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Donna Lexa Art Centers Marks 40 Years with “Ruby Reflections” Gala

Inclusive arts nonprofit to celebrate four decades of impact at community-centered event

Brookfield, WI – April 29, 2025 – Donna Lexa Art Centers (DLAC), a nonprofit dedicated to inclusive, accessible art experiences, will host its 40th anniversary celebration, Gotta Have Art: Ruby Reflections Gala, on Thursday, May 1, at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts.

This milestone event will reflect on four decades of creativity and connection through a powerful mix of art, storytelling, and celebration. Guests—and members of the media—will experience a thoughtfully curated evening highlighting the transformative impact of art on people of all abilities.

Event Highlights Include:

- Visual Timeline Exhibit showcasing key moments from DLAC’s 40-year history, sourced from organizational archives
- Original Artwork & Auctions featuring pieces created by DLAC students
- Interactive Casino Games with exciting prize packages
- Live Music, Food & Games throughout the evening
- Impact Video Presentation spotlighting DLAC students and their stories
- Student Speakers sharing firsthand how art has shaped their lives
- Interview Opportunities available

Schedule of Events:

- 5:00 PM – Doors open; check-in and start of silent auction
- 5:00–7:30 PM – Music, food, games, and art viewing
- 7:45–8:45 PM – Main program with video presentation and student speakers
- 8:45–9:15 PM – Auction checkout and item pickup

Location:

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts

3270 Mitchell Park Dr, Brookfield, WI 53045

Free on-site parking available

“This isn’t just a celebration—it’s a look back at the lives touched through the power of creativity,” said Kristin Jenders, Executive Director of DLAC. “Through art, our students gain confidence, connection, and joy—and we’re honored to share that with our community.”

Media RSVP & Interview Scheduling:

Media are encouraged to attend. To request schedule interviews, or access preview materials (including video clips or artwork samples), please contact Kristin Jenders at executivedirector@donnalexa.org.

About Donna Lexa Art Centers:

Since 1985, DLAC has provided inclusive arts programming for people with disabilities, veterans, elders, and caregivers across southeastern Wisconsin. Using a therapeutic open studio model, DLAC empowers hundreds of students each year to express themselves creatively and connect with others.

Learn more at www.donnalexa.org