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# Photojournalist bringing 'Pictures of Hope' back to Tucson

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TUCSON - Award-winning photojournalist Linda Solomon is bringing her nationally-acclaimed "Pictures of Hope" program back to Tucson, empowering disadvantaged youth through photography.

Tomorrow, Solomon will provide a photography lesson to the children who live at New Beginnings for Women and Children, then provide them with their own camera to capture pictures of "hope."

"Through photography children share their heartfelt feelings", Solomon said. "Their hopes and dreams captured in quiet moments tell a story that few adults can imagine. When you show children that you care about what they wish for in life, perhaps a child who never felt he or she had worth, now will."

These pictures will be transformed into holiday greeting cards which will be sold through New Beginnings, with 100 percent of the proceeds from the sales going to benefit the families and children who receive services at the center.

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors, has partnered with Solomon for this project to help children across the universe express their hearts. "Giving back to the communities where we live and work is incredibly important to Chevrolet, its employees and its dealer body," said Alan Batey, vice president of sales for Chevrolet. "We are proud to be a part of 'Pictures of Hope.' Now more than ever, children need hope and a sense of pride that can translate into higher self-esteem and success later in life."

News 4 Tucson will be at the New Beginnings Center tomorrow morning when Solomon and the Pictures of Hope organizers unveil the program for the children there - tune in tomorrow to watch.

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