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### **Beacon House, Inc. Announces the Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing Project**

**Green Bay, WI – August 16, 2010** – The Beacon House, Inc., a healing resource center that supports the emotional, physical, and mental well-being for those experiencing a life-changing health situation located in downtown Green Bay, is announcing its Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing Project. This community-based art healing project is dedicated to the memory of Brown County librarian, community activist, and children’s author, Lee Bock.

The director and founder of the Beacon House, Christine Seidl, along with the mosaic fine artist, Margy Cottingham, and project facilitator, Sandra Shackelford have invited people facing cancer and other illnesses, family members, and friends to use mosaic art as a means to express their healing process. The Memorial Wall Project involves the creation of 24 mosaics to complete a moveable, commemorative wall. The Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing will be a tribute to the heroic journey of creating physical and emotional wholeness in recovery from the cancer experience or other life-changing illnesses. This memorial wall is a physical testament of courage. Working with the pieces of broken glass and creating a mosaic is a metaphor for piecing back together what needs mending in body mind and spirit. This is a means to express the personal journey through a shattering health experience. Each participant creates a 10” x 10” mosaic to be placed in a movable structure. The wall will travel from exhibition site to exhibition site and demonstrates the restorative nature of art in this form; specifically the ability to take that which has been broken and make whole again. Participant narratives and documentary photographs will be included in the exhibition to complete The Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing.

This project will extend beyond the mosaics in the first series to involve hundreds of individuals, their families, friends and the community-at-large who will witness the creative process of healing emotionally and spiritually and mentally.

Participants are finalizing the 24 mosaics in the last series of workshops being held on August 24 – September 2 at Beacon House. Beacon House is seeking sponsors to make this project accessible to anyone at a minimal cost while engaging several agencies, hospitals, cancer centers, etc. to display the wall. This moveable *Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing* will also be a way to increase public awareness and gain financial and community support for healing through art. Through this project, Beacon House

continues its efforts to move people beyond their illness to achieve a better quality of life for individuals, patients' families, and others.

**About the Beacon House, Inc.**

Beacon House, Inc. is a healing resource center that is changing the personal focus from survival, to living with joy and hope. We provide education and programs that help participants deal with life-changing situations – emotionally, physically, and spiritually. The Beacon House receives funding for our operations from grants, special events, fees, and donations (corporate, public, and private). For additional information, please visit our website [www.beaconhouseinc.org](http://www.beaconhouseinc.org).