

Photojournalist Linda Solomon brings Pictures of Hope to kids at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

Empowering children to capture pictures of hope

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DETROIT (WXYZ) - You could hear the many shutter clicks of cameras to know the children were having a memorable time snapping away. Seeing the smiles on their faces was a picture in itself.

These children live at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries . They received a special visit from award-winning photojournalist and author Linda Solomon .

Her nationally acclaimed program "Pictures of Hope" thrives in ten states, and she was thrilled to bring it back to Detroit.

"Through photography children share their heartfelt feelings", said 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, perhaps a child who never felt he or she had worth, now will."

The goal of the program is to help children realize their hopes and dreams for a better life.

Linda Solomon was pleased to partner with Chevrolet for Friday's "Pictures of Hope" event.

Susan Ianni, General Manager of Gordon Chevrolet joined Solomon in surprising the children with cameras.

The pictures they take will be transformed into holiday greeting cards.

The "Pictures of Hope" cards will be sold through the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, and 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit the many families and children who receive services at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries.

"A confident "Pictures of Hope" taken by homeless children shows how simple and yet profound are the dreams and hopes all children have – and can achieve," said Dr. Chad Audi, President & CEO of Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries.

"It gives them the gift of realizing that they are loved, that they are somebody, how very important we think they are, and it builds their confidence in ways that will sustain them as they spread their wings wide to embrace their bright futures, perhaps even as photojournalists," he added.

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