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Something for Everyone at April Fundraiser

15th Annual Expressions Art Sale and Reception benefits the Sinnissippi Foundation & the Recovery Home

(Dixon, IL) There is something for everyone at an April fundraiser that benefits the Sinnissippi Foundation and Sinnissippi Centers' Recovery Home. The **15th Annual Expressions Art Sale and Reception** will take place **from Tuesday April 16, 2019 through Friday April 26, 2019, at The Next Picture Show, 113 West First Street in Dixon.**

"This event is always fun and exciting," says Expressions Art Sale and Reception **Coordinator Andy Jackson**. According to Jackson, "We have received over 20 pieces of art from local and regional artists as well as a wide variety of valuable and unique silent auction items. This year is a bit special as there are autographed footballs from both the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears. We are eager to see who's fans will bid their footballs up the most," says Jackson. "There is something for everyone at Expressions from art to sports items to baked goods to dining and entertainment. We have been fortunate that this event has grown to help meet the needs for the Foundation to raise funds to provide for the urgent needs of Sinnissippi Centers' clients, adds Jackson"

"Again this year, **a portion of the proceeds will benefit Sinnissippi Centers' recovery home** which opened spring 2018," says Jackson. "It's a 10 bed facility for men that provides a therapeutic environment to support men in their recovery. Individuals who come to the home have some length of sobriety and participate in structured treatment program. The average stay is 6 to 9 months. It gives them a place and a system of supports to solidify their sobriety before returning back to their homes where often the same triggers to using substances remain. Relapse is always a part of the disease of substance use, but the longer the initial period of sobriety, and the more supports in place, the less likely relapses are to happen and they will happen less frequently," adds Jackson.

In addition, **Sauk Valley Bank has returned as co-sponsor of Expressions**. "This is the 11th year Sauk Valley Bank has co-sponsored Expressions," adds Jackson. "We are very pleased to have their continued support," says Jackson. "They play an important role in making this event a success. They have been a wonderful supporter of the Sinnissippi Foundation, but they have also demonstrated a commitment to the arts and to their local community as well. It's a pleasure to have them on board and a very natural fit for the local community oriented organization."

Expressions begins April 16th when art and silent auction items go on display at The Next Picture Show (113 West First Street, Dixon). They can be viewed during gallery hours which are Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Art items can be purchased at any time once they go on display at the gallery and bids can be placed on the silent auction items. Art and silent auction items remain on display through April 26th. Expressions concludes Friday, April 26, 2019, at the gallery, with an evening reception from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. when the art sales and the silent auction ends. There is no admission, and light refreshments will be served.

Jackson acknowledges that, "We couldn't have a high quality event like Expressions without the dozens of sponsors, artists, businesses and organizations who donate silent auction items, The Next Picture Show staff and volunteers, and Sinnissippi Centers and Sinnissippi Foundation board members and staff volunteers."

"There are a variety of ways individuals can get **more information** about Expressions. They can call the Foundation for information at **815-284-6611**. They can also visit online at **www.sinnissippi.org** and **click on the Expressions link** on the home page to view the event details and also click on links to two photo galleries, one for art and one for silent auction items. They can do the same on the **Foundation's Facebook fan page**. Just search for the Sinnissippi Foundation from your Facebook account."