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McLane ArtVenture Academy Opens Exhibit Exploring Foster Care

What: Students in McLane High School’s ArtVenture Academy present exhibit on foster care at ArtHop

When: Thursday, June 7, 2018
       5-8 p.m.

Where: M Street Arts Complex
        1419 M St. (93721)

McLane High School students from the ArtVenture Academy tackled issues of foster care during the second semester of the past school year, producing a deeply personal exhibit that opens to the community during ArtHop. The show, “HomeWork: Foster Love. Foster Hope. Foster Home,” will be up through June. The exhibit includes portraits based on student writings about their foster care journeys. Trash bag sculptures containing important personal artifacts recreated as art pieces accompany the portraits. The exhibit also includes an 8-foot-by-8-foot collage map of Fresno that shows the various moves of foster care students. During the past school year, 858 Fresno Unified students were in foster care, from infants through the adult special education program.

At the show, students will announce an $800 donation to the Chrysalis House, Inc., a non-profit adoption agency. Students raised the money through the sale of their art at a gala May 18 at the River Center. Students will have items for sale at ArtHop to raise additional funds.
As many of you know, foster care is a highly personal topic to me. I commend ArtVenture for exploring the issues of foster care and giving students an outlet for their stories,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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