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Advocates and Town of Framingham present Mental Health Awareness Month events

Art exhibit on display at Framingham Public Library

Framingham, Massachusetts, April 28, 2009...Advocates, Inc., a leading Massachusetts human services provider, and the Town of Framingham invite the public to several activities in May honoring Mental Health Awareness Month.

Highlights of the month include Advocates' 10th Annual Art Exhibit, an original documentary produced by an Advocates' peer specialist and a musical performance by the Advocates Music Jam.

"Everyone at Advocates looks forward to the art exhibit and we're pleased this year to be sharing it with the Framingham community," said Bill Taylor, CEO and President of Advocates, Inc.

Alexis Silver, Framingham Human Services Coordinator, stated, "The Framingham community welcomes this opportunity to experience and facilitate understanding and appreciation for mental health issues."

Please join us at the following events:

Advocates' 10th Annual Art Exhibit Reception

May 7, 2009, 5-8 p.m., Framingham Public Library Costin Room

Help Advocates, Inc. and the Town of Framingham kick off the 10th annual Art Exhibit at the Framingham Public Library, where original artwork and photographs from local artists will be on display throughout May in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Later in the month, *Photovoice* – a compilation of photography and stories produced by Wayside Youth & Family Support Network of Framingham will join the exhibit. *Photovoice* will be on display May 4 - May 8 at the State House in Boston.

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“History of a Girl,” Original Documentary

May 12, 2009, 6-8 p.m., Framingham Public Library Costin Room

Grace Fogarty, an Advocates’ peer specialist and Framingham, native shares her mental health journey in a moving, self-produced film. Through her work, the filmmaker strives to remove stigmas associated with mental illness.

Advocates Music Jam

May 19, 2009, 6-8:30 p.m., Framingham Public Library Costin Room

It’s always a great time when Advocates’ favorite band gathers for a night of tunes. Come enjoy the music, meet band members and mingle with the band’s steady group of fans.

Coffee House

May 26, 2009, 6-8 p.m., Framingham Public Library Costin Room

It’s all about the creative as members of the Advocates’ community lead off an open-mic coffee house night. Everyone’s invited to take their turn at music, poetry and other dramatic expression.

About Advocates, Inc.

Advocates, Inc., headquartered in Framingham, is among the 20 largest human service organizations in Massachusetts. With a staff of over 950, Advocates is a leading provider of residential support services; outpatient mental health and substance abuse services; intensive home-based intervention for individuals and families; job training and support; housing, benefits and legal services; and community justice programs. Advocates provides services at sites throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts.

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