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MEDIA ADVISORY
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The Art of Friendship

Members of the Friendship Circle of Brooklyn are featured artists for special exhibit and fundraiser

A unique art concept comes to Brooklyn on **Sunday May 4th**, with ***The Art of Friendship***, an exhibit featuring artwork created by members of the Friendship Circle of Brooklyn and presented by Bear Givers. The Art Show and reception will be held at the Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn, New York. All artwork is for sale and funds raised will benefit the Friendship Circle of Brooklyn, a non-profit organization that creates friendships between community teens and special needs children in the Brooklyn New York area and engages them in a variety of Jewish, social and educational activities.

The Art of Friendship exhibit is a development of the EmpowerArt program created by Bear Givers, a New York-based organization that provides children in need with opportunities to feel the pride and joy of engaging in acts of kindness and generosity. The EmpowerArt Program gives children who have special needs, or are hospitalized, an opportunity to express their creativity and showcase their artwork in a professional gallery setting with art shows that benefit their schools, hospitals, and programs. The children's experience is positive and empowering. They feel validated, confident and proud. It is an exciting feeling for them to see their work being shown and purchased, and this is furthered by the knowledge that they are raising funds for their organization.

During the event, guests will be able to peruse artwork while enjoying food and refreshments. Some of the artists will also be on hand to discuss their work with attendees. The exhibit will feature more than 80 canvases and mosaics, created by young artists with the help and guidance of Michael Muchnik of Muchnik Arts, Ms. Estee Klein of Brush Strokes by Estee, and all the wonderful volunteers of the Friendship Circle.

WHAT: ***The Art of Friendship*** - Art Show and Reception

WHEN: Sunday May 4th, 2014
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Jewish Children's Museum
792 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn New York 11213

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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. For more information, visit

www.beargivers.org.

About the Friendship Circle of Brooklyn

The Friendship Circle of Brooklyn is a non-profit organization that provides programs and support to individuals with special needs and their families, engaging them in a variety of Jewish, social and educational activities. In addition, the Friendship Circle enriches its vast network of volunteers, enabling them to reap the rewards of selfless giving by creating everlasting friendships with these children.

For more information, visit www.fcbrooklyn.com