



A Newsletter from The Douglas Center • AUTUMN 2019



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WINTER ART SHOW & SALE WONDERLAND

The Douglas Center, a non-profit organization that provides community day programs for individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities, is hosting our annual WINTER WONDERLAND Art Show & Sale featuring works of art made by our program participants.

The public is invited to attend our Art Show & Sale.

Thursday, November 14 • 10:00am to 4:00pm
The Douglas Center • 3445 Howard Street, Skokie

Our new Holiday Collection will be on display, featuring beautiful ornaments, candle holders and an assortment of Holiday greeting cards. Also featured are our collection of mosaic flower pots, mosaic mirrors, coaster sets, paintings, decorative plaques, greeting cards, candle holders and home décor accessories from the *Art From The Heart Creations*® program.

The beautiful pieces on display would make a wonderful gift for you or someone special. Stop by and browse our gallery for a great gift!

Stop by and browse the *Art From The Heart Creations* gallery for a great gift!
For more information please contact The Douglas Center at 847-674-1921.



Save the Date #GIVINGTUESDAY™ Dec. 3, 2019



The Douglas Center Receives the Highest Accreditation Rating



The Douglas Center has once again received 3 years, the highest rating from The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Equally noteworthy is that since its inception, The Douglas Center has continued to earn CARF's highest rating.

CARF is an independent, non-profit organization focused on advancing the quality of services used in the industry for the best possible outcomes. CARF provides accreditation services at the

request of health and human services providers. CARF's accreditation signals a provider's commitment to continually improving services, encouraging feedback and serving the community.

As part of the accreditation process, the CARF survey team interviews current funders, parents, guardians, board members and staff of the organization.

Upon completion, the organization receives CARF's decision along with their findings report. "This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation," reported the CARF International Survey Team. "The Douglas Center is committed to maintaining its high level of quality standards in providing day programs for individuals living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities", stated Rifath Khan.

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The Douglas Center Welcomes New Retail Partners Displaying Art From The Heart Creations Products

The Douglas Center *Art From The Heart*® Creations program is delighted to welcome our newest retail partners:



Alcove Gift Shop of Highland Park Hospital



GL Home Décor in Chicago



Warm Wishes Gift Shop of Evanston Hospital



Glenbrook Hospital Gift Shop of Glenview

"We are honored and very appreciative for the support of our new retail partners," stated Rifath Khan, CEO. "We are thrilled to welcome them into our family of retailers." We invite you to stop into these stores and check-out our latest works of art!

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- Rifath Khan

Art From The Heart Creations provides our participants with hands-on experience in the creation, production and selling of their own art products. Our products include a line of home décor items (mosaic flower pots, mosaic mirrors, coasters, mosaic plates, mosaic tables), greeting cards, paintings, jewelry and so much more! Participants are now in the production of many new holiday items soon to be at a store near you. Each beautiful piece is made from the hands and heart of The Douglas Center participants living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. A portion of the sale of each piece goes directly to the program participant that created it.

GL Home Décor offers modern, affordable furniture and home décor items that will inspire you and help personalize every room in your home. GL Home Décor has created a boutique shopping experience and have the opportunity to bring them into their home. The featured display at GL Home Decor is an assortment

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GAMES... RACES...



DANCING... SINGING...
 PIÑATA... PRIZES...

“We look forward to this event all year long... the smiles, the camaraderie, the fun and games... it is such a heartwarming event!” – Rifath Khan

Each year our participants look forward to this event to enjoy a bit of fun and recreation time with their peers and The Douglas Center staff.



& A DELICIOUS PICNIC MEAL

Art From The Heart Creations Program Debuts The Holiday Collection

The Douglas Center “Art From The Heart” Creations program is excited to announce its new line of Holiday décor items skillfully crafted by our participants in the “Art From The Heart” Creations program. These items will soon be found at our family of local retailers. The Holiday Collection will include beautiful alcohol ink ornaments that resemble stained glass. These ornaments are available in either glass or shatterproof acrylic materials.

Perfect for holiday hostess gifts!

Also featured are our holiday candle holders in a variety of materials including mosaics, alcohol ink, etc. Themes for our Greeting Card Holiday Collection will include cards for Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year.

We invite you to our open house or to visit our local retailers to view our latest products created by our program participants.

For a complete list of retailers visit our website or contact us at lcordero@thedouglascenter.org.



NEW



New Retailers (continued)

of mosaic flower pots, picture frames, ceramic coaster sets and greeting cards from *Art From The Heart Creations*. **Located at 3954 N. Southport Avenue in Chicago.**

Warm Wishes Gift Shop of Evanston Hospital offers a variety of gift items ranging from flowers, plants, greeting cards to a selection of apparel, accessories, jewelry and unique gifts at affordable prices. Featured in their selection of *Art From The Heart Creations* products are mosaic flower pots, ceramic coaster sets and mosaic trivets. **Located in the atrium of the Women’s Hospital at 2650 Ridge Avenue in Evanston, Illinois.**

Glenbrook Hospital Gift Shop offers an array gift items including flowers, clothing, jewelry and home décor. Featured in their *Art From The Heart Creations* products are mosaic flower pots, mosaic mirrors, mosaic trivets, picture frames and greeting cards. **Located at 2100 Pfnngsten Road in Glenview.**

Alcove Gift Shop of Highland Park Hospital offers a wide variety of gifts including flowers, jewelry, home décor, etc. Featured in their *Art From The Heart Creations* products are mosaic flower pots, mosaic mirrors, mosaic trivets, ceramic coaster sets and greeting cards. **Located at 777 Park Avenue in Highland Park.**



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The Douglas Center serves to assist adults living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in improving their independent living skills and enrichment of their quality of life.

OUR MISSION

Fox College Students Earn Their Field Placement Certificates



The Douglas Center and Fox College have partnered to give the college students an opportunity to work with individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities.

This summer, The Douglas Center hosted two groups of students, who worked with our participants in July and August. The students focused on the social conditions to mental health to complete their Fieldwork Placement, a requirement of the Fox College program.

Working with individuals with special needs helps provide practical application of skills. Hands-on learning helps the students develop clinical reasoning and professional skills in supervised, real-life situations. The students assisted and

observed staff and participants, then reflected through written assignments.

Working with the participants in our facility, the students really got involved with our many programs and the day and life of the adults with special needs. There were many takeaways from the groups, but the overarching sentiment really embraces the humanity of our work in the social service industry, “We are all very similar – regardless of our background, where we came from or our skill sets – we can all find things in common.”

We are grateful for the opportunity to help the future Occupational Therapist Assistants from Fox College earn their Field Placement Certificate.

in Memoriam

The Douglas Center remembers those program participants who died within the past year. Listed below are the number of years they were with our center.

Franado Evans:	9.3 years
James Illich:	10 years
Toma Khzian:	9.5 years
Karena Prinzing:	3.8 years

Always in our hearts

Do you have old electronics?

Bring your electronic waste to The Douglas Center and we will dispose of it safely and responsibly.

Drop off your electronic items at our location
3445 Howard Street, Skokie
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 3:00pm