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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Wednesday December 10th, 2014**

# **Hand Made**

**By J-ADD'S Residents with the Art**  
**An art exhibit and sale to benefit J-ADD**

Bear Givers has partnered with J-ADD to present *Hand Made*, an art exhibit and sale featuring original artwork created by the residents of J-ADD's Group Homes. The Group Homes are provided to any qualified person with a developmental disability, and have trained staff on call 24 hours a day to assist them with their individualized plans and routines.

The art exhibit is a development of the EmpowerArt program created by Bear Givers, a New York-based organization that provides those in need with opportunities to feel the pride and joy of engaging in acts of kindness and generosity. The EmpowerArt program enables individuals with illnesses or special needs to express their creativity in art shows that benefit the organizations with which they interface regularly.

The art work of J-ADD's residents will be displayed and sold, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting J-ADD, helping the organization to continue its unique programs and services. Many of the young artists themselves will be in attendance to proudly witness their creative and colorful art pieces being admired and purchased. Refreshments will be served during the exhibit at the Bressman Group Home, Teaneck, New Jersey. Photo opportunities available.

**WHAT: Hand Made**

An open art exhibit and sale. 100% of the proceeds will benefit J-ADD.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
6:00 to 8:00PM

**WHERE:** Bressman Group Home  
134 Pinewood Place  
Teaneck, NJ 07666

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**About J-ADD**

"The Agency with the Heart"

Jewish Association for Developmental Disabilities (J-ADD) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has served the Northern New Jersey Jewish Community for over 25 years, through Residential, Vocational and Respite Services. J-ADD has been on the front lines of improving the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. J-ADD is funded by the Division of Developmental Disabilities and through the support of community donors and the JFNNJ. [www.j-add.org](http://www.j-add.org)

**About Bear Givers**

Bear Givers is dedicated to bringing joy to the lives of children in need. Through hospital visits and school programs, this innovative non-profit touches the lives of children and their families with a personal visit and the gift of a soft, cuddly teddy bear. Bear Givers also offers programs that enable children with special needs to become givers and experience the thrill and pride of bringing happiness to others. Bear Givers programs include Empowerment, EmpowerArt, Hospital Visits, and Teddy Bear Clinics. [www.beargivers.org](http://www.beargivers.org).