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Young Artists Help Raise Funds For Habitat for Humanity London

London, ON. Young artists, their instructors and representatives from Habitat for Humanity London were on hand yesterday at the Arts Project to reveal the culmination of three months works. Four paintings, all created by students from the Montessori House School of Children, were unveiled and set up for community display and for purchase by sealed bid. The works of art are the end result of a partnership between local artist, Jim Kogelheide, and the Montessori House School of Children.

Each term Montessori invites an artist to present student workshops. This year, Jim Kogelheide's student project stressed the value of community involvement and created an awareness of organizations that help others. Jim contacted Julie Coley, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity London and offered the art pieces as a fundraising opportunity. Julie was pleased to accept the donation and even more pleased to find the children were given an opportunity to learn about community giving and volunteerism. "Our organization could not exist without the generosity of time and funding from within the community", Julie Coley said. She added, "Children are giving by nature and by working together, in a creative atmosphere the students have built upon a natural instinct to help those who need a hand up. Habitat for Humanity London commends their efforts and their talents."

The theme of the art project was "My Home", where the students had to translate their understanding of Home on to a canvas. Also in this process Jim taught the students about the use of colour focusing, brush stroke and texture.

The paintings will be on display at the Art Project until Saturday December 20 and available for purchase by sealed bid. Interested art collectors may also place a bid through email at info@habitat.london.on.ca. Please include the subject line Sealed Bid for Habitat Auction.

The Art Project is a not for profit organization, located at 203 Dundas Street, that aids and prompts local artists and art groups. Along with the Habitat for Humanity London display there are two other London artists currently showing at the Arts Project. Sarah Kane has her new exhibit "Fate on Pause" and Vanessa Garcia is displaying her new work "On the Nostalgia of Childhood and Magic of Cats."

More information about Habitat for Humanity London is available on the website www.habitat.london.on.ca

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