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**NSYMCA Community Gallery Showcases
Imaginative Works by Artists with Special Needs**

Northbrook, IL: July 2015 -- During the month of July, the local artists of Keshet GADOL of Skokie, Illinois will be exhibiting their artwork at the North Suburban YMCA's Community Gallery. The public is invited to an artist reception on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the NSYMCA, located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook.

The Sidney and Lisa Glenner Keshet GADOL (Giving Adults Daily Opportunities for Living) Program was established in 2002 to help integrate young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities into their community. GADOL gives its participants opportunities to socialize, gain valuable life skills, and volunteer. The art program has become very popular, as each new artist brings new perspective and inspiration.

The GADOL show at the YMCA Community Gallery features diverse types of artwork, from paint on canvas to watercolor to collages, from fourteen artists. One of the artists, Boruch Brandes, says he "finds inspiration in nature and loves to draw simple lines." Themes of their art include bouquets of flowers, animals, and landscapes.

The YMCA's Community Gallery presents monthly public exhibitions featuring the great depth of artistic talent by residents of Chicago's northern suburbs. All of the pieces in the show are for sale and a portion of the purchase price will benefit the North Suburban YMCA's Visual Arts Program. For more information about the Keshet GADOL exhibit, or about visual arts programs at the North Suburban YMCA, call 847 272 7250 or visit www.nsymca.org.



Photo Caption: The North Suburban YMCA features the art of Keshet GADOL participants in July, with an artist reception on Tuesday, July 14 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

About the North Suburban YMCA

The YMCA is a not-for-profit entity and relies on donations to make services available for all families and individuals in its 15-city region. All board members are volunteers, who donate their time, talents and financial resources. Located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook, the YMCA has served the northern suburbs of Chicago for over 45 years. The Y is about youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, providing programs and services that address the needs of our diverse community and are accessible to all. For more information or to make a donation, contact Barb Flanagan at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.