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TVS Artists continue statewide success!

Brevard, NC (March 15, 2021) — Program participants at Transylvania Vocational Services (TVS) have been selected as featured artists in the Art Unblocked 2021 exhibit for the second year in a row!

"The TVS artists were very excited about submitting their artwork to the Art Unblocked show. They welcome any opportunity to share their art with others, but this show offered the additional benefits of a much larger virtual audience," said INTERACT Supervisor Jeanette Wayne. "It means a great deal to the artists to see their work displayed alongside other talented artists from all over the state. Seeing their biographies added a personal touch to the exhibition."

Art Unblocked is a part of Arts Access' *A Series of Fortunate Events (SOFE)* located in Raleigh, North Carolina. Arts Access is NC's only non-profit organization dedicated solely to making the arts accessible to children and adults with disabilities.

This year, three TVS program participants had submitted artwork accepted into the exhibit.

"My art makes me feel happy and joyful inside," said Amber reflecting on her work titled, *The Art of Sunshine*.

"Putting my art in the show means a lot to me. It made me feel good," said Andrew. His work, *Bach in D Minor*, shows three colorful flowers and reminds him of springtime and dandelions.

NBC Peacocks by Kristen features two glittery peacocks. She said, "I painted the NBC Peacocks for my mom because she used to work as an assistant manager at NBC in New York City. I could feel my mom's presence in my heart as I painted. I would do anything for her."

In March 2020, TVS 'No Limits' artists were accepted into the Art Unblocked exhibit for the first time.

The submitted piece titled, *No Limits*, was a group effort by the 'No Limits' artists. The art was a large-scale recreation of the "No Limits" logo – a figure leaping into the air and reaching for the stars. It was created with mixed media including; acrylic, paper, and glitter glue.

All proceeds of sales go directly to the artist for this exhibit, however, none of the TVS participants are selling their submitted art pieces. To purchase 'No Limits' artwork in the future, please visit the TVS webpage for upcoming events.

The Art Unblocked exhibit opened March 3 and runs through May 14. The art can be found online at <https://sites.google.com/artsaccessinc.org/artunblocked2021online/home> and can be seen in person Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 5:15 p.m. at the Block Gallery in Raleigh, North Carolina.

About TVS

TVS is a social enterprise contract manufacturer specializing in the blending and packaging of dry food and beverage products. Founded in 1967, their mission is to provide quality employment, job training and residential & community services to individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. For more information go to www.tvsinc.org