

Heart Gallery Bulletin

October - December 2025



Children & Family Services
Heart Gallery of Pinellas & Pasco

A note from The Heart Gallery:

This fall, the Heart Gallery stayed active and engaged throughout the holiday season! From hosting a festive holiday brunch to organizing multiple toy drives with incredible support from local businesses and community partners, we were honored to spread joy to children in foster care. We partnered with FSS for a virtual "Pop In for Permanency" event and joined United Way for Clerk and Comptroller Day to share resources and raise awareness. Our team also worked behind the scenes to install and update galleries at Temple Beth El and First Baptist Church of Elfers, while showcasing Heart Gallery children in unique art exhibits like the Morean Arts Center's Cheap Cheep Cheeps and Florida CraftArt's holiday exhibit. Every effort brought us closer to our mission of helping more children find their forever families!

A BIG SHOUT OUT to VFW Post 4364 Auxiliary for making our first ever holiday brunch a success! Their incredible support and dedication truly made this event possible, and we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you for helping us create a memorable experience for our community!

Did you know... that the Heart Gallery currently has 8 sibling groups hoping for adoption? These brothers and sisters are worthy of love, stability, and the lifelong bond of growing up together.

Did hear the **BIG NEWS...** We're excited to share that the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco was recently awarded a grant by the Pinellas Community Foundation Faith Mission Fund! This funding will make a lasting difference for children in foster care by helping us connect them with loving, permanent families.



THANK YOU
TO OUR
SUPPORTERS!

Facts & Figures

The difference your support makes...

Heart Gallery Adoptions: **498**

Total number of pending adoptions: **60**

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

Stay in touch :



Heart Gallery of
Pinellas & Pasco



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HEART GALLERY UPCOMING EVENTS



**MON
1/05**

Virtual FSS Foster Care Info Session

- 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Learn how to become a foster parent and what all is involved in the journey! Email recruitment@fsssuncoast.org to sign up.



**TUES
1/13**

Virtual Heart Gallery Advisory Council Meeting

- 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Volunteers needed! Want to make a difference in a child's life behind the scenes? We need you! Email heartgallerykids@gcjfcs.org for the meeting link.



**SAT
1/24**

Gulf Coast JFCS Lives Uplifted Gala

- 6:00pm-10:00pm
- The Floridian Social, St Petersburg
- At this exclusive celebration, you'll see live art encounters, dine on exquisite foods, sip on unique cocktails, and listen to musical guest Greggie & The Jets - all while supporting Gulf Coast JFCS.



**TUES
2/10**

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**SAT
4/18**

Save the Date- Bear Bowl is Back!

- 4:00pm-8:00pm
- Maple Lanes Countryside
- Lace up your bowling shoes for a fun, family-friendly night out celebrating adoption from foster care at our 3rd Annual Bear Bowl!



HEART GALLERY SHINING STARS



Photos by Imagine Pro Photography



Brian and Liz, Director of Advancement at Florida Craft Art

Brian

YFA- 108893584

Brian is an energetic 9-year-old who enjoys swimming, sculpting with Play-Doh, and playing soccer and kickball. He thrives when given the chance to be creative and is especially fond of animals.

Brian would benefit from a patient, structured, and nurturing family who can support his growth, encourage his talents, and provide the consistent love he deserves.



Tasha and VFW volunteer helping lead Here Comes Santa Claus during our holiday brunch

Shoutout to Tasha from TSW Co. who went above and beyond to make our holiday brunch unforgettable!

As a major donor, she not only contributed generous monetary support but also poured her creativity and time into every detail. From helping with setup, purchasing toys, and assisting on the day of the event, Tasha did it all. Her kindness, authenticity, and commitment were evident in every detail, and she even spent her birthday preparing for the big day! We are so grateful for her incredible commitment to our mission and the children we serve.

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.
- **Give or rally support** to raise \$1,000 toward our Bear Hugs Adoption Month fundraising goal, helping us recruit loving families for children waiting in foster care.
- **Engage with us** online by liking, commenting on, and sharing the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco's social media posts.