

# "PICTURES OF HOPE"

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For children who live at City Rescue Mission, a picture is worth just one word: Hope. Award-winning photojournalist and author, Linda Solomon, brings her nationally acclaimed program "Pictures of Hope" to Oklahoma City. At City Rescue Mission, Ms. Solomon will provide a photography lesson and empower these local children (ages 6-18) to capture photos of hope. Following this photo exercise the children will be surprised with digital cameras from Ms. Solomon and Mr. Mike Myers, General Manager, Hudiburg Chevrolet. Immediately following, the children will go on their photo assignment to capture and reveal their hopes and dreams. "Through photography children share their heartfelt feelings", expressed Ms. Solomon. "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, it builds self-esteem. 'Pictures of Hope' is a twelve city program this year and I am so very proud to work with Hudiburg Chevrolet to help children living in the City Rescue Mission in Oklahoma City. The children's photographs will express their heart. Their photo assignment to photograph their 'hopes and dreams' is life-changing."

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors, has partnered for the third year with Ms. Solomon for the "Pictures of Hope" program to help children across the United States express their hearts.

"At Chevrolet, giving back to the community and inspiring future generations is important to Chevrolet, its employees and its dealer body," said Don Johnson, vice president of sales for Chevrolet. "Working with 'Pictures of Hope' we are able to provide less fortunate children the opportunity to photograph heartfelt snapshots of their everyday lives accompanied with words about their hopes and dreams, in a creative way to help build pride and self-esteem in their lives."

The hopes and dreams of children in Oklahoma City will then be transformed into holiday greeting cards which will be sold through City Rescue Mission. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of the "Pictures of Hope" greeting cards will benefit the many families and children who receive services at City Rescue Mission due to the generosity of Hudiburg Chevrolet.

Reverend Tom Jones, President & CEO of City Rescue Mission says, "City Rescue Mission is extremely grateful for the relationships that we have all around the United States, including with the "Pictures of Hope" project and Linda Solomon. Thank you Linda for helping us make this possible for so many children at City Rescue. We also are so grateful for the relationship that we have with David Hudiburg and our local Chevrolet dealership. Thank you for connecting with us through this "Pictures of Hope" project." (Cont'd on Page Two)

The children at City Rescue Mission will see their "Pictures of Hope" cards for the first time at a celebration and Meet the Young Artist Reception at Hudiburg Chevrolet in November. During the holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas every customer who purchases a new vehicle from Hudiburg Chevrolet will be given the "Pictures of Hope" greeting cards as a gift. A matching donation will be given to the shelter from Hudiburg Chevrolet.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with Pictures of Hope and give back to the children and families in our community," said Mike Myers, general manager of Hudiburg Chevrolet. "Hudiburg has served the Oklahoma City metro area for more than 56 years, and we're very happy to be a part of this program that will provide these children with hope for their future."

"Pictures of Hope" has been featured on Oprah, CBS Evening News twice, ABC World News and in People Magazine, USA Today, and numerous local newspapers and magazines across the country. Ms. Solomon has received numerous awards and honors for "Pictures of Hope" and was inducted in 2011 into the prestigious Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame.

When: Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 am

Where: City Rescue Mission (Gym) 800 W California Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 Ph: 405-232-2709

Who: Linda Solomon Photojournalist and author Linda Solomon is recognized for her celebrity portraiture. She is the photographer of the NY Times bestseller "People We Know, Horses They Love" featuring photo essays on Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, and others. Linda Solomon has devoted her career to teaching children how to express their feelings through photography. She has founded educational photography programs that have reached over 1 million children. <http://www.lindasolomonphotography.com>

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