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For most parents, taking care of our children as we watch them grow, thrive and meet milestones is a joyful process and something we may even take for granted. But for families whose children have special needs, life can be overwhelming at times.

Jill's House provides respite for children with intellectual disabilities and their families in the Greater Washington DC area. Their mission is to provide a safe haven to which parents can entrust their children, allowing the parents a time of rest. Jill's House is a leader in supporting families with children who have special needs.

In 2012, Bear Givers hosted an Art Show to benefit Jill's House. The event was sponsored by The Richard & Mary Fink Family Foundation and Koch Industries, Inc., and featured artwork by the children involved at Jill's House. Previous Bear Givers events featured original artwork created by Members of Congress and celebrities, such as: Yoko Ono, Martha Stewart, David Beckham, William Beatty and Kareem McKenzie, Matt Lauer, and Senator Joe Lieberman. Some of whom were in attendance at the show. The art show enabled the children to see their own artwork hanging alongside artwork from the celebrities and Members of Congress, which had a huge and empowering impact on them. They were so proud of themselves and felt like superstars! It is also important that the families witness their children's self-esteem increase immensely as they see their art displayed and sold. The families are able to delight in their success, and to show the world that their children are creative individuals who have so much to offer, despite the challenges they may face on a daily basis

Now you have an opportunity to support the invaluable mission of Jill's House. We are hosting another art exhibit and we would be honored if you and your family would consider creating a painting that we can display and have purchased at this exciting event. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of all artwork will benefit Jill's House and your participation will enable this wonderful organization to continue providing respite and renewal to extraordinary families.

PLEASE JOIN US

Jill's House and Bear Givers present:
"Wonderfully Made" - An Art Show to Benefit Jill's House

Sponsored by:
The Richard & Mary Fink Family Foundation and Koch Industries, Inc.

Thursday, April 23, 2015 - 5:30-8:00 pm
Touchstone Gallery
901 New York Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

PLEASE PAINT A PICTURE FOR THE SHOW

- Kindly use the supplies from the Bear Givers "Art from the Heart" Kit to create a painting to be exhibited and sold at the April 23 event.
- Please contact us at 212-224-0140 so that we can arrange to have your painting picked up.

Please join us in supporting Jill's House and the families they serve in the Greater Washington DC area.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Richard Fink' in a cursive, slightly stylized script.
Richard Fink

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Touchstone Galleries Hosts Art Show to Benefit Jill's House

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Joseph Sprung, Chairman & Founder of Bear Givers, Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and Richard Fink, executive vice president of Koch Industries

Touchstone Galleries in D.C. hosted **Wonderfully Made**, an art show to benefit **Jill's House** last week.

Jill's House was founded in 2010 and celebrates special needs children and provides programs like overnights and day camps.

The exhibit featured original artwork created by the children who benefit from Jill's House. Wonderfully Made exhibit is a part of the EmpowerArt Program created by Bear Givers, a New York-based philanthropy that works with children in need.

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.), Rep. Nan Hayworth (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.) were among nine members of Congress who made artwork to be purchased at the event.

— report by Kate Oczypok and photographs courtesy of Bear Givers

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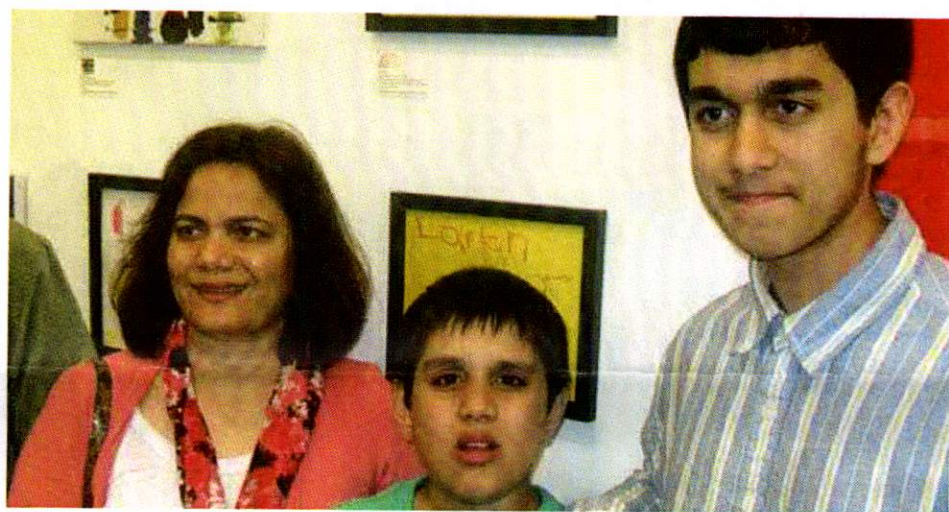
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Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.). Johnson painted a canvas of teddy bears.



Rep. Nan Hayworth (R-N.Y.), Richard Fink, executive vice president of Koch Industries and Joseph Sprung, Chairman & Founder of Bear Givers



Mohammed W. (center), 11, who has autism.



Jason, 17, who has autism.



Hope, 7, who has Down's Syndrome poses with her father.

4.10.12: Networking Reception
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Richard Fink and his daughter Justine Fink (center) with Hope W., and her family.



Akhil M., 10, who has autism, poses with his mother.

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Flower Garden

Hope W., age 7, Down syndrome

Hope is very active and loves playing dress-up with her brother and sister. At Jill's House, she loves jumping on the moonbounce.



My Hands

Matthew R., age 6, Autism



Metro Map

Ben B., age 9, Autism

Ben has a great sense of humor. He likes to draw his ideas for improvements to the D.C. metro system.



*Celebrating special children.
Renewing their families.*

Front page art work:

Wilderness Exploration at Jill's House

Akhil M., age 10, Autism

Akhil, an energetic artist, makes creations out of chalk, paint, crayons, and markers. He also likes playing with cars and trains.

Jill's House, a full-service overnight respite center, renews families through much-needed breaks while providing a safe, fun environment for children with special needs. This innovative 42,000-square foot, 45-bed respite resort for children ages 6 to 17 with intellectual disabilities and their siblings, is located in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, providing rest to families of all faiths and backgrounds. Jill's House also serves families in Texas, California and Indiana through local partnerships. Since 2010, Jill's House has provided nearly 500,000 hours of rest and relief to 500 families. Receiving no direct state or federal funding, Jill's House was created and is maintained through individual donations and grants. To find out more visit jillshouse.org or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/jillshouse and on Twitter @Jills_House.



Bear Givers

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Bear Givers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing joy to the lives of children and adults with the symbolic gift of a loveable Teddy Bear. Bear Givers believes that the altruism of some can exponentially affect the lives of many. Its programs facilitate an environment where "givers" are empowered by bringing joy to others and enabling young people with special needs, like the children of Jill's House, to feel the satisfaction of being able to give back to others. www.beargivers.org



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