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**SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL STUDENTS HOST ART EXHIBIT**

The students from the School for Language and Communication Development (SLCD) will display their artwork at a special exhibit at the JBS Gallery, 444 Madison Avenue Floor 22 in Manhattan, on Wednesday March 9th 2011, from 6pm to 8pm. Students are eagerly producing their works of art to share with family, friends, and the community.

The work of over 80 students will be on display, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting SLCD's current programs and initiatives and increasing awareness for children with language disorders and autism.

Joseph Sprung, owner of the JBS Gallery and Founder of the non-profit organization, Bear Givers, emphasizes that "This exhibit will give so many people an opportunity to see what these talented students are capable of and how they are encouraged and nurtured by SLCD. Bear Givers is happy to support an event that will allow these students to showcase their creativity."

For more information on the SLCD Art Gallery Exhibit, contact Bear Givers at 212-224-0140.

Bear Givers believes that the altruism of some can exponentially affect the lives of many, and has developed programs that facilitate an environment where givers are empowered by bringing joy to others. Their mission is not only to bring joy to those in need, but to enable them to feel the satisfaction of being able to give back to others. The EmpowerArt Program gives children with special needs a rich outlet to develop their artistic capabilities, in addition to giving them a self-esteem and confidence boost. The Art Shows are hosted in professional galleries where the children see themselves as true artists and feel empowered by the knowledge that they are giving back.

The School for Language and Communication Development provides special education services to children with language disorders including those along the autism spectrum continuum. SLCD's program has grown from 36 preschoolers to more than 400 children ages 18 months to 21 years in elementary, middle and high school programs. Its mission to meet the special needs of children unable to speak or communicate has remained constant and the School's motto "Language Learning for Lifelong Success" is still upheld. For information on the School for Language and Communication Development visit [www.SLCD.org](http://www.SLCD.org).

