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MANATEE GLENS TO DEDICATE THE HEALING WALL

BRADENTON...Manatee Glens is dedicating “The Healing Wall” a series of six panels with 50 tiles each, each painted by a Manatee Glens client or patient. The event takes place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8 in Manatee Glens West, 379 6th Avenue West, Bradenton. The Healing Wall was made possible by contributions of products, services and cash from several local artists, businesses and individuals.

“Clients were asked to paint a personal healing image on a tile for the project,” explained Expressive Arts Therapist Deborah McKeever, LMHC. “By doing this, they initiated their inner desire to begin healing.” Not only are the tiles colorful and attractive, they can also be used as a focus for daily meditation.

Three hundred clients from the Manatee Glens Crisis Center, Manatee Glens Hospital and Addiction Center and the Manatee Glens Outpatient Detox Program participated in the project. “Manatee Glens believes in the healing power of the arts and is so grateful for the generosity of the donors, the therapists who contributed their time and especially our clients who opened their hearts to share their creativity with us,” stated Manatee Glens President/CEO Mary Ruiz.

Several artists from [Village of the Arts](#) in Bradenton contributed their expertise and services. Woody Candish grouted all the tiles and contributed cash; artist Anna D’Aste fired all of the tiles; picture framer Slade Nash framed the six panels (at a discount), artist Stan Terryll cut the boards for the tiles and glued the tiles to the boards; and Cortez artist Susan Curry donated monoprints which were sold to contribute to the project. Several Manatee Glens case managers and therapists worked closely with clients and patients on the project.

Reporters who want more information about Manatee Glens, or to schedule an interview with Mary Ruiz, President/CEO, please call 941-782- 4320 or e-mail Sondra.guffey@manateeglens.org or visit www.manateeglens.org.

Manatee Glens is the Community Behavioral Healthcare Hospital serving Manatee/Sarasota. Manatee Glens inpatient and outpatient practice serve mental health and addictions in youth, adults and seniors.

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