

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery

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Fresh A.I.R. Gallery features

We Came Out of the Rain Together

The Portfolio Project

Columbus, Ohio – Fresh A.I.R. (Artists in Recovery) Gallery will feature “We Came Out of the Rain Together” The Portfolio Project, June 12 – July 21, 2006. The Fresh A.I.R. Gallery received funding from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act to work with a group of 8 artists with severe and persistent mental illness to help them develop portfolios and presentation materials they can use to approach galleries and other art venues. The class was six sessions, 3-4 hours each and taught preparation of art, presentation and final product of their work. The project concludes with a group exhibition of the artists’ work in the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery opening on June 12, 2006.

“We Came Out of the Rain Together” Artists’ Reception is June 14 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fresh A.I.R. Gallery. The reception is free and open to the public. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located at 131 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, (614) 744-8110. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 8:00am – 5:30pm.

The support of peers – including the sharing of experiential knowledge and skills and

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learning – plays an invaluable role in recovery. We Came Out of the Rain Together captures the power of mutual support for eight individuals who have taken their next step, together, in their personal and professional journey as artists. Melody Worsley, gallery manager, comments “the students in the class are becoming inspired by one another. We are forming a community of artists here.” One student in the class says, “We are all artists connected to each other by our mental illness, we understand because we live with it everyday.”

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery exhibits the works of individuals affected with mental illness and those with substance abuse disorders. Through art, we work to break down the stigma of mental illness by bringing focus to the artistic vision.

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is operated by Southeast, Inc. The Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is made possible through generous support from The Columbus Foundation and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. Southeast Inc. is a comprehensive mental health, chemical dependency, and healthcare organization that has been serving Columbus and Franklin County since 1978. Southeast, Inc.’s mission is to serve diverse populations regardless of their economic status. With the belief that all people have the capacity to grow and change, Southeast provides services to people of all ages, cultures, races, religious preferences, genders and sexual orientations in order to enhance wellness and recovery, thereby improving families, workplaces and communities. Southeast, Inc. serves people who are most in need and require different levels of intensity of services. Southeast, Inc. is also accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) that focuses on commitment to continuous quality improvement. Southeast,

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