

Families: A Celebration of Diversity, Commitment and Love



The "Families" exhibit, designed and developed by the Boston Children's Museum, affirms and celebrates the diversity of groupings that children today identify as their families. We asked kids, "Who is your family?", and recorded their responses in words and pictures. The result is a photographic exhibit presented in a series of fourteen framed panels, including an introductory panel. Each panel contains an individual portrait of a child from each family, one or more group photos of the people the child defines as family, and text taken from interviews with the child, and sometimes with an adult member of the family.

Thirteen different families are represented--traditional families; racially mixed families; single parent, adoptive and foster families; religious and other communal families; a lesbian family; a family coping with the father's death--all have much to share about the concept of family. "Families" explores issues of support, responsibility, affection and love, as well as some of the struggles shared by all family groupings.

We developed this exhibit in response to our sense that many children feel they are strange if they are part of a non-traditional family. Children often feel isolated and embarrassed by their particular family makeup and sometimes they are even ostracized by peers. We feel children deserve to be proud of their family structure, and to feel worthy of respect; to feel good about saying, as Jennifer in the exhibit says, "I love my family. I can't imagine living anywhere else."

SPECIFICATIONS:

SIZE: 150 running feet
10-30"h x 24"w
4-24"h x 30"w

ESTIMATED WEIGHT: 150 lbs per crate

CRATES: 2 on wheels

SECURITY: Minimum

FEE: \$500.00/4 week run minimum
Non-profit discount available,
please ask

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