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The Douglas Center “Art From The Heart” Creations Exhibits at North Shore Festival of Art at Old Orchard

Skokie, IL — The Douglas Center “**Art From The Heart**” Creations celebrated its participation in the North Shore Festival of Art at Old Orchard. The Douglas Center was graciously invited to exhibit as the featured non-profit of the festival and was received with great success. The art pieces displayed and sold at the Festival of Art included mosaic wall hangings and tabletop pieces, mosaic decorative mirrors and decorative plates, jewelry, microwavable neck rolls, decorative bird houses, mobiles and much, much more!

“**Art From The Heart**” Creations is a program participant-based business launched by The Douglas Center. This program gives participants “hands-on” experience in the creation, production and selling of their own products. This venture provides participants living with disabilities the opportunity for the development and training of marketable skills for their business while producing products for sale. Each art piece was created from the heart by a program participant of The Douglas Center. **Art From The Heart**” Creations enables participants to earn income from the sale of their artwork, attain a sense of accomplishment, self esteem and assistance in achieving greater independence in life. A portion of the proceeds of these art creations goes directly to the program participant that created it.

The Douglas Center provides day programs for individuals with severe developmental, intellectual and physical disabilities. The Douglas Center Work Center offers work programs that include light manufacturing, sewing, packaging, assembly, shrink-wrapping, labeling, heat sealing, fulfillment services, etc. by partnering with local manufacturers on work contracts/projects. The center offers pre-vocational training as well as developmental rehabilitation for adults of all ages. The Douglas Center opened its doors in 1999. Today, they provide a home away from home for 127 hard working and dedicated individuals. The center’s *clinical services, training programs, employment opportunities and Senior’s program* enhance the lives of their clients and assist them in reaching their maximum potential.

“On behalf of The Douglas Center, we would like to thank the Skokie Chamber of Commerce and The North Shore Festival of Art for this wonderful opportunity, stated Rifath Khan, Executive Director. “We are honored and deeply grateful for the reception and support that “**Art From The Heart**” Creations received from those attending the festival. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those living with disabilities.”

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