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### %DIGITAL REFLECTIONS+

%Advocates For Children+a General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut 2010-2012 project is presenting information to members and encouraging clubs to become supporters.

Children in the Social Justice System do not have %family+photos that they can carry with them through their journey. They reach young adulthood and have no identity of family history on which to build their lives. In a crisis, we can reflect on our pictures of family history, visits, trips/gatherings. The %Digital Reflections+project was created to help make those photographic memories a reality, to build self-esteem, and to build an identity.

GFWC/CT will be collaborating with CASA (Connecticut Court Appointed Special Advocate Program) to collect disposable cameras and photo albums.

CASA has advocates in the following judicial systems: Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, Rockville, Stamford, Torrington, Waterbury, Waterford and Willimantic. These are both Probate and Juvenile Courts. The age of the children range from newborn to age eighteen.

These children can go through many social workers, foster homes, and judicial reviews as they move through their journey; the only person who remains a constant in their lives is a Guardian ad Litem. The %Digital Reflections+project has the opportunity to impact and offer these youngsters a future with past memories.

If you are interested in supporting %Digital Reflections+disposable cameras or small photo albums may be sent to M. Campbell, 24 Michael Road, Hamden, CT. 06473 or phone 203-430-6530. If you would rather send a monetary donation, all donations are covered under our nonprofit 501-c-3 status, and should be made payable to GFWC/CT indicate %Digital Reflections+on the memo line and send to the above address as well.

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