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"Together...ReShaping Young Lives"

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**Department of Juvenile Services and Maryland Institute of College of the Arts
Give Youth a Voice through the Lens of a Camera
"Beyond the Imagination"**

BALTIMORE, MD—(May 2, 2008). The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), in partnership with the Maryland Institute of College of the Arts (MICA) focus on the dynamic needs of youth under the care of the DJS through the lens of the camera. Committed girls at the Thomas J.S. Waxter Children's Center participated in a twelve week social photographic workshop. The girls describe the program as, "positive expression through photography", "food for the soul" and a way to "capture memories through a lens".

The program culminates in a public exhibition of their photos. All proceeds from the exhibition are given back to the girls in the form of a scholarship fund to encourage educational continuation. This year, the event is being held on **Saturday, May 3, 2007 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Frederick Douglas - Isaac Myers Maritime Park in the Herbert Bearman Gallery on the campus of Living Classrooms**, located on the corner of Caroline and Thames Streets in Fells Point.

"Programming for all of our youth is fundamental to their development, decision making and life skills. This particular project provides our youth with a positive outlet to express their emotions and gives them something tangible they can take pride in," stated Donald DeVore, Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Services.

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