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ART SALE WILL BENEFIT COUNTY'S EMERGENCY CHILDREN'S SHELTER *Polinsky Children's Center Will Receive Half of All Proceeds From Local Artists*

For the second year, local artists from a group called *8 Artistic People Everywhere* will hold an art show to benefit the *A.B. and Jesse Polinsky Children's Center*, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services (HHS) facility for the temporary, emergency shelter of children suffering from abuse or neglect, who must be separated from their families for their own safety, or when parents can not provide adequate care.

"We are grateful to these artists whose generosity makes it possible to make Polinsky more like a home," said HHS Director, Jean Shepard. "Donors have been part of the Polinsky Center since we broke ground in 1992, and the care they show for the abused and neglected children in our county is invaluable."

Each month more than 200 children, from newborns to 18 year-olds, are admitted to the Polinsky Children's Center, which provides living and school facilities for the children in its care. State and federal funding cover the costs of feeding and sheltering the children, but funds from donors help provide additional enrichment materials and activities for them.

Founded by local artist Jeane Griggs, *8 Artistic People Everywhere* has a mission to help other local artists become known for their work, and to assist them with marketing and promoting their creations. "As artists, reaching out to these children is only natural," said Griggs. "Children are like art. Each one is beautiful and holds hidden potential, and each time you look at them, you can discover some wonderful new quality within them."

The art show will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., on both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23-24, at the Big Kitchen gallery and restaurant in North Park, 3003 Grape Street, San Diego, 92102. The show will feature original paintings by three young, local artists.

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