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# Full Service Insurance and Waves, Inc. Host 10<sup>th</sup> Annual An Artist's Window

Art Exposition and Sale for Area Artists with Disabilities

**FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**—Full Service Insurance and Waves, Inc. hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *An Artist's Window* on Friday, June 17 at Rolling Hills Community Church in Franklin, TN. The event with over 80 visual and performing artists serves as annual cultivation event, to bring members of the community together with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to showcase their artistic abilities.

"This annual event is an important opportunity for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to interact with community members and to showcase the skills and talents they have," said Shannon Nehus, Executive Director of Waves. "To see so many community members coming out to support these artists was very encouraging. I know that the artists look forward to this event every year, and so do we here at Waves. To see the joy on the artists' faces and the pride they had in participating in this event will stick with those who attended for years to come."

The evening's event began with the visual art exposition and silent auction sale of the artwork. During this time, attendees and participants enjoyed food, took pictures in the photo booth, and viewed and bid on art. The visual artists were excited to show off their artwork to the community, and to sell their pieces, with the proceeds from any sale going directly back to the artist.

The performing arts component, in its second year as part of *An Artist's Window*, grew with even more performers participating this year. The event had a variety of acts, including singing, dancing, and a music video.

Local artists from the community volunteered their time as judges, awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in both the visual and performing arts sections. This year's winners were as follows:

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#### Visual Arts

1st Place: Timothy Zirker
 2nd Place: Jessica Bray
 3rd Place: Kyle Jones

## **Performing Arts**

• 1st Place: Waves' All Can Dance Class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dianne Johnson
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ruth Adams

Regardless of whether they placed or not, all of the participants received certificates of recognition for their hard work, and they were excited to show everyone in attendance proof of their accomplishments.

For more information, please visit www.wavesinc.com.

## About Waves, Inc.

Over forty years ago, a group of citizens in Fairview decided to "make waves" for people with disabilities. Waves has provided a broad range of services for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Williamson County including home and community based early intervention services, day programs, residential programs, job training, and office recycling.

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