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CAMBRIDGE ARTIST DONATES 52 PAINTINGS TO BRING SENSE OF HOME TO SUNBEAM COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' KITCHENER CAMPUS

The paintings by Bill Schwarz will bring colour and comfort to clients coming to Sunbeam's Kingsway Centre Kitchener Campus.

KITCHENER, ON | APRIL 13, 2023 — Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services is excited to announce its receipt of a donation of an amazing collection of artwork throughout the halls of Kingsway Centre.

Cambridge artist **Bill Schwartz** donated 52 paintings to the organization after touring the organization and learning more about Sunbeam's important work in the community. Schwarz's paintings feature a sense of colour, joy and home within the environment, bringing a wonderful feeling of comfort to the many client, family and staff spaces at the Sunbeam Kingsway Centre.

"We're so thankful to Bill for donating this incredible artwork to our organization," says **Brian Swainson**, CEO of Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services. "The paintings bring brightness and colour to our space and will go a long way in helping our clients feel happy, content and comforted when coming for appointments or accessing our programming."

Schwarz, who also built a successful and respected law practice in Cambridge, says painting helps him find calm in a busy world.

"Art helps me find the balance between what I was trained to do, what I want to do and what I see around me," he says. "I feel that my art is a quest to find a balance between the detail I am trained to find and the simplicity I want to achieve."

Schwarz loves the painting process and was excited to donate his work to the Sunbeam team.

"I was able to paint exuberantly, enthusiastically and energetically without constraint, thus permitting my work to be enjoyed by the people Sunbeam supports, its staff and its visitors. It's a win-win!" Schwarz says.

Schwarz generously allowed the team at Sunbeam to hold a naming contest for the two largest paintings. Clients were invited to submit names. The winners were announced Thursday and are:

- ***Small Town Charm: Monika Barbosa-Marques***
- ***Rainbow Harbour: Hank Van Til Jr.***

The team at Sunbeam hopes the art will inspire clients and visitors, free their thoughts and rekindle their spirits while in the space.

“The paintings bring new life to our campus and it felt like Christmas morning when we added the artwork to our program areas,” Swainson says. “The people we support were so excited to see dashes of colour and charm in their spaces.”

More information on Schwarz’s art can be found [here](#).

ABOUT SUNBEAM COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services creates inclusive communities where people of all abilities are valued. Sunbeam has been operating for more than 65 years, serving more than 14,000 individuals and families across Waterloo Region, Wellington County, Dufferin Country, Peel Region, Halton Region, York Region and Simcoe County. The organization offers residential, overnight respite, day program and clinical services, as well as professional services and other supports through Sunbeam Developmental Resource Centre and is also the host agency for Developmental Services Ontario-Central West Region. Sunbeam service and supports individuals of all ages living with a developmental disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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