Heart Gallery Bulletin

October 2026

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lives uplifted

Children & Family Services
Heart Gallery of Pinellas & Pasco

A note from The Heart Gallery:

October was full of connection, creativity, and exciting new opportunities for the Heart Gallery team! This month, we continued supporting Family Support Services' Adoption Community Circle sessions, updated Heart Gallery displays across Pasco and Pinellas counties, and hosted a fun Halloween-themed Heart Art session where youth had the chance to express themselves through art. We also interviewed a family for a special new Heart Gallery segment that will be coming soon and partnered with United Way of Pasco County to present at Ferman Chevrolet of Tarpon Springs and share our mission of finding forever families for children in foster care. As always, we remained focused on raising awareness, building community connections, and amplifying the voices of youth through every project and partnership.

A big shoutout to our incredible community partners who continue to champion the Heart Gallery's mission. Your support allows us to build meaningful connections, amplify the voices of youth, and create new opportunities to share the stories of children who are waiting for their forever families.

Did you know... The Heart Gallery currently has more than 20 gallery locations across Pasco and Pinellas counties? These displays help introduce children waiting for adoption to thousands of community members each year and serve as a powerful reminder that every child deserves a loving, permanent family.

Did you hear the big news... November is National Adoption Month! We are excited to celebrate alongside families, youth, advocates, and community partners throughout Pasco and Pinellas counties. Throughout the month, we'll be highlighting adoption stories, recognizing forever families, and raising awareness about the many incredible children and teens who are still waiting to find permanent, loving homes.

Supporter Shoutout!

Florida CraftArt
A STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

United Way
United Way of Pasco County

Facts & Figures

The difference your support makes...

Heart Gallery Adoptions: **529**

Total number of pending adoptions: **18**

Do you have room in your heart & home for a child in need of a forever family?

Stay in Touch

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HEART GALLERY UPCOMING EVENTS





Month of November

National Adoption Month

- We're looking forward to celebrating with families, youth, and community partners across Pasco and Pinellas counties all month long!



FRI 11/13

Pasco's National Adoption Day Event

- The Heart Gallery will proudly stand alongside community partners to celebrate the official adoption of multiple children in Pasco County.



WED 11/18

Great American Teach In

- We're looking forward to visiting a local classroom to discuss our program, explain how we help children find forever families, and inspire students to learn more about making a difference in their community.



TUES 12/1

Giving Tuesday

- This Giving Tuesday, the Heart Gallery is hoping to raise **$5,000** to support Heart Art sessions, gallery supplies, special events, and other programs that help connect foster youth with forever families. Every donation makes a difference. Visit our website to give!



HEART GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS





Halloween Heart Art

We had a wonderful time at our Halloween themed Heart Art session with Florida Craft Art! Heart Gallery children and volunteers enjoyed decorating cookies, watching the movie Goosebumps, eating pizza and creating festive masks. Our monthly Heart Art sessions allow for local foster children to spend time with other youth in similar situations, learn about careers in the arts community and express themselves creatively, giving them greater agency in how they represented throughout the adoption process.

Alexander

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Alexander is an energetic Caucasian 9-year-old boy who thrives on structure, interaction, and one-on-one time. He enjoys playing Roblox on his tablet, learning about Hot Wheels and RC cars, playing outside, and reading. Alexander would do best with a caring, supportive family who will encourage his interests as he continues to grow.



Heart Art by Alexander

WANT TO SUPPORT THE HEART GALLERY BUT DON'T KNOW HOW?

- **Host or connect us with a host** for a gathering that celebrates how the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco helps make adoption from foster care possible.
- **Donate today to** help us connect local children waiting in foster care with loving, permanent families.
- **Engage with us** online by liking, commenting on, and sharing the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco's social media posts.