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## **Children's Board of Hillsborough County's Public Art Gallery Hosts Opening of National Traveling Exhibit from VSA Arts**

- *Local children to attend and receive awards for artwork*

**TAMPA, FL** – The Children's Board of Hillsborough County's Public Art Gallery is proud to present a national exhibit of artwork from [VSA Arts](#) by children with disabilities from each state in the nation. An organization designated by the United States Congress, *VSA arts* aims to provide, coordinate and promote educational programs and arts-based learning experiences for artists with disabilities.

**The Children's Board's Public Art Gallery is hosting the opening for the VSA arts exhibit this Thursday, June 25, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, located at 1002 E. Palm Avenue in Ybor City. The exhibit will remain at the Children's Board through Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 after which it will begin a two-year tour of the United States.**

Hillsborough County children working with local service programs on community art projects will be in attendance to view the art and be honored for their individual contributions.

The Children's Board's Public Art Gallery is Hillsborough County's first permanent art gallery created to showcase children's art from the human service community, the county school system and the exceptional education system. Gallery installations celebrate the diverse talent of all Hillsborough County children including those with special needs and challenges; as well as gifted students. The gallery rotates exhibitions and travels upon request to county buildings, businesses, libraries and other venues. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and after hours upon request.

*The Children's Board serves as the leading voice and advocate for children and families in our community. The board is the only organization of its kind in Hillsborough County that generates revenue to help children and families. The Children's Board is recognized nationally for its contributions to best practices in policies and programs aiding children and families. Citizens may visit [www.childrensboard.org](http://www.childrensboard.org) to learn more about the board's programs.*

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