

# Foster Awareness Month Kicks-Off with “The Faces of Foster Care” Exhibits

*Heart Gallery’s “Faces of Foster Care” travelling photographic exhibits now include 26 children*

SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, May 3, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In recognition of [Foster Awareness Month](#) in May, the Heart Gallery’s “Faces of Foster Care” travelling photographic exhibits now include 26 children who have chosen to be featured as a way of advocating for themselves to find a family of their own. Thanks to the support of the Community Foundation of Sarasota, the organization has installed the new exhibits at four Sarasota libraries.



Sarasota Selby Library helps local Foster Children to be adopted

The works by Peter Acker, Nicole Houser, Amanda Marie Mason, Daniel Peralis, Kathryn Brass-Piper and Carissa Warfield capture the spirit and character of the children. "The photographers put their heart and soul into it and they understand that this could be that child's only chance for a family - it could change the rest of their life," according to Matt Straeb, President of the Heart Gallery of Sarasota.

Faces of Foster Care raises awareness of the need for more foster and are responsible for nearly one-hundred inquiries from prospective parents each month. Semi-permanent exhibits can also be seen at the Ed Smith Stadium, Ringling Museum, Palm Avenue Fine Art Gallery and Church of the Palms.

"If having the Heart Gallery displayed makes a difference for just one child, it will be a success," added Straeb.

About Heart Gallery of Sarasota: The Heart Gallery of Sarasota, Inc. is a 501C3 organization and was established in 2005 to bring our community's children into the light. The Heart Gallery of

Sarasota has affected hundreds of adoptions in Sarasota, DeSota and Manatee counties. We engage over 50 professional photographers who capture the child's character and spirit to attract the attention of prospective forever families. The success of the program is measured in the number of successful adoptions. Contact: Allison Juceam, Executive Director, Heart Gallery of Sarasota, 941-504-2135, [inquiries@heartgalleriesarasota.org](mailto:inquiries@heartgalleriesarasota.org) or Matthew Straeb, president, Heart Gallery of Sarasota, 954-850-6606, [mstraeb@gmail.com](mailto:mstraeb@gmail.com).

About the Community Foundation of Sarasota County: The Community Foundation of Sarasota County is a public charity founded in 1979 by the Southwest Florida Estate Planning Council as a resource for caring individuals and the causes they support, enabling them to make a charitable impact on the community. With assets of \$520 million in more than 1,570 charitable funds, the Community Foundation awarded grants and scholarships totaling \$27.5 million dollars last year in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, civic engagement, animal welfare and the environment. Since its founding, the Community Foundation has been able to grant more than \$350 million to area nonprofit organizations to our community thanks to the generosity of charitable individuals, families, and businesses. For more information, visit [www.CFSarasota.org](http://www.CFSarasota.org) or call (941) 955-3000

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