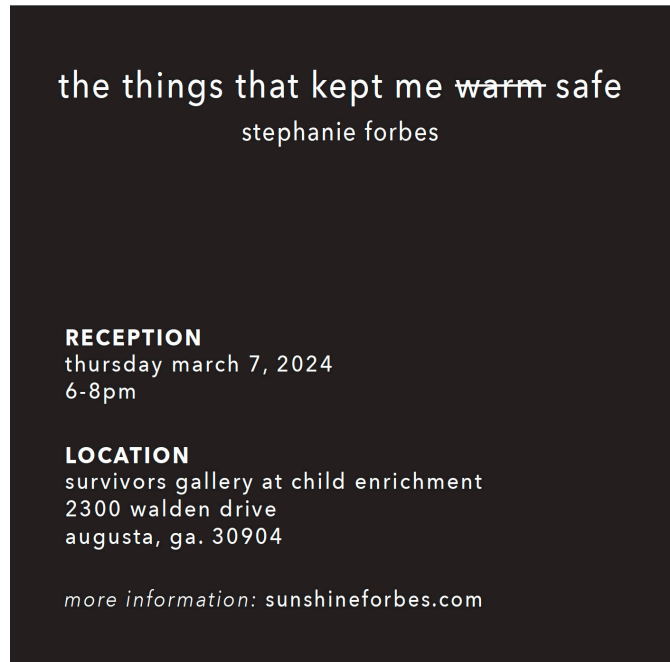


CHILD ENRICHMENT + STEPHANIE FORBES  
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**STEPHANIE FORBES | MARCH 7, 2024- SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**  
**RECEPTION WITH ARTIST: THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024; 6-8PM**

STEPHANIE FORBES OPENS ART EXHIBITION AT CHILD ENRICHMENT IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Savannah-based artist Stephanie Forbes and Child Enrichment is set to invite art enthusiasts and advocates alike with Forbes' Exhibition, "The Things That Kept Me Warm/Safe," at Child Enrichment in Augusta, Georgia. The opening reception will take place on March 7, 2024, marking a significant milestone for both the artist and the esteemed Children's Advocacy Center.

Child Enrichment, dedicated to supporting children facing abuse or neglect, has transformed its new corporate wing into a dynamic Gallery space. This innovative initiative aims to showcase the works of Artists who have triumphed over adversity, creating a platform for healing, powerful discourse and self-expression.

Stephanie Forbes' Exhibition is a testament to resilience and triumph over personal challenges. Through a collection of sculptures, paintings, and installation pieces, Forbes explores the theme of warmth and safety using the oyster as a poignant metaphor. Her southern roots are beautifully interwoven into the artwork, creating a narrative that resonates with the essence of human resilience.

"The Things That Kept Me Warm/Safe" not only celebrates Forbes' artistic prowess but also serves as

a powerful reflection on the strength inherent in the human spirit. The exhibition invites viewers to contemplate the beauty that emerges from adversity, much like the pearl within an oyster.

To further support the mission of Child Enrichment, a portion of the proceeds from sales during the exhibition will be donated back to the center. By participating in this event, art enthusiasts can contribute to a cause that provides vital support to children in need.

Don't miss the opportunity to witness the unveiling of this remarkable exhibition on March 7, 2024, at Child Enrichment in Augusta, Georgia. Join us in celebrating art, resilience, and the transformative power of creativity.

### **EVENT DETAILS:**

Event is free and open to the public

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Location: Child Enrichment, 2300 Walden Drive, Augusta GA. 30904

### **ABOUT THE ARTIST:**

Stephanie Forbes (b. 1991) is an Augusta, Georgia native currently located in Savannah Georgia where she studied Fine Art at the Savannah College of Art and Design, graduating Magna Cum Laude, in 2019. Before moving to Savannah, Forbes studied art at the Augusta State University. In 2011, she took over Gaartdensity Art Gallery in downtown Augusta, GA; managing all gallery operations and hosting monthly showcases featuring various local and nationwide artists. Post gallery, Forbes moved to Northern California where she gained diverse experience working as a photo editor for the "What I Be Project," graphic design and marketer for Farm Fresh to You, art restorer at Postino in Lafayette, and a freelance/ commission painter and illustrator for clients up and down the west coast.

After graduating, Forbes focused on consecutive passion projects that included 'Fronde Luminary, a series of contemporary portrait paintings of celebrities, where Forbes took the project to multiple venues across Georgia. 'RO3 Gallery' where Forbes opened a gallery and exhibition space, in downtown Savannah. And, 'Lonely Hearts,' a collaboration with the Humane Society of Greater Savannah where Forbes painted contemporary portraits of senior dogs and hosted pop up exhibition events with the portraits and dogs on site. During this time Forbes also completed 2 full time residency Programs with the Savannah College of Art and Design as and Alumni Atelier Associate. This Program led to a collaboration with the Emeline, a boutique hotel located in down town Charleston South Carolina where Forbes completed a third residency program and opened her series, 'Divine Armor and the Lowcountry' in the hotel's Exhibition hall.

### **ABOUT CHILD ENRICHMENT:**

Established in 1978, Child Enrichment Inc. currently serves the Augusta Judicial Circuit (Richmond and Burke Counties), the Columbia Judicial Circuit (Columbia County), and the Toombs Judicial Circuit (McDuffie, Taliaferro, Lincoln, Glascock, Warren, and Wilkes Counties). The children we serve have different backgrounds, races, religious beliefs, and experiences. We have two distinct service programs within our organization, which are designed to meet the varied needs of abused children. These programs are the Child Advocacy Center and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the programs and services we provide depend heavily on the support of those who believe in our mission and care about the plight of abused children. Since our services are free of charge, we rely on the support of donors like you, and the community to make sure

that no child goes without help. Donations are tax-deductible, as are portions of ticket prices for special events.

Child Enrichment is a leading children's advocacy center committed to supporting children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Through innovative programs and services, the organization strives to create a safe and nurturing environment for healing and growth.

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