

Media Release

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Help 100 Children Featured in the 2008 Heart Gallery of Tampa Bay Realize their Dreams of Finding a “Forever” Family

- *100 new foster children seeking adoption will be unveiled in the 2008 Heart Gallery exhibit on Feb. 13th, 2008.*
- *40% of children featured in the 2007 Heart Gallery have been matched with potential parents, 20% have already finalized.*
- *In the past three years, the Heart Gallery of Tampa Bay has found permanent families for 88 Hillsborough County foster children. During that time, 225 matches have directly occurred as result of Heart Gallery (adoptions have not yet finalized).*

Tampa, FL – The Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, in partnership with Hillsborough Kids, Inc., invites you to the V.I.P. Grand Opening of the all new 2008 Heart Gallery exhibit featuring 100 Tampa foster children seeking adoption. This riveting sight and sound exhibit combines compelling photographs of children along with their voices as they share their hopes and dreams of finding a “forever” family.

The Gallery’s 2008 V.I.P. Grand Opening premieres on Wednesday, Feb. 13th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the TECO Gallery of Art at the Children’s Board, located at 1002 E. Palm Avenue in Ybor City.

The Heart Gallery is FREE to the public and will be exhibited at the Children’s Board from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and after hours upon request. For more information about the Gallery, call 813-204-1792 or visit www.heartgallerytampabay.org.

The Heart Gallery is changing lives every day by giving a voice to Tampa Bay’s forgotten children and has demonstrated unprecedented success in finding adoptive homes for children. Last year, the Gallery traveled to venues including WestShore Plaza, University Mall, Citrus Park Mall, Brandon Town Center, the Florida Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI).

The Heart Gallery serves not only to increase the number of adoptive families but also to heighten awareness of the hundreds of children needing homes in the Tampa area. All of the professional photographers exhibited in the gallery volunteered their time to make the project a reality.

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