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MDA Art Exhibit Visits the City of Sunrise

(Sunrise, FL)- The City of Sunrise, Sunrise Fire-Rescue and the Broward County Greater Fire Charities (BCFG) will be hosting the opening reception of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Creativity Transcends Disability" art exhibit on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery.

The art collection, now in its 21st year, features artwork by people from across the country who are living with muscular dystrophy and related muscle diseases. It is open to the public and will be displayed at the Sunrise Civic Center Art Gallery, located at 10610 West Oakland Park Blvd. in Sunrise, Fla. The gallery welcomes visitors to view the MDA exhibit beginning April 11 through May 24.

The opening reception will kick-off this year's annual "Fill the Boot" Campaign in Sunrise as firefighters take to the streets to collection donations to find a cure. The partnership with MDA and the fire service dates back more than 55 years when firefighters first pledged to support MDA in finding a cure for the more than 43 different neuromuscular diseases it covers, including ALS or Lou Gherig's disease.

The goal of the exhibit is to focus attention on the achievements of artists with disabilities and to emphasize that physical disability is no barrier to creativity.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to showcase such incredible artwork by such talented people living with neuromuscular disease," said Sunrise Fire Chief Thomas DiBernardo. "It is a true testament to their courage and a reminder to all that we will not rest until cures are found."

For more information, please visit the City of Sunrise webpage at www.sunrisefl.gov.