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EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT LANDS IN LLANO

'Children of Children' Illustrates Impact of Teen Pregnancy

Llano, Texas – The Llano community will have a unique opportunity to get a glimpse at Texas photographer Michael Nye's striking 'Children of Children: Portraits and Stories of Teenage Parents' exhibit beginning September 16th at Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church. This free, multimedia exhibit is a collection of stunning black and white portraits, accompanied by audio stories as told by the individuals featured in the portraits, about how teen pregnancy affected their lives. The community is invited and welcome to view this exhibit after church services on September 16 from noon to 3:00 p.m.; there is no fee to enjoy the exhibit that will be on display at the church through September 21.

The exhibit is a special initiative of the Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) of South Texas, Inc., and is intended to enrich the goals of its Parenting Programs which are to impart child development information and parenting skills to individuals seeking to become more confident and competent leaders within their families. Many of the parents in the Parenting Programs, are or were teen parents; the exhibit serves as a tool to foster a greater understanding for the various ways that families and communities are impacted by teen pregnancy.

When possible, the exhibit is offered to churches and community centers within the MHM service area, which encompasses South Texas, at no cost.

The display is traveling to Llano in part to launch MHM's new Parents Helping Parents support group, a component of MHM's Parenting Programs, offered at Lutie Watkins Memorial UMC—which also happens to be a Wesley Nurse Health Ministries™ site. Parents Helping Parents (PHP) is a volunteer-based, parent support group for parents with children age three and up, using curriculums written by professionals in child development and family resources. The PHP curriculum covers areas such as health and safety, child development and guidance, family management, personal growth, and topics that promote positive parenting skills. The PHP group at Lutie Watkins Memorial UMC will have its first meeting Wednesday, September 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

According to Vicki Krcha, the Wesley Nurse at Lutie Watkins Memorial UMC, the church is primed for the exhibit and hosting the PHP program. Beginning September 12th, the church will kick off its LOGOS program, offered every Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and is open to all members of the community. For more information about the new PHP group or LOGOS call the church at (325) 247-4009.

The 'Children of Children' exhibit will be on display from September 16 to September 21, and is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with special extended viewing hours on Wednesdays (10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Accommodations can be made for groups wishing to schedule special viewing hours by calling Vicki Krcha at (325) 247-4009.

About Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) of South Texas, Inc.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) is a private, faith-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing medical and health-related human services to low-income families and the uninsured in South Texas. The mission of the organization is "Serving Humanity to Honor God," by improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of those least served in the Southwest Texas Conference area of The United Methodist Church. To learn more about MHM, please visit www.mhm.org.

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