

Art&Soul Dreams: Making Visible Michigan's Foster Youth

On display from Mid-April through Summer 2018

Opening Reception: Monday April 23, 2018 at 6:00pm

Exhibition opening reception, speaker, and panel discussion
MSU College of Law, 3rd Floor Exhibition Area
Board Room (3rd floor of Law College)

Reception begins at 6:00pm, featuring a keynote speaker and panel discussion. The panel will include FAME students (MSU students and alumni who have experienced foster care, kinship care, or homelessness)

Keynote Speaker: Shenandoah Chefalo

The Power of One: Challenging Perceptions and Changing Lives

Art&Soul Dreams brings visibility to Foster Care Children in need of immediate and permanent adoption. We do this through art exhibitions to inspire conversations, to create hope, and to benefit future generations of families and humanity. This traveling photo exhibit features portraits by award-winning photographers, all of whom donate their time and talent. Every canvas captures their soul revealing every child is a work of art. When we ask, "What do you see?", responses always include, "smiling children, love, future, and family." These beautiful children are a portion of the 14,000 in the Michigan foster care system that are in need of adoption. When they reach the age of 11, the likelihood of finding a forever family falls dramatically. Through the exhibition, we aim to demystify the stigma and educate the population so that YOU can be a part of the solution. It may be surprising to find that once you get to know a child you will be moved to action in some way. As this exhibit travels we ask for your help to spread the word, share the booklet, locate venues, make a donation, become a mentor, or consider fostering and adoption.

www.artandsouldreams.org

This exhibition's reception, talk and panel discussion are co-sponsored by both **FAME-MSU** and **Chance at Childhood - MSU Law Clinic**

FAME is a resource center for foster care alumni attending MSU as well as for youth who were in kinship care, have experienced homelessness, or are otherwise independent. FAME exists to provide support and resources to these students during their time at MSU to help them be successful during their collegiate experience on MSU's campus and during their transition to becoming MSU alumni.

CHANCE AT CHILDHOOD - MSU LAW CLINIC (CAC) has as its mission to promote and protect the well-being of children and families involved in Michigan's court system through integrated education and advocacy. CAC is housed in school of social work and is a collaborative effort between the MSU School of Social Work and MSU College of Law. Their offices are at the law school with the other law clinics.

This event is open to the public. For additional information, contact either:

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