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PRESS RELEASE

**Los Angeles Dodgers and Heart Gallery LA team up to find forever families
for LA County's foster children**

Dodgers 2010 calendars giveaway to feature photos of foster youth awaiting adoption

Take an amazing professional photograph which captures a child's spirit and personality and display it in prominent community locations. This is the magic formula used by the Heart Gallery of Los Angeles, a specialized adoption recruitment program, with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), created to recruit new families for kids who would otherwise grow up in the foster care system. This formula has worked in finding forever families for some of LA's hardest to place foster children. Older kids, sibling sets or kids with special needs, otherwise destined to grow up in the foster care system, have found families through this innovative program.

Now LA's own Dodger's has partnered with the Heart Gallery of LA, hoping it's loyal and dedicated fan base will step up to the plate and add one of these very special MVP's to their families' team.

This year's official Dodger calendar will feature waiting foster children in need of adoptive families. Candid shots of these great youngsters and some of the LA Dodger's finest players, including manager Joe Torre, are featured in this year's calendar.

The calendars will be given away to Dodger fans attending the October 3, 2009 game. Some of these great kids will also be taking the field on this special day to raise awareness that every child deserves to have a forever family to call their own.

Currently there are over 500 foster children in Los Angeles County waiting to be adopted. For more information on how to adopt a foster child, call (888) 811-1121.

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