

## FOSTER CARE FACTS

1. Almost every child in foster care wants to go home regardless of the circumstances that brought them into care.
2. Children in foster care change homes an average of 3-7 times prior to returning home, being adopted, or turning 18.
3. The Piedmont Counties of NC have an average of 2,000 children in care.
4. North Carolina has over 10,000 children in care.
5. More than 532,000 children in the U.S. live in foster care.
6. Most children in foster care have special needs simply because they have undergone the trauma of abuse, neglect, and separation from their birth families.
7. Every child wants and deserves a loving family.
8. Every life has purpose.
9. Children experiencing foster care have a special story to share.
10. Children in care want to be like every other kid.

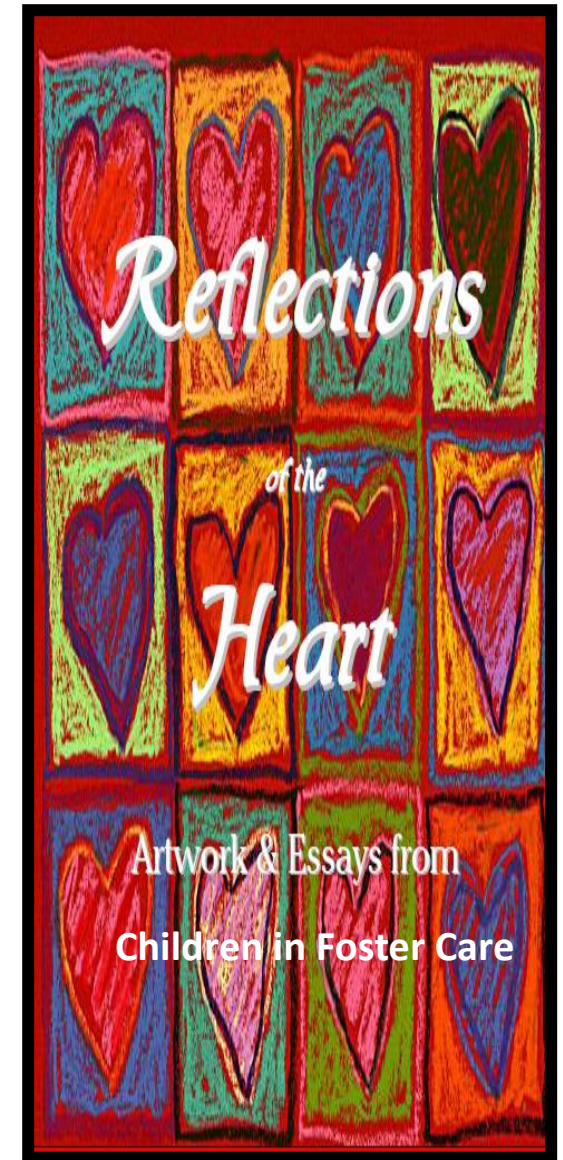
If a participant is in need of supplies, please contact the FFNC office at 336.843.9919 or email [beth@fosterfriendsnc.org](mailto:beth@fosterfriendsnc.org).

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**Foster Friends of NC**



### **Mission:**

Foster Friends of North Carolina (FFNC) provides a brighter future to children experiencing foster care.

### **History and Goal:**

Foster Friends of North Carolina, a non profit charitable organization, was created in 2005 to serve children in Guilford County's foster care system. With a strategic plan, FFNC's goal is to provide programs and services to every child in the state of North Carolina who experiences foster care.

Foster Friends' goal is to improve the lives of children experiencing foster care by providing enrichment opportunities, life skills & character building programs, long term mentors, and fun events.

## ***Reflections of the Heart®***

is a collection of artwork and essays from children experiencing foster care. Through words and pictures, foster children have an opportunity to share their experiences as well as express the hope and plans they have for their futures.

*Reflections of the Heart* brings to life the stories of our community's children.

The exhibit is open to every child in care ages 5-21 in the Piedmont Counties of NC. Every child has the opportunity to enter one art piece and one creative writing piece.



## **ART & ESSAY EXHIBIT TIMELINE**

### **Workshops**

Join us for free art and creative writing workshops. All supplies will be provided. Please indicate on your registration form which one you plan on attending. Attendance is NOT required to enter the exhibit.

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant  
501 South Mendenhall Street  
Greensboro, NC 27403

**October 23, 2010 1:30-4:00pm**

**November 6, 2010 9:00am-12:00noon**

William G. White, Jr. Family YMCA  
775 West End Boulevard  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**November 13, 2010 1:30-4:00pm**

### **Deadline for Entries**

**January 31, 2011**

### **Exhibits**

UNCG Multicultural Resource Center  
211 Elliot University Center  
Greensboro, NC 27402

**March-May 2011**

North Carolina School of the Arts  
1533 South Main Street  
Winston Salem, NC 27127

**March 2011**

**Art & Essay Awards Reception**  
UNCG Multicultural Resource Center  
**May 5, 2011**