local post-adopt resources** such as counseling, support groups, respite, emergency assistance and more with families who are adopting.

Learn

How you can better support children and families throughout the adoption process by checking out **our trainings for caregivers and professionals**.

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