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## **Gotta Have HeART: Oakland Family Services, Pontiac Art Students Team Up**

**PONTIAC, MI-** Oakland Family Services is proud to present the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pontiac Schools' Student Art Exhibition on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Oakland Family Services, Pontiac office. The gallery will showcase the creative talents of participating students and will recognize the valuable support of the schools, staff and parents.

Oakland Family Services created the Pontiac Schools' Student Art Collaborative in an effort to boost student and family involvement in the community. The event also serves as a building block in the growing partnership between these two pillars of the community.

Pontiac art students from Elementary, Middle and High School classrooms were again invited to express their creativity focused around four (4) key words representative of Oakland Family Services--"Hope, Family, Healing and Compassion". They were also asked to create pieces they thought would brighten the faces of children and families coming to the agency for support.

After a two-month time period, teachers sent the top works of art from their classes to be displayed throughout our agency's Pontiac facility.

The Art Exhibition extends an invitation to teachers, principals, students and their parents, and leaders within our community. "We are pleased to be collaborating with Pontiac Schools once again to exhibit the talent of young artists in our community," stated Michael Earl, President and CEO of Oakland Family Services. "These children are excited to exhibit their work; not only does it lift their spirits, but it carries the same positive impact on the children and families receiving services at our agency throughout the year."

Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit, human service agency that provides **prevention, education, support and treatment programs** to families and individuals throughout Oakland County and southeastern Michigan.

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