

Nursing Home Artists Honored in 2018 Annual Calendar

*Proceeds from 2018 “Art from the Heart” Calendar Help Improve
Quality of Life in New York State’s Long Term Care Facilities*

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ALBANY, NY – Art is a powerful medium of expression. Particularly for the aging, it can present an opportunity to open up to outsiders what may be a lifetime of inspirational images never before shared. Thirteen artists who happen to be residents of New York State skilled nursing and assisted living facilities translated visions from their hearts and minds into winning entries of a juried art contest, now featured in a 2018 calendar, “Art from the Heart.”

The annual calendar is the result of an art contest launched in 2004 by the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc., the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL). Residents of more than 380 NYSHFA/NYSCAL member skilled nursing and assisted living facilities around the state were invited to submit artwork.

Each NYSHFA/NYSCAL member was encouraged to hold their own art contest and was invited to submit up to two pieces of original artwork by their residents. The response was overwhelming, with more than 100 pieces submitted from across New York state. The judges included representatives from the New York State Museum and the Sorelle Gallery in Albany.

Ranging in age from 26 to 90, the different backgrounds of the artists who submitted work creates a unique blend of artistic styles. Some are professional artists who have been drawing and painting their entire lives, while others discovered their talents after moving into a long term care facility where they began taking art classes.

“Our residents have shared such rich stories through their artwork,” said Nancy Leveille, RN, MS, executive director of the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. “The ‘Art from the Heart’ calendar provides a forum for these talented and interesting individuals to shine.”

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The 2018 “Art from the Heart” calendar can be purchased for \$12 by visiting www.thefqc.org and www.nyshfa.org. The websites also include images from the “Art from the Heart” calendar.

Proceeds from the calendar benefit the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. a non-profit, grant-supported organization that focuses on improving the quality of care and quality of life in New York State nursing homes.

*****Photos of Artwork and Artists Available*****

This Year’s “Art from the Heart” Art Contest Winners

- Angela Barricelli, Sands Point Center for Health & Rehab, Port Washington, NY
- Timothy Bartholomew, Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, Lake Katrine, NY
- Duffy Brodsky, Willow Towers Assisted Living, New Rochelle, NY
- Claire Cardinale, Focus Rehabilitation & Nursing Center at Otsego, Cooperstown, NY
- Theresa Hajos, The Pines at Heartwood, Troy, NY
- Elizabeth Lape, Steuben Center, Bath, NY
- Elizabeth McChesney, Elderwood at Hornell, Hornell, NY
- Jon Park, Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, Lake Katrine, NY
- June Parks, ElderWood at Amherst, Amherst, NY
- Jean Pysnik, Focus Rehabilitation & Nursing Center at Otsego, Cooperstown, NY
- Michael Serrette, Hedgewood Home for Adults, Beacon, NY
- Binny Thomas, Richmond Center for Rehab & Specialty Care, Staten Island, NY
- Helena Weaver, The Pines at Heartwood, Troy, NY

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