



miamiheartgallery

The Miami Heart Gallery is a traveling, museum-quality exhibit featuring portraits of children in Miami-Dade's foster care system who are available for adoption.

Just as light enters the lens of a camera to capture an image, we hope your heart will receive the image of a child in need of a permanent family. Their eyes mirror the joy, hope, longing and sometimes even the hopelessness they have felt in an imperfect world. Look deeper and you'll also discover amazing courage and resiliency. If you believe in the strength of a family to meet life's challenges, you may even imagine yourself in one of these portraits.

You don't have to be perfect to be an adoptive parent or a mentor, but you could become someone's everyday hero.

Some of the world's top photographers have donated their time and talent for this exhibit to eloquently convey each child's essence, individuality and beauty. With their help, we are revealing the sincere desire of children in foster care to be loved. We hope their portraits inspire families to take the first step towards adoption. The Miami Heart Gallery is a collaboration between The Children's Trust and Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe.



PHOTO BY MANOLO DORESTE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Visit www.miamiheartgallery.org to learn more about the kids in The Children's Trust Miami Heart Gallery and others across Miami-Dade who are available for adoption. View photos, watch videos and learn more about the adoption process, how to become a foster parent or how to donate to this cause. You can also call The Children's Trust Helpline at 211.



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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County by making strategic investments in their futures. The Children's Trust is guided by principles and values that include targeting early

intervention and prevention services to our most vulnerable children, families and neighborhoods, while advocating for, and supporting the increased availability of needed services for all children and their families – because all children are our children.

DID YOU KNOW?

! Adoptive parents may be young or older; single, married, divorced or widowed; or with or without children of their own

! You do not need to own a home to adopt

! The Federal Medical Leave Act applies to families with adopted children



PHOTO BY MATIAS BILBAO



PHOTO BY CARL JUSTE

DID YOU KNOW?

! More than 1,500 foster children are eligible for adoption in Florida and at least 150 are in Miami-Dade

! All major expenses related to adoption, such as court costs and attorney fees, are reimbursed by the State of Florida (up to \$1,000)

! There is no income requirement to become an adoptive parent

! Most adopted children are eligible to receive up to four years of paid college tuition at Florida universities, colleges or vocational programs



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PHOTO BY JEFFERY SALTER

DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HOME?
IS THERE ROOM IN YOUR HEART?

HAVE A HEART... ADOPT A CHILD



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