

Vallecitos to Display Heart Gallery in Hopes of Providing Homes for Local Foster Children

This month, the Vallecitos Water District will be asking visitors to its lobby to adopt more than wise water use habits.

The Heart Gallery – a roving exhibit featuring professional photographs of local foster children looking for a permanent home – will prominently be displayed at the water district's headquarter facility from now through mid-September.

At any given time, there are between 50-80 foster children in San Diego County that are legally free for adoption. The display features approximately 30 of these available children, and includes groups of siblings. Next to the photos are detailed biographies to generate further appeal to customers visiting the water district's lobby.

Featuring toddlers to teens, the exhibit is assembled with the help of volunteer photographers and through the San Diego Rivers of Hope Foundation, whose sole purpose is to help foster children, who are unable to reunite with their birth family, find permanent, loving homes and their own sense of self-worth.

To see photos of kids seeking a "*forever family*," come to the Vallecitos lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. It is located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos.