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Dear Artist/Educator,

The Spruill Center for the Arts and the William Breman Jewish Home invite you to become part of an exciting new collaboration to bring the arts to a segment of the population that is often overlooked and underserved -- nursing home residents, particularly those with memory impairments. The aim of this network, called **Arts for Alzheimer's** (A4A,) is to expose these individuals to the benefits that the arts and culture have to offer. To participate, all you need to do is donate **one hour or one visit each year** and bring your artistic talents to our nursing home and assisted living facility.

We welcome artists from a variety of fields, from painting, puppetry, collage and storytelling, to singing, cooking and dance, to photography, theater, and poetry, and beyond. We also hope to work with research facilities to explore the healing potential of the arts and creativity, both for aging and for disabilities. The inspiration for this effort is a cutting edge A4A program designed by the Hearthstone Foundation. More information about the Hearthstone Foundation and its innovative A4A program can be found at: <http://www.thehearth.org/Foundation/foundation.html>.

Artists participating in the our network receive training in communicating with people living with Alzheimer's and dementia, and have the opportunity to collaborate with each other in creating exhibitions and other programs to showcase the created works. In addition, the artists will be highlighted on our website, www.wbjhome.org <<http://www.wbjhome.org>>, and in our newsletters.

Best Wishes,

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