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YMCA Invites Artists with Special Needs to Participate in Community Gallery Show

Northbrook, IL: September 2014 – The North Suburban YMCA will be hosting a unique art exhibit in October, featuring artwork by children and adults with special needs. All individuals in the special needs community are invited to participate by submitting a framed piece of art between September 25 and 28 at the customer service desk of the Y, located at 2705 Techny Road in Northbrook. All submissions will be on public display in the Y's Community Gallery from October 1 through October 12.

The YMCA's Community Gallery was established to support local artists who live and work in the northern suburbs. The October Special Needs exhibit is intended to recognize artists of all ages with special needs for their unique talents, perspectives, and creativity. At the end of show's run, artists are invited with their families and friends to celebrate their accomplishments at a free reception on October 12 from 3:30 to 4:30pm, after which they may take their artwork home.

Upcoming events in the Community Gallery include a Junior High Art Show open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the area, with a reception for artists scheduled for November 9 from 4:00 to 5:30pm. Artwork for the Junior High show should be submitted between October 20 and 26. For more information about the Special Needs Art Show, Junior High Art Show, or other art exhibits and classes at the North Suburban YMCA, contact Visual Arts Director Cathie Winnie at cwinnie@nsymca.org.

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 Flanagin at 847-272-7250 or bflanagin@nsymca.org, or visit www.nsymca.org.

