



Kennedy Krieger Institute



Bear Givers

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**April 24, 2014**

**ART SHOW COMMEMORATES CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

On Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Kennedy Krieger Institute will celebrate its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art Exhibit, ***The Art of Unlocking Potential***. Artwork created by the patients and students of Kennedy Krieger Institute will be featured in a stunning exhibition presented by Bear Givers and Kennedy Krieger, in association with the Living Classrooms Foundation. The exhibit opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Herbert Bearman Community Art Gallery at Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park, and will continue until the special reception on April 24<sup>th</sup>. All artwork is for sale and funds raised will benefit Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute, dedicated to improving the lives of children with developmental and physical disabilities.

***The Art of Unlocking Potential*** exhibit is a part 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 enables children with special needs to express their creativity in art shows that benefit their schools, hospitals, and programs.

During this free 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.

**WHAT:** The Art of Unlocking Potential

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 24, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Herbert Bearman Gallery  
Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park  
1417 Thames Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Diane Lempert, [diane@beargivers.org](mailto:diane@beargivers.org), 212.224.0140

**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 special needs children 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](http://www.beargivers.org)

**About Kennedy Krieger**

Internationally recognized for improving the lives of children and adolescents with disorders and injuries of the brain and spinal cord, the Kennedy Krieger Institution in Baltimore, MD serves more than 20,000 individuals each year through inpatient and outpatient clinics, home and community services and school-based programs. Kennedy Krieger provides a wide range of services for children with developmental concerns mild to severe, and is home to a team of investigators who are contributing to the understanding of how disorders develop while pioneering new inventions and earlier diagnosis. For more information on the Kennedy Krieger Institute, visit [www.kennedykrieger.org](http://www.kennedykrieger.org)