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Ohio Department of Youth Services and Franklin University Present Youth Art Exhibit

Columbus, Ohio — Franklin University and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) have partnered up to provide a unique exhibition and silent auction of artwork from youth in juvenile correctional facilities, on display from October 21-25 at Franklin University.

The exhibit, called “Voices from Inside,” will feature a total of 34 pieces of artwork created by youth in school art classes. Pieces will include black and whites, acrylics, pencils, watercolors and mixed media. A total of 25 pieces will be for sale to the public through a silent auction, and all proceeds will benefit the Brian Muha Foundation. Information about the foundation is available at <http://www.brianmuhafoundation.com>.

Art will be on display from Monday, October 21 through Friday, October 25 in Franklin University’s Frasci Hall. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the lobby of Frasci Hall, located at 201 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215, during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The silent auction will be open to bidding on Wednesday, October 23 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Alumni Hall, 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 provide community service,” said DYS Director Harvey Reed. “We are pleased to highlight our youth’s artistic abilities while benefitting the Brian Muha Foundation.”

The exhibit 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. “The opportunity for youth to express themselves through art and for the community to experience that art is immeasurable. Franklin University is proud to support this type of innovative educational outreach and partnership with the Ohio Department of Youth Services,” 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 currently operates four juvenile correctional facilities, provides parole services from five regional sites and funds and supports 625 community programs throughout the state.

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