

Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing Introduction

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I would like to introduce our MEMORIAL WALL OF HOPE AND HEALING project to you. We are launching a community-based art healing project that will positively and powerfully impact the emotional, medical and financial health of individuals whose lives and the lives of their families have been impacted by cancer and other life-changing health experiences.

The initiative was inspired by the life of Lee Bock, long-time children's librarian at the Brown County Library, puppeteer, storyteller, community activist and children's author. Lee "tangoed" (her words) with lymphoma 15 courageous and zest-filled years. It is in her honor and also in loving memory of loved ones that we build this memorial wall.

This effort involves the creation of a transportable wall of mosaics. This MEMORIAL WALL OF HOPE AND HEALING will speak in a very profound, powerful and personal way for those dealing daily with the cancer experience. Participants in the first series of workshops will each design and construct their own 10" by 10" mosaic under the



mentoring instruction of a local mosaic artist, Margy Cottingham. 24 pieces will make up this first wall with the potential to create up to 48 for the display. The community impact will reach all those who see the wall - a tribute to the heroic journey to physical and emotional wholeness – using mosaic as a metaphor for the healing process.

Mosaic workshops will initially be held at and occur UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF

BEACON HOUSE, INC. a 501c3 healing resource center whose mission is to support the life-changing process of healing - emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

The WALL OF HOPE AND HEALING will be displayed at various sites and/or agencies.

MOSAIC WALL PROJECT GOALS:

- To empower those affected by the life-changing experience of cancer to actively and creatively share their transformational experience;

- To use creative self-expression -- one's unique and individual voice -- as a means of healing;
- To educate the community about life-sustainability and wholeness by bringing people, agencies, organizations and institutions together collaboratively to transform-- actually and metaphorically -- our brokenness into wholeness. Each participant will feel a part of a greater whole, which is their community, by creating their own mosaic for the wall from pieces of broken glass, clay and other small objects that represents their healing from brokenness.

During this mosaic wall process, the Beacon House will collaborate with other corporate foundations and educational and health agencies for additional grant monies and support in an effort to expand this life-sustaining and celebrating program.

Initially, grant funds, which will be handled by BEACON HOUSE, Inc., will be used:

- To purchase needed supplies
- To pay program facilitator for project
- To pay participating mosaic artist for instruction
- To cover cost of space/utilities for workshops

Beyond the initial project funding, we hope to raise monies to be distributed to individuals with specific and immediate needs (for example, house cleaning and sanitizing for people returning home after cancer treatment).

We would appreciate your consideration of this request as a partner/sponsor to support this "Memorial Wall of Hope and Healing" community project.

Kindest Regards,

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