



ROGEL CANCER CENTER
MICHIGAN MEDICINE

Voices Art Gallery

Information and Application

Patient and Family Support Services

Who We Are

Patient and Family Support Services (PFSS) is one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind in the nation, offering a vast array of support for people diagnosed with cancer. The PFSS staff is a group of highly trained clinicians who work alongside the medical team to create a holistic patient and family-centered approach to the treatment of disease. The PFSS staff brings evidence-based education and interventions to their work, which provides patients and families the opportunity to increase both internal and external resources for managing a cancer diagnosis. Through the generosity and support of donors, PFSS is able to provide these needed resources and programs at no cost to the patients and families.

Mission

PFSS brings evidence-based practice into cancer care to provide specialized services to address the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical effects of cancer.

Vision

PFSS will be distinguished leaders in transforming the overall cancer experience through mutual partnership with patients, families, and the care team.

Values

PFSS will be: present, compassionate, committed, and equitable to all.



The Voices Art Gallery

History About the Voices Art Gallery

In 1999, Merrill Shapero, a patient at the cancer center, painted ten watercolor pieces which highlighted his experience during treatment at the cancer center. His pieces express the patient experience in different areas of the hospital. As part of Shapero's patient experience, he walked through the hallways of the cancer center often. He grew discontent with the lack of art on the wall between the cancer center and the hospital on level B1. He left a monetary gift to have that space renovated into a space where patient focused artwork could be hung to allow patients, family members, and staff the opportunity to engage with art. Shapero's pieces hang on the wall next to the Voices Art Gallery as recognition of where the idea for the gallery began.

Cancer center staff began to work on creating a patient-centered art gallery to open more opportunity for patients, families, and staff to creatively articulate how they interact with cancer. With the generous funding from the FRIENDS program, the Voices Art Gallery was funded in 2003 and been running since then. The PFSS staff facilitates the Voices Art Gallery and works closely with patient artists interested in exhibiting their work in the gallery.

The PFSS staff continue to work on both individual and group exhibits. The staff invites and encourages patients to engage with this opportunity as a way to creatively express how they understand their cancer diagnosis.

Gallery Committee

The PFSS staff includes a group of committed staff who work closely directly with patient artists interested in displaying their artwork. The Voices Art Gallery Committee assists artists in navigating both the application process as well as and gallery curation.

Gallery Objective

The PFSS staff are committed to bringing specialized services to address the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical effects of cancer. The Voices Art Gallery presents an opportunity which aligns with the PFSS mission. Fostering a safe environment for patients, families, and cancer center staff to highlight how they understand and address issues related to, through the creative art process.

Entry Information

If you would like your artwork to be considered for display in the Voices Art Gallery, please read the following information carefully and complete the enclosed application. Thank you for considering sharing your artwork with the Voices Art Gallery.

Voices Art Gallery Timeline and Availability

Upon the completion of the Voices Art Gallery application, the gallery committee will review your application for approval. Once the committee approves, the exhibit date will be scheduled. Typically, this will occur at least eight (8) weeks from the application. Based on the gallery schedule, the Committee will work with you on scheduling the exhibit for the next available date.

Artwork Submissions

The Voices Art Gallery facilitates individual, small groups (2-3 artists), and larger collectives of work which will determine the eligible space for artists exhibition. For individual exhibitions, artists can submit up to 25 pieces of artwork (space permitting). For group shows, artists' submissions will vary depending on the number of artists in the exhibit. The Voices Art Gallery Committee will be the group making decisions on curating the gallery based on the size of the exhibit and available space.

Reception Scheduling

Part of our Voices Art Gallery experience offers artists the opportunity to host a gallery reception. The reception allows artists to invite friends, family, and cancer center staff to view the artwork after it is hung in the gallery. The Patient and Family Support Services staff helps organize light refreshments, music, and provide an opportunity to engage in conversation about your artwork. Reception dates and times will be determined on whether this is an individual or group exhibition.

Photographs of Artwork

The Voices Art Gallery Committee will work to create flyers and information promoting the gallery exhibit. As part of this process, we request that you send high quality pictures of your work, these can be done on a camera or smartphone and be provided to the Committee as a JPG file. If you are unable to send photographs of your artwork, please let us know and we can schedule a time with you to help you capture photographs of your artwork.

Artwork Drop-Off and Hanging

The art gallery will be curated by the gallery committee. We request that artwork be wrapped appropriately to ensure your work will be safe in transit. We also ask that if your work requires any framing, please have it framed before dropping it off to the committee's care. There is limited ability for the Voices Art Gallery to assist in framing of artwork, please let us know if assistance would be required.

All two-dimensional art must be mounted/matted, framed and under glass (or plexiglass), and properly wired, ready to hang. The maximum size of displayed pieces is 4ft.x 4ft. All three-dimensional artwork must be prepared for standing or resting safely in its intended position. The maximum size is 1ft. x 1ft and the maximum amount is 5 pieces.

Liability

The Michigan Medicine's Rogel Cancer Center will exercise professional care in handling all artwork but cannot assume liability for loss or damage; however, caused while artworks are in our possession or in transit.

Art Content Guidelines

All artwork presented for exhibition in the Voices Art Gallery is selected by the gallery committee. The Voices Art Gallery Committee will review the applications in consideration of the PFSS mission, vision, and values in mind as well as the

criteria listed below. Exhibitions seeking exception to any of the above listed criteria must be approved on a case by case basis.

The major criteria used in this selection process are as follows:

- The work should be recognizable as a work of art by the Rogel Cancer Center's average customer.
- The work should not display segmented body parts as primary content.
- The work should be engaging and of interest to the Rogel Cancer Center's average customer.
- Artwork that celebrates life and living is given priority over work that may be more abstract, controversial, or challenging.
- Any artwork exhibits must be consistent with the Education, Healing, and Community Service missions of the Michigan Medicine Rogel Cancer Center.
- Any artwork portraying overt sexual, pornographic, or violent connotations will be rejected.

Voices Art Gallery Application

Artist(s) Contact Information:

Name:	Secondary Contact Name:
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Telephone:	
Email address:	

About Artwork:

Total number of works you wish to submit:
Media of artwork(s):

The Voices Art Gallery Committee will need to review your work to make sure it complies with UMHS guidelines for content (see guidelines in entry information). Please submit a JPG digital photo, or printed photograph of at least 4 pieces you wish to be considered for display in the Voices Art Gallery. All artwork will be photographed before hanging. The Voices Art Gallery committee will work to create flyers and information promoting your gallery exhibit. As part of this process, we request that you send high quality pictures of your work, these can be done on a camera or smartphone. We will need them to be sent as a JPG file. If you

are unable to send photographs of your artwork, please let us know. We are able to schedule a time with you to help you capture photographs of your artwork.

Release of Information

The Voices Art Gallery Committee requests you complete the UMHS consent form that outlines the requirements for a release of information. If you wish to not be named in the gallery hanging, please indicate so. Complete the chart below to outline the number, sizes, and types of art you are giving us permission to hang in the gallery.

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Artist(s) Statement:

Please write a brief artist statement, this statement will be displayed with artwork as it is written on this attached form. The statement is to be **no more than 200 words** and may explain the way your art work relates to and impacts your experience with cancer. If your work is chosen for display, your artist statement will be included with the exhibit. The artist statement provides a great opportunity for you to think critically about the goals and vision of your exhibit. Type your Artist Statement as you would like it to be displayed.

<i>Artist's Name</i>	<i>Exhibition Title</i>

Artist's Statement:

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Submission Options:

Please submit your application in total to the Voices Art Gallery Committee. Materials needed for application submission are: the completed application form, artist statement, and JPG or photo copies. Applications can either be mailed to the Voices Art Gallery Committee or via email, details listed below:

Mailing Address:

Michigan Medicine Rogel Cancer Center
Voices Gallery Coordinator
C429 Med Inn
1500 E. Medical Center Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5843

Email: cancer-support-services@med.umich.edu

Guidelines are in accordance to University of Michigan Health Systems as designed by Gifts of Art. Contact the Gallery staff at 734-615-4012 to discuss any concerns you have regarding the eligibility of your art for inclusion in a Voices Art Gallery exhibit.