Imagine... The Power of One

Welcome to Duvall Homes’ 2016 Inspiration Gala - an evening of celebration as Duvall Homes recognizes the power of one. Your one act of kindness in attending tonight’s event will affect the lives of so many. Thank you for the value you bring to our efforts and the strength you add to our mission. You inspire us with your generosity and compassion, and we are deeply grateful - for you are an essential piece of our success!

This evening we pay special tribute to Bert and Julie Reames with the “Alanson and Thelma Duvall Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Service.” We are also pleased to recognize Amelie Bush - Rogers, professional artist - instructor, and eager to draw your attention to the words of George Bolge, CEO of Museum of Art - DeLand. Here in your program, he provides a distinct perspective on the significance of the visual arts both for the creator and the audience and lends particular validation to the work of the Duvall Homes artists.

We hope you will visit our Gift Shop and enjoy a stroll through the Art Gallery. Artists and ambassadors are there to assist and look forward to chatting with you.

On behalf of all those served by Duvall Homes, thank you for joining us. We hope you have a wonderful evening!

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Cover art by Fred Stein, Duvall Homes’ Art for Everyone participant
The Duvall Homes Opportunities Enrichment Center empowers participants to explore and reveal creative talents that have produced incredible works of art. These original works are now available for you. Please take some time to visit tonight’s Art Gallery & Gift Shop. All sales proceeds help enhance the programs and services that enrich and improve the lives of those in our care.

Gift Shop purchases and raffle items will be available for pickup in the lobby at the end of the evening.
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Bert and Julie Reames embody the philanthropic spirit in their tireless commitment to others. As long-time, loyal supporters of Duvall Homes, they have demonstrated a true dedication to making the world a better place for people with developmental disabilities. We are forever grateful for the many ways in which they have helped us empower the people in our care.

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Baked Stuffed Mushroom Caps filled with spinach and feta

Bacon-Wrapped Potato Crisp with sour cream and chives

Imported & Domestic Cheese Presentation with Cheddar, Provolone, Swiss Havarti, Bleu, Muenster and Jalapeño Jack cheeses, Chef’s choice of artisanal cheese wedges, with crisp gourmet crackers, garnished with fresh fruits

Fresh Fruit Brochettes with pineapple, cantaloupe, honeydew and strawberries presented on bamboo skewers, served with mint chiffonade

Tapenade Trio with Select Toppings including Roma tomatoes and Mozzarella, Kalamata olive tapenade, roasted red pepper and eggplant, served with grilled Tuscan rounds

Artistic Entrée

Freshly Baked Artisan Breads served with whipped butter, extra virgin olive oil, aged balsamic and finishing salt

Creative Canvas Citrus Greens Salad Frisée with arugula and baby spinach, sliced Florida oranges, fennel, toasted almonds and a citrus vinaigrette

A Masterpiece of Slow-Braised Short Ribs and Pan-Seared Breast of Chicken Piccata served with a lemon caper sauce, traditional creamy mashed potatoes, green beans with red pepper ribbons and lemon butter

Decorative Dessert

Beauty & Balance Linzer Layer Cake with inspired flourishes
In its second Gala Exhibition, *Art for Everyone* showcases the talents of the people served by Duvall Homes. With a body of artworks created by participants at its Opportunities Enrichment Center, the exhibit features acrylic paintings, compositions in ink and works in other media – all representing the accomplishments of artists faced with a broad spectrum of developmental disabilities.

Focusing on one’s abilities rather than disabilities, the exhibit unveils an abundance of artistic talent. Recognizing additional challenges faced by the artists, including the simple task of holding a paint brush, only adds to the overall inspiration of each piece. Each work of art was created through alternative and unique ways of seeing and relating to objects and emotions. For many of the artists represented, creative display is a primary means of self-expression. With limited or no verbal capacity at all, art functions as an important communication tool. Under these rubrics, guests are invited to appreciate art as a reflection of individuality, and to witness perception through another’s eyes.

The exhibit has been displayed at numerous venues since its inception in 2015 and has inspired tremendous community support. Continued funding from The Bond Foundation, enables us to sustain formal art instruction from professional artist, Amelie Bush-Rogers (*page 13*) to further enrich the lives of the people we serve.

**We are grateful to tonight’s Gallery & Gift Shop Sponsor,**
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Despite the challenges of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome and a myriad of other disabilities, friendships blossom at Duvall Homes, new self-care and daily-living skills are mastered and residents work within their own capacity to meet their own personal goals every day.

As people with disabilities are becoming recognized for who they are – unique and valued for their individuality with special contributions to make to society – Duvall Homes is at the forefront. We are committed to maintaining an organization characterized by acceptance and welcome for all, where each individual is seen as exceptional, entitled to personal growth and development and self-determination.

The accomplishments of Duvall Homes are reflected in the strength of our programs, in the commitment of our dedicated donors and staff...but most importantly, in the personal success stories of each of our residents.

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**Art: An Invaluable Language**

Every work of art is a symbol, a metaphor, something drawn from and yet running parallel to our everyday reality. Like a dream, art both reveals and conceals and leaves it up to us to decipher its clues.

But of what earthly good except for diversion, entertainment or decoration is art if it doesn’t grasp the nature of our age or try at least symbolically to resolve our yearnings and our feelings of impermanence?

Art is a language, a highly oblique one, but a language nevertheless. And so we should look first for its "message," the quality, idea or attitude it was created to articulate and project before we check it out for orthodoxy of style, faithfulness to tradition, or brilliance of technique.

As you take in the numerous artworks created by participants of Duvall’s *Art for Everyone Program* on exhibit tonight, search for the message being communicated, being projected. Experience a unique language.

I, for one, would rather have an honest messenger who stammers, but who has something of value to impart than have an eloquently dressed courier with lovely manners and beautiful speech who has little or nothing to say.

*George Bolge, CEO, Museum of Art - DeLand*

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**2016 Inspiration Award**

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Amelie Bush-Rogers is an award-winning contemporary oil painter of landscapes and figures who teaches at The Art League of Daytona Beach. Bush-Rogers is also an artist-in-residence for Very Special Arts - Florida where she teaches individuals with disabilities and youth-at-risk. She teaches at Duvall Homes every Tuesday afternoon.

Amelie has been exhibiting works for more than 40 years, appearing in gallery shows from Florida to California. In 2011, she was one of only 77 artists respected with the title of Best of American Oil Artists and Best of International Oil Artists. Her work is held in both corporate and private collections throughout the U.S. and abroad.
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