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Nursing Home Artists Honored in 2011 Annual Calendar

*Proceeds from 2011 “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 nursing homes translated visions from their hearts and minds into winning entries of a juried art contest, now featured in a new 2011 calendar, “Art from the Heart.”

The sixth 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 270 NYSHFA/NYSCAL member skilled nursing and assisted living facilities around the state were invited to submit artwork.

Proceeds from the calendar will help improve the quality of life for long term care residents at facilities across New York.

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 86 pieces submitted from across New York state. The judges included representatives from the New York State Museum and the State University of New York Fine Arts Department.

Ranging in age from 47 to 93, 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 Richard S. Patterson, Jr., executive director of the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. “For the fourth year in a row, the ‘Art from the Heart’ calendar provides a forum for these talented and interesting individuals to shine.”

The 2011 “Art from the Heart” calendar can be purchased for \$12 by visiting www.thefqc.org and www.nyshfa.org. The websites also include a gallery of artwork featured in 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

- Patricia Dorsett, 64, Smithtown Center for Rehab & Nursing Care, Smithtown, NY
- Frances Gatz, 86, Riverhead Care Center, Riverhead, NY
- Linda Harrington, 65, River Ridge Living Center, Amsterdam, NY
- Johnny Jones, 69, Lakeview Rehabilitation & Care Center, Middle Island, NY
- Ernst Lilavois, 75, Little Flower for Rehabilitation & Nursing, East Islip, NY
- Glenn MacDaniel, 47, The Mountain View Nursing and Rehab. Centre, New Paltz, NY
- Forest Miller, 80, ElderWood Health Care At Heathwood, Williamsville, NY
- Lorraine Miller, 84, Blossom View Nursing Home, Sodus, NY
- Jean Mollet, 81, White Oaks Nursing Home, Woodbury, NY
- Cecilia Polanski, 91, Smithtown Center for Rehab & Nursing Care, Smithtown, NY
- Edwin Rodriguez, 68, Glen Island Center for Nursing and Rehab., New Rochelle, NY
- Eldyn Simons, 93, Absolut Center for Nursing & Rehab at Houghton, Houghton, NY
- Abraham Uditsky, 90, DeWitt Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, New York, NY

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