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Meaningful Masterpieces

Tampa, FL (December 7, 2012) -Starting tomorrow, the New Tampa community can start bidding on special works of art to give back this holiday season. A silent auction kicks off **Saturday, December 8th** and runs for one week at the New Tampa Family YMCA on 16221 Compton Drive.

Under the instruction of portrait artist Kristin Osterman, members of the New Tampa Y's Adaptive Art program created the meaningful masterpieces. Kristin's class includes students with Down syndrome, autism and other special needs. "It's amazing to see what they can do. It's therapeutic. The students get to come together socially and have fun doing something creative," says Kristin. This year's theme for the art pieces is *"Home Is Where the Heart Is."*

Handmade auction items include:

- Canvas paintings (see attached pictures)
- Ornaments
- Note Cards
- Travel Mugs
- Pot Holders
- Lunch Totes
- Aprons

Don't miss out on this opportunity to bring home a unique holiday gift and to help your local Y at the same time. The Tampa YMCA is very proud to say 100-percent of the auction proceeds go to the adaptive programs at the New Tampa Y. The Tampa YMCA is committed to developing strength in spirit, mind and body for all--regardless of physical or mental challenges. Our adaptive programs help children and adults of all abilities benefit from physical activity and group interaction. The auction ends December 15th.

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About the Y

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is one of the area's leading nonprofits, strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 19 facilities engage more than 142,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. www.tampaymca.org