Vallecitos to display Heart Gallery in hopes of providing homes for local foster children

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

Already a provider of a limited resource to the community, the District will be providing access to another one just as precious. 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.

Through a relationship with San Diego County Adoptions and other organizations, the San Diego Rivers of Hope Foundation seeks events and other unique opportunities for the Heart Gallery to be displayed.

All are invited to come see the display in hopes of becoming what the Rivers of Hope Foundation considers a “forever family.” The Vallecitos lobby is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and is located at 201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos.
For those unable to visit the exhibit, the same photos are available at www.iadoptu.org. Call 877-423-6788 for more information on county adoptive services.

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Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 87,700 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos’ Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.