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THE BEST ART AROUND – ANNUAL ART FROM THE HEART EVENT **Children's Art from the Heart to be auctioned to support** **Head Start Low-Income Kids' Programs**

Art conceived from a child's heart will be available for sale during the annual Art from the Heart silent auction, to be held on Tuesday, February 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Café Today, located in the Public Service Building, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene.

Art from the Heart began five years ago when children from Head Start created art for local law enforcement personnel as a way of saying "thank you" for keeping the community and kids safe. As a result, the Sheriff's Office and Head Start collaborated and have expanded the program into a silent auction fundraiser for Head Start. The event merges the children's creativity with funding for important Head Start programs.

Art from the Heart supports Head Start programs that provide education, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition for low-income children aged three to five. Auction artwork is being displayed from January 16 until February 13, across from Café Today (in the Public Service Building). The public is invited to come to the courthouse, view the art, submit a bid, and attend the auction on Tuesday, February 13 --- refreshments will be served.

AUCTION DATE: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2007

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 5:45 – 5:55 p.m. – Comments from Head Start Executive Director Annie Soto
- 5:55 – 6:05 p.m. – Comments from Commissioner Bobby Green
- 6:05 – 6:15 p.m. – Comments from Sheriff Russ Burger
- 6:15 – 7:00 p.m. – Silent Auction

LOCATION: Café Today, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Lane County Public Service Building.

DIRECTIONS: From the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza, enter the Lane County Public Service Building. Once inside, veer to the right and enter the double glass doors and go down a short flight of stairs. You are now on the first floor. Take the red staircase to your left, or the elevators straight ahead to access the basement floor of the Public Service Building. From the elevator, take a right and Café Today will be just down the hall on your right. From the staircase, Café Today will be located straight ahead and on the right.

HEAD START BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income, pre-school children (ages three to five) and social services for their families. Specific services for children focus on education, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition. Locally, Head Start of Lane County is a non-profit organization serving 788 age and income eligible children and families as the Head Start grantee in Lane County, Oregon.

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