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Warren to Host Michigan Heart Gallery August 10–14

*City Hall to be illuminated purple to raise awareness
of children awaiting adoption*

WARREN, MI — The City of Warren, in partnership with Macomb Foster Closet, will host the Michigan Heart Gallery in the Warren Civic Center atrium from Monday, August 10, through Friday, August 14, 2026.

The traveling photographic exhibit features Michigan children and teens in foster care who are awaiting adoption. Through their photographs and stories, the Heart Gallery introduces these young people to prospective adoptive families while raising awareness of the continued need for foster and adoptive parents throughout Michigan.

“Older children and teens in foster care are too often overlooked, but their need for a stable, loving family does not diminish with age,” said Warren Mayor Lori M. Stone. “Hosting the Michigan Heart Gallery gives our community an opportunity to learn their stories and consider the difference one caring adult or family can make.”

“The Heart Gallery gives people an opportunity to see the faces and learn the stories of children and teens who are still waiting for a family,” said Fred Huebener, board member of Macomb Foster Closet. “Mayor Stone was the first state legislator to show up, lend a hand and support Macomb Foster Closet, and she has continued to champion this cause ever since. This work is also deeply personal to me: the child I later adopted was featured in the Michigan Heart Gallery. As a parent who adopted from the foster care system, my firsthand understanding of both the need and the rewards inspires me to continue supporting and advocating for children and families.”

In recognition of the exhibit and the children it represents, Warren City Hall will be illuminated purple each evening from August 10 through August 14.

The exhibit will be available for public viewing in the Warren Civic Center atrium, One City Square, during regular building hours.

The Michigan Heart Gallery is a program of the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange and travels throughout the state to help connect children awaiting adoption with prospective families. Warren previously hosted the exhibit in 2021.

Members of the media are invited to visit the exhibit during its weeklong display. Interview and photography opportunities may be coordinated through the Warren Communications Department.

To view the online Heart Gallery or learn more about adopting a child from Michigan's foster care system, visit www.miheart.org or contact the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange at 800-589-6273.

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