

**THE ART OF HOPE An Exhibit
by Homeless Artists**

Monday, August 24, 2009 5PM -7PM
**Broward
County Central Homeless Assistance
Center 920 NW 7th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL
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International sculptress Nilda Comas, Owner of Legacy Art Studio, with funding provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council, is conducting a nine month art program with the adult residents of the Center, an emergency housing facility for men, women and children and Inverrary Station, a transitional housing facility for the elderly homeless who are disabled. The program includes, Still Life Painting, Charcoal Drawing and Sculpturing a bas relief. "At this point in their lives, the homeless are unable to afford the opportunity of exposure to quality art experiences. The program is designed to teach cultural appreciation through the discovery of art procedures, techniques and methods." said Comas. "Visual expression will be developed as will the ability to communicate through the arts. It is hoped that this cultural experience will instill a new hopeful beginning for the participants."

The summer phase of the program provides Inverrary Station residents with the real-life experience of creating art in a real art studio. The participants have been working with Comas in her Legacy Art Studio everyday for four weeks in three hour sessions creating art under her direction. The classes have been a richly rewarding artistic experience for these formerly homeless seniors.

The first phase of the program has been in full swing since October 2009. Conducted weekly at the Center, residents have enjoyed expressing their creative talents and achieving incredible results. The first Art Show, which featured works created at these sessions, resulted in more than \$600 worth of art sold. All proceeds go to the artist.

Thank you, Broward Partnership for the Homeless!



All artwork will be on sale and all proceeds will benefit the artists.

A silent auction featuring some of the art pieces will be held during the exhibit.