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“Through the Eyes of Our Children” Expresses Hopes and Dreams of Young Patients

One-Night-Only Exhibit

Gallery Art- 20633 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura, FL 33180

Chai Lifeline Southeast is pleased to present “Through the Eyes of Our Children” an exhibition and sale of artwork created by children living with illness. The exhibition will take place on November 23rd, 7:30 to 10:00 PM. The exhibition will be at Gallery Art, 20633 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura, FL. Admission is free.

Through the Eyes of Our Children is part of the Empower Art program created by BearGivers, a New York-based organization that gives joy to ill children and empowers the children to give to others as well. The Empower Art program enables children with illnesses or special needs to express their creativity in art shows that benefit the organizations with which they interface regularly. “Bear Givers is happy to partner with Chai Lifeline and Voga Media to support an event that will allow these young artists to showcase their creativity and empower their spirits,” says Joseph Sprung, Chairman of Bear Givers.

This exhibit is a natural extension of Chai Lifeline Southeast Chai Crafts program, an innovative art therapy program sponsored by the Root Foundation and Voga Media. “Chai Crafts gives very sick children and their siblings the opportunity to express themselves in a welcoming, warm environment,” explained Ellen Weiss, Chai Lifeline Southeast Director. The program provides the children with regularly scheduled art and crafts activities. The children and siblings work alongside volunteers who help them create beautiful and meaningful art. “For many of our children, having their artwork showcased like this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Seeing their artwork framed, displayed, admired, and bought by patrons gives children an exceptional sense of accomplishment and confidence,” said Mrs. Weiss.

About Chai Lifeline

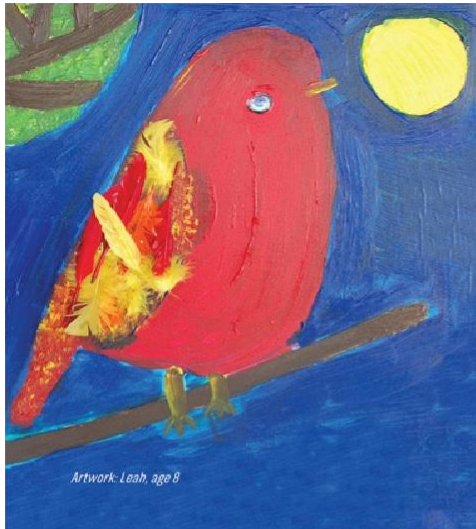
Chai Lifeline Southeast, the regional branch of the international children’s health support network, provides crucial emotional, social and financial assistance that enables families to cope with the diagnosis, treatment and long-term challenges of life-threatening or debilitating chronic medical conditions. From insurance advocacy, financial assistance, tutoring and counseling services to respite assistance, recreational events and two medically supervised overnight summer camps for seriously ill children and teens, Chai Lifeline's overriding mission is to help alleviate the many stresses parents endure and bring joy and hope to children. All programs are provided to families free of charge and delivered with discretion, sensitivity and compassion.

What: *Through the Eyes of Our Children*, an exhibition and sale of artwork produced by children with cancer and other illnesses through Chai Lifeline Southeast.

When: Saturday evening, November 23, 2013 7:30-10:00 PM

Where: Gallery Art at the Promenade Shops
20633 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura, Fl.

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Chai Lifeline Southeast and Bear Givers proudly present

THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR CHILDREN

A Celebration of Expression!

Featuring Artwork by Chai Lifeline Southeast Children and their Siblings Impacted by Serious Illness

Saturday Evening
November 23, 2013
7:30-10:00PM

Artwork: Leah, age 8



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Gallery Art
Promenade Shops
20633 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, FL 33180
305.932.6166 GallArt.com

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Public Parking available.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the children's artwork will benefit Chai Lifeline Southeast's therapeutic and recreational programs for seriously ill children and their families.

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When a child is born or diagnosed with a serious illness, the entire family feels the pain. Chai Lifeline Southeast provides crucial emotional, social and financial assistance that enables families to cope with the diagnosis, treatment and long-term challenges of life-threatening or debilitating chronic and genetic conditions. ChaiCrafts provides sick children and their siblings with creative art and craft therapy activities that encourage children to express their feelings visually.



www.beargivers.org

Bear Givers is a non-profit dedicated to bringing joy to the lives of children in need with the gift of a soft, cuddly teddy bear. Through hospital visits and school programs, we touch the lives of children and their families across the country and around the world. Bear Givers also offers programs that enable children to become givers and experience the thrill and pride of bringing happiness to others.