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BELK TO HOST PREVIEW EXHIBIT OF MSH SERENDIPITY ART SHOW

WHITFIELD—A special preview exhibit at Belk department store in Flowood will be showcasing work from patients in Mississippi State Hospital's Art Services program on August 16-17, giving visitors to the store a peek at what they will see during the hospital's 21st annual Serendipity art show.

Set for September 2, from 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Serendipity gives the public a chance to view drawings, paintings, ceramics and other forms of art created by MSH patients, nursing home residents and individuals served in the community. Selected pieces from the show will be on display at Belk, showcasing to all shoppers in the store the talent and skills of many MSH patients.

The public is also invited to attend Serendipity, held the first Thursday of September every year in Building 71 on the hospital's Whitfield campus. There they can take part in the silent auction and bid on anything they may have seen at Belk during the preview. Proceeds from the auction go to the individual artists. Everyone is invited to attend and bid on the artwork on display.

In its 21st year, Serendipity has become a tradition on the MSH campus that draws crowds of visitors every year, with hundreds of pieces of art available for anyone to bid on. Last year, there were 372 pieces of art on display, and nearly all of them went home with someone.

For more information, call MSH Public Relations at (601) 351-8018.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: “Water Dance” and “Cupcakes,” just two of the many pieces of artwork that will be auctioned during the 21st annual Serendipity show.