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HEART GALLERY CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS OF GIVING HEARTS A HOME

*Gala on Nov. 7 features photos of children awaiting adoption,
"happy ending" stories*

SACRAMENTO – The opening exhibit of the fifth annual Heart Gallery of Sacramento will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7. This year's exhibit features professional-quality photographs of children awaiting adoption as well as "happy ending" portraits of families who have adopted children.

Subtitled "Celebrating Five Years of Giving Hearts a Home," the family-friendly event takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road (next to the Sacramento Children's Home) in Sacramento.

The goal of the Heart Gallery is to find homes for the featured children, and to raise awareness about the need for adoptive families. About 1500 children are waiting for homes in Sacramento County.

Older children, sibling groups and children with special needs are specifically chosen for the exhibit. The photos are taken by volunteers, some of them professionals and some of them instructors at California State University-Sacramento. Photographers try to capture the unique personality and lovable qualities of each child.

The Heart Gallery is a collaborative effort between Sacramento County Child Protective Services California State University-Sacramento, Sierra Forever Families, Lilliput Children's Services, and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sacramento.

Fox40 anchorwoman Donna Cordova will emcee the event.

Heart Gallery portraits are available for display at public events. For more information, contact the gallery at (916) 217-1552 or email info@sacheartgallery.org.