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# Media Advisory

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show to Showcase Work of Agency Youth

Youth involved in Franklin County Children Services' Adoptions and Therapeutic Arts Programs will share their work during *My Journey of Hope*, an art show and silent auction which will be held from September 24 through October 5, 2018, at 855 West Mound Street. The show is open to the public and will feature more than 100 pieces, including paintings, sculpture, mixed-media and more.

Creating art is a means of self-expression and healing for these youth who have experienced difficult circumstances. One of the pieces, "*Pieces of My Life*," was created by an 11-year-old girl and featured as the cover of a recent publication for Ohio social workers.

According to TAP Program Coordinator Cheri Johnson, "*Pieces of My Life*" speaks about childhood trauma and its significant effects on a person's emotional well-being." The work shows a young girl struggling to arrange puzzle pieces which represent her feelings such as: hope, anger and fear, as well as family, loss and guilt, as she copes with the effects of trauma. It embodies the theme of the conference, which is "The Child Protection Puzzle: Putting all of the Pieces Together."

The event is also a favorite of FCCS employees as well as community members who come to the show each year to buy. Bidding is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with final bids collected at noon on Friday, Oct. 5. Proceeds benefit the artists in the TAP program.

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