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Incarcerated Youth Donate Artwork to Silent Auction to Benefit Other Youth

Columbus, Ohio — Franklin University and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) are partnering to provide a silent auction of artwork from youth in juvenile correctional facilities on Tuesday, October 21 beginning at 4:00 pm at Franklin University.



High-resolution photos available upon request

More than 60 pieces of artwork created by youth in school art classes and on parole will be on display, including black and whites, acrylics, pencils, and mixed media. More than 50 pieces will be for sale to the public through a silent auction, and all proceeds will benefit the Brian Muha Foundation, a nonprofit organization that serves primarily inner-city children. Information about the foundation is available at <http://www.brianmuhafoundation.org>.

The event will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 21 at Alumni Hall in the Ross Auditorium, 301 E. Rich St., Columbus, Ohio 43215. Free parking is available on Grant Ave.

“The silent auction offers a unique opportunity for our youth to give back to the community,” said DYS Director Harvey Reed. “We are delighted to showcase our youth’s artistic talents while benefitting the Brian Muha Foundation.”

The event is organized and supported by Dr. Karen Miner-Romanoff, Ph.D., J.D., Program Chair of the Criminal Justice Administration Program in the College of Health

and Public Administration, Franklin University. “These youth have an opportunity to repair harm and give back to society, providing the chance to heal. The transformation of those who view the art has been overwhelming,” said Dr. Miner-Romanoff.

DYS is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio and is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts. DYS operates three juvenile correctional facilities, provides parole services from five regional sites and funds and supports more than 600 community programs throughout the state.

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