



# The Michigan Heart Gallery

Spring 2010

## **2011 Heart Gallery Registration**

Participating in the Heart Gallery must be a decision made in the best interests of the child. Please discuss this opportunity with the children on your caseload that you would like to feature in the gallery.

**Complete the 2011 Registration/Consent Form, and return to the MARE office by August 15, 2010.**

Email: Sheila\_boardman@judsoncenter.org or FAX #: (734) 528-1695

Mail: PO Box 980789, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Space is limited. Please respond *ASAP*.

## **Expectations**

### **1. Discuss the Heart Gallery with the child prior to registering the child.**

Not all children are right for this kind of recruitment and no child should be involved against his or her will. Explain that a professional photographer (who may even have experience photographing celebrities!) will take his/her photograph, which will be on display as part of an art exhibit in various public venues across the state, including museums and malls, in order to find families for the child and other children like them. Make sure that the child is aware of and agreeable to adoption (to the best of his/her understanding). Let them know that this project may also receive some media attention.

### **2. Provide information requested, please have the child complete the "About Me" form.**

This is so the child's true personality can be captured on film and a narrative can be written about the child.

### **3. Schedule the photo shoot immediately!**

The photographers who volunteer to participate in the Heart Gallery are professionals, some are nationally and internationally known. Once MARE provides photographer information to you, promptly contact the photographer to schedule a date and location for the photo shoot. Please respond in a timely manner to any contact from Heart Gallery volunteer photographers or coordinators.

### **4. Arrange for transportation and supervision for the child on the day of the scheduled photo shoot.**

You, foster parents, foster care caseworkers, or another adult with whom the child is comfortable must provide supervision during the photo shoot. Please ensure that the child dresses appropriately, arrives to the photo shoot prior to the scheduled time, and is supervised for the duration of the shoot. If you, as the child's adoption worker, will not be supervising/arranging the photo shoot, please make sure that the appointed adult understands his/her responsibilities and timelines and signs the registration form.

### **5. Attend the Heart Gallery debut or other related events with the child.**

If possible, bring the child to the debut of the Heart Gallery. The Grand Opening will occur in mid-February and other events will take place throughout the year in various parts of the state.

### **6. Follow up by responding in a timely manner to any families who show an interest in adopting the child as a result of the Heart Gallery to the best of your ability.**

For more information, please contact MARE. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## **PART 1: CONSENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange and the Michigan Heart Gallery permission to feature \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2011 Michigan Heart Gallery. The photographs taken for the MI Heart Gallery may be used for any additional adoption recruitment activities, as well as for publicity and promotional materials associated with MARE or the Heart Gallery.

I also agree to comply with the Heart Gallery Guidelines on page 1 and timeline as outlined on page 4. I agree to prepare the children, provide information, and make photo shoot arrangements, including transportation and supervision, in a timely manner once the photographer information is provided to me.

Worker Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(For electronic response use only, checking this box serves as signature of worker).

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

We will need children who are willing and able to be interviewed by the media (tv, radio, newspaper) and/or speak at special events about their Heart Gallery experience.

This child  **WOULD**  **WOULD NOT** be a good candidate for media interviews.

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## **PART 2: YOUR CONTACT INFO**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Your title:  Adoption Worker  Foster Care Worker  Therapist  
 Residential Worker  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ ext \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Supervisor information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ ext \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PART 3: CHILD INFO**

**Child Info** (*please check spelling* – this information will be used on the Heart Gallery)

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Is child currently listed on MARE website for recruitment? YES  NO

If no, why not \_\_\_\_\_

C# \_\_\_\_\_

(if no C#, please indicate why: \_\_\_\_\_)

Age: \_\_\_\_

**Will you be responsible for scheduling the photo shoot?** YES  NO

If no, who will?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you informed this person of what the Heart Gallery is and what their responsibilities are when supervising the photo shoot?** YES  NO

Child lives  With foster family  In residential Name of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address where child is living:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact where child is living:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This person is:  Foster Parent  Residential Worker  Therapist  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**How far is this child able to travel to meet with a photographer?** Check all that apply:

- Photo shoot must be done at child's residence
  - Child does not have transportation
  - Child can travel up to 10 miles
  - Child can travel up to 25 miles
  - Child can travel where necessary
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**Sibling information:**

Does this child have siblings who are also in foster care? YES  NO

Is this child listed in a sibling group? YES  NO

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this child have a sibling registering for the Heart Gallery? YES  NO

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this child live with the sibling? YES  NO

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other important information for photo shoot:**

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**PART 4: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

***Must be checked!***

I understand that MARE does not do any background checks on photographers, therefore children must not be left unattended with photographers. It is my responsibility to ensure this child is supervised, prepared and ready for the photography shoot.

**TIMELINE:**

- All registration, consent, and 'What I Want Others to Know About Me' forms must be submitted by August 15, 2010
- Photo shoots must be completed by October 1, 2010
- Kids will begin to be matched with photographers by August 15, 2010
- Photographs will be due by October 15, 2010



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**What I Want Others to Know about Me!**

**Note to Workers:** Please help the child complete this form and return it to the MARE office,  
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**CHILD'S NAME/Nickname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKER/AGENCY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would describe myself as:**

**If I had three wishes, I would wish:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**When I am not in school I like to:**

**A few of my favorite things are:**

**Three more neat things about me:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**I want to be adopted by a family who:**

**My idea for a cool photograph of me would be:**