

Canadian Heart Gallery brings families together

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When children and youth have “forever families” to live with who love and care about them, they have the greatest chance of being all they were meant to be.

The Adoption Council of Canada, in partnership with Family & Children Services of Guelph and Wellington County and Dean Palmer Photography, are launching an innovative program to find homes for children and youth in foster care who need permanent families.

The Heart Gallery Guelph Wellington is a travelling exhibit of professional photographs of children and youth, who are waiting for permanent families.

The Heart Gallery’s mission is to use the power of photography to capture the individuality and dignity of waiting children, to raise public awareness about their needs, to obtain support to meet those needs, and to find permanent homes for them.

Organizers also to encourage local business owners, curators or managers of public buildings to host the gallery within their offices or buildings.

There are currently 30,000 children and youth in Canada who need permanent families - 9,200 in Ontario alone.

In the Guelph and Wellington County there are more than 80 children in need of a permanent family.

Heart Gallery Guelph Wellington is being launched in the Atrium of the River Run Centre on Oct. 24 from 10am to 12pm.

The launch will feature a panel of former and current youth in care. They will talk about what it’s like to be in foster care and why it’s important to find families for children and youth of all ages.

As space is limited, attendance by RSVP is mandatory. For more information contact Colleen Reardon at colleen.reardon@fcsgw.org or 519-824-2410 ext. 4112.

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