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## ANOTHER MASTERPIECE

*Chrysalis Artists on display at the Second Annual Art Exhibition as we celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities.*

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**Edmonton, Alta. (December 3, 2009)** — Following the successful debut of the First Art Exhibition in 2008, Chrysalis is pleased to announce that the Second Annual Art Exhibition will once again be held on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Over the past year, individuals participating in the Chrysalis Art Program have been hard at work, creating beautiful works of art. Chrysalis is proud to open their doors to showcase the results of this marvelous program and its talented individuals. Art Instructor Gonzalo Canales and staff have continued to build the Art Program since its inception in February, 2008. Over 70 individuals have participated in the Art Program and there is a waiting list of approximately 50 individuals patiently waiting to enroll in the program. Throughout the past year, the work of 12 Chrysalis artists has been showcased in bi-monthly, individual art exhibits at Mélange Salon & Spa.

“The Art Program has facilitated the most tremendous personal and artistic growth in each of the participating artists, and is a testimonial to the therapeutic benefit of the Arts for those involved.” says Chrysalis President and CEO Lynn Groves Hautmann.

The Second Annual Chrysalis Art Exhibition will feature between 100-150 art pieces created in a variety of different techniques by nearly 40 artists accessing Chrysalis services. Many of those artists will be on hand to greet guests and provide insight to their work. The art will be displayed throughout the Chrysalis building and will be available for purchase. Artwork prices will range anywhere from \$50 to \$150 for smaller pieces and \$250 to \$350 for larger pieces. 35% of the proceeds from the event will go directly to the artists while the remaining 65% will go towards future expansion of the Art Therapy Program.

“The Art Program has allowed me to grow as a person” says Chrysalis Artist, Esther Auger. “Whatever you are feeling when you are painting is what is expressed in your work” said Mark Halfe, another Art Therapy participant “you are free to express yourself without being judged. The program has given me a lot of confidence!”

The open-house art exhibit will take place on Thursday, December 3rd at Chrysalis Edmonton, located on 13325 St. Albert Trail. Doors are open from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A special Pre-Art Show “Sneak-a-Peek” will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to recognize the contributions and support from some of Chrysalis’ long-time donors, sponsors and friends.



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**Please note**, Afternoon access will be granted to any media outlets interested in covering the Second Annual Art Exhibition before the program officially begins. Artwork will be displayed throughout the building and many artists will be available for comments during the day. Please contact Matt Mandrusiak, Manager of Communications, for more details about the Second Annual Art Exhibition or to arrange afternoon coverage of this fantastic event.

### **About Chrysalis**

In 1968, Chrysalis began as a Centennial project under the direction of the University of Alberta and was created by parents and community members who realized that adults with disabilities deserved equal opportunities to contribute to their communities. Chrysalis was the first of its kind in the world, an agency especially planned for training adults with developmental disabilities to produce manufactured goods using automated machinery. Through Chrysalis, individuals were offered, for the first time ever, alternatives to staying in school or remaining inactive all day long in their residential settings. Today, Chrysalis offers personalized services to help thousands of people with disabilities receive training, develop life and vocational skills, find employment, discover volunteer opportunities, and realize an improved quality of life.

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