



**“Art by the disABLEd” on Exhibit, May 2 through June 1 at BIG ARTS  
Art Reception at Phillips Gallery on May 4**

(Fort Myers, Fla. – April 10, 2018) --- Artwork by participants in Lee Health’s Arts in Healthcare program - “Art by the disABLEd” - will be on display from Wednesday, May 2 through Friday, June 1 in the BIG ARTS Phillips Art Gallery located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. (Contact BIG ARTS at 239-395-0900 for directions and hours.)

As part of this show, an Artists’ **Reception will be held at the in the BIG ARTS Phillips Art Gallery on Friday, May 4 from 5:30-7 p.m.**

Art by the disABLEd is a program for individuals with disabilities who are looking for showcase and exhibition opportunities for their creative works. Each of Lee Health’s hospitals maintains a gallery to display their artwork and the health system arranges an annual juried art show and assists disabled artists in participating in local art shows like the one in May at BIG ARTS. Arts in Healthcare is led by the program coordinator with the support of more than 75 volunteers, and the Art by the disABLEd program is funded by donations. If you would like more information about the Lee Health’s Arts in Healthcare or the Art by the disABLEd program, please contact Program Coordinator Doug MacGregor, 239-343-2633 or email to [art@leehealth.org](mailto:art@leehealth.org).

Arts in Healthcare is a nation-wide movement that links the expressive arts with the healing arts and brings these into the mainstream of the traditional health care to promote the well-being of those who are ill and their caregivers. It integrates the expressive arts in all forms into the health care setting to provide creative outlets for patients, families and staff.

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*

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