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# Program turns kids into budding photojournalists

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TUCSON - What are the children of Tucson's hopes for America? One project by an award-winning photojournalist and author aims to answer that question by giving a group of elementary school children cameras to capture their dreams on film.

Tucsonan Linda Soloman will teach her nationally-acclaimed program "Pictures of Hope" at Prince Elementary School this week - kids will be given cameras, and their assignment will be to capture words and images that reveal their hopes for the future.

"I treat the children as photojournalists and their assignment to capture their hope for

America is a very important theme for the children to address. They will learn their feelings matter and through their heartfelt images the children will inspire us all." Solomon states. More than 30 fourth-graders will participate in the program.

"Our children care deeply about the world around them," says Prince Assistant Principal Tanya Wall. "We hope this unique project will give them an opportunity to make their ideas known and inspire them to make the world a better place."

A panel of judges, including News 4's Kristi Tedesco, will select one image per child to be exhibited at a reception, and to feature on greeting cards. All of the proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to the Christina Taylor Green Memorial Fund.

The cards will be available at the two Lexus of Tucson Dealerships, a sponsor of the program.

Stay tuned to News 4 Tucson for a complete story on this program.

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