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Touring Family Diversity Projects Exhibit, Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families, visits <insert location>.

We have all encountered the standard demographic survey with its instructions to "Check one: African-American, Hispanic, White," and so on. But for those who do not fall neatly into any of these categories, there is only the least inclusive, most alienating category – "Other." To spotlight and celebrate the ever-growing diversity of the American Family, photographer Gigi Kaeser and writer Peggy Gillespie, Amherst, Mass., have created an ambitious, award-winning photograph-text exhibit, Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families.

An exhibition of Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families, a touring photo-text display created by the award-winning Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, Massachusetts is scheduled to be featured at <insert event information>.

The Of Many Colors exhibit has visited universities, public schools (K-12), houses of worship, community centers, galleries, museums, and conferences since 1994. Of Many Colors tells the stories of twenty families who have bridged the racial divide through interracial relationships or adoption. In a world where race is considered by many to be a formidable barrier between people, the families in this exhibit are celebrated as twentieth century pioneers willing to risk disapproval and misunderstanding to find richness and value in diversity. These families have much to say about the most intimate form of integration: family love.

Of Many Colors is designed to be used by educators, diversity groups, human resources professionals, parents, students, religious leaders, librarians, and all people interested in bringing issues of diversity to their community.

The book, Of Many Colors, has also been published by the University of Massachusetts Press (with a forward by Teaching Tolerance magazine Editor, Glenda Valentine). The book is available in paperback and hardbound editions and include complete text and photographs of over 20 families along with a comprehensive diversity resource guide.

Internet browsers can view images, interviews, and other information about the Of Many Colors exhibit and book at www.familydiv.org.

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