



Youthville

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Youthville to share powerful traveling art exhibit, allowing audiences to *Walk A Mile* in a child's shoes who is in the child welfare system.

Now Showing...



Art Exhibition

September 27-29
Fox Theater, 18 E. First Ave, Hutchinson, Kan.

October 9
Hutchinson Arts Center, 405 N Washington St, Hutchinson, Kan.

Audiences are invited to visit the Youthville *Walk a Mile* traveling exhibit. Take a moment to experience a powerful showcase of artwork by Youthville's Psychiatric Residential Treatment kids who have redesigned old shoes to express their stories and experiences in the child welfare system.

"My name is Rickey and I am 11. I have been in Youthville for a while. I am here because I was using drugs and getting into trouble with the law and family. My shoe talks about all the times my heart has been broken and the times that I have broken other peoples hearts. I feel trapped a lot by things inside my head and the things that I have done. I hope that I can change while I am here."

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) are for children ages 10 to 18 years who need time away to address issues and remove barriers from becoming a family again. This 24-hour, highly structured treatment is for youth whose behaviors threaten the safety of themselves or others. Youthville has two campuses one in Dodge City and the other in Newton. Only 8 percent of the children in foster care reside in PRTFs.

Youthville's vision is to provide the best sources of help to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected with its mission of ***Giving Children Back Their Childhood***. Over 3,000 children are cared for annually by Youthville. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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