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Florida Medical Clinic Foundation Offers Free Art Classes

ZEPHYRHILLS, Fla. - Stretching beyond the reach of traditional cures, the Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring is once again teaming up with local artist Mary Sears, to offer free, weekly art instruction at its Zephyrhills location.

The Healing Arts program, sponsored by FMC's Foundation of Caring, offers budding and existing artists a chance to develop skills in a warm, caring environment. Working with others experiencing the angst and discomfort often associated with recovery from illness, the classes have developed into strong support groups as well.

"Healing Arts classes offer a meaningful way to reach beyond our clinic walls and spread comfort throughout our community," said Foundation of Caring President, Sheri Schwab. "The classes are producing impressive artistry and stories of healing," she said. "I encourage all members of the community to join us." FMC Foundation of Caring displays the artwork in our Hallway of Hope art gallery, located in the hallway adjacent to the Oncology Department at 38135 Market Square in Zephyrhills.

Since 2005, the Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring has partnered with Pasco County artist Mary Sears, a cancer survivor herself. Sears approached the clinic about an innovative way to give back after her own experience as a patient. Sears is a self taught artist with more than 20 years experience. She is a member of The Zephyrhills Art Club and has taught in local churches, extended her reach to Mexico and often teaches children who are mentally challenged.

The Florida Medical Clinic Foundation of Caring provides free art supplies and teaching space for patients and cancer survivors to learn, paint and heal in unison. Healing Arts class meets every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classes and supplies are offered free of charge by the FMC Foundation of Caring at Florida Medical clinic 38135 Market Square, upstairs in building B. Please call 813.782.6483 to register.