



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT LANDS IN MASON**

*'Children of Children' Illustrates Impact of Teen Pregnancy*

Mason, Texas – The Mason 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 24<sup>th</sup> at Mason High School in the commons area. 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 during regular school hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; there is no fee to enjoy the exhibit that will be on display at the high school through September 28.

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 Mason as part of a partnership between the Wesley Nurse Health Ministries™, a mission of MHM, and Melany Canfield, the school counselor at Mason High School. The goal is to expose students enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences, health classes, and the 'Worth the Wait' curriculum to the subject matter. Students and adults from the surrounding counties of Gillespie, Kimble, McCullough, and Menard are invited and encouraged to experience this exhibit as well.

The 'Children of Children' exhibit will be on display from September 24 to September 28, and is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, please call (877) 790-0192 or send your email to [info@mhm.org](mailto:info@mhm.org).

#### ***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](http://www.mhm.org).

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