



PIECE BY PIECE

Creating Successful
Arts in Healthcare
Programs



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Dear Reader:

On behalf of the VSA arts of Florida Board of Directors, I am pleased to present "Piece by Piece: Creating Successful Arts in Healthcare Programs." This publication is the result of a decade of collaborative work between VSA arts of Florida – a statewide arts service agency with a mission to service people with disabilities – and Shands Arts In Medicine, an arts in healthcare program internationally recognized for its excellence. We hope you find this information helpful in your journey to bring the arts and healing to your community. The tragic events of September 11, 2001 make this work more important than ever. This message from one of our partnering organizations reflects our sentiments.

"Arts and healing can take place in a clinic, hospital, hospice, nursing home, daycare center, prison, place of work, place of worship, or a person's home. At times the arts are called upon to help a community or a nation heal following a traumatic event – be it a riot, natural disaster, or the September 11th terrorist attack, a tragedy of epic scale. The steps towards healing are the same, one at a time, piece by piece, step by step. The important thing is being willing to take that first step, to connect with and learn from the experiences of others, and to pace yourself. Healers too are often in need of healing. But the rewards of using your talents in the service of others and your own community are great. The need is there. And there are colleagues throughout the world willing to share their wisdom."

Naj Wikoff, President
Society for the Arts in Healthcare (SAH)

VSA arts of Florida and Shands Arts in Medicine thank SAH and our colleagues in Florida for providing healing through the arts to our nation at this challenging time.

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The quilt on our cover was created by patients on the heart transplant unit of Shands Teaching Hospital in Gainesville, FL. Artist in Residence Madeline Austin (left) of Shands Arts in Medicine coordinated the quilt project, sewing the patches together after the patients made them.



VSA arts of Florida and Shands Arts in Medicine are proud to be members of the Society for the Arts in Healthcare.

The Society for the Arts in Healthcare was founded in 1990 to be the national advocate for the arts in healing. The Society is dedicated to promoting the arts as an integral component of healthcare by:

- Demonstrating the valuable role the arts play in enhancing the healing process
- Advocating for the integration of the arts into the planning and operation of healthcare facilities
- Assisting in the professional development and management of arts programming for healthcare populations
- Providing resources and education to healthcare and arts professionals
- Encouraging and supporting research and investigation into the beneficial effects of the arts in healthcare

The Society's members are arts administrators, artists, arts therapists, healthcare administrators, nurses, physicians, medical students, designers, architects and other interested individuals. The Society's members come from across the United States as well as many countries throughout the world.

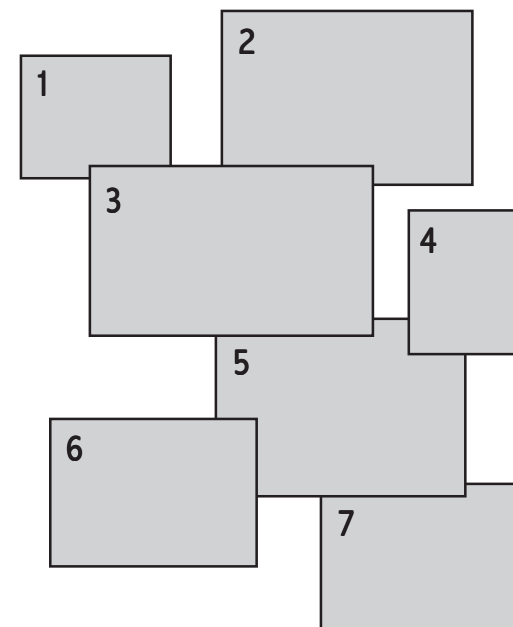
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1. Exam Room Curtain, Jackson Children's Hospital, Miami
2. Gathering, Shands Atrium Lobby, Gainesville
3. Collaborative painting, Michael Godey, Shands, Gainesville
4. Quilt Project, Jackson Children's Hospital, Miami
5. Hula Troupe, Shands Atrium Lobby, Gainesville
6. DisABLEd art studio, Lee Memorial Hospital, Ft. Myers
7. *Fabric of Life*, silk, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa