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### **"Gallery of Dreams" Shows Art by People with Developmental Disabilities**

**Miami** - The Ruth Bryan Owen Rhode Building in downtown Miami will be transformed into a "Gallery of Dreams" on July 1. The Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), in collaboration with Family Care Council Florida, is sponsoring the art exhibit featuring works by artists with developmental disabilities. The "Gallery of Dreams" exhibit will be shown in the lobby of the Rhode Building at 401 NW Second Avenue from July 1 to July 31. All the artwork is by people who receive services from APD, and ranges from paintings and drawings to tiles, sculpture, jewelry, and other three-dimensional art.

The exhibition's gallery opening will take place at the Rhode Building on Monday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A silent auction will be held, with proceeds going to the Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign which benefits the United Way.

Also during the month of July, APD will be presenting a variety of programs including performances, lectures, informational opportunities, and displays by the individual artists.

For more information about the APD exhibition, contact Kirk Ryon at (305) 377-7436.

APD currently serves about 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call **1-866-APD-CARES** or visit [www.apdcares.org](http://www.apdcares.org)

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