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CHATHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Mural Artwork for Chatham County Detention Center, Unit 2B

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) proudly invites artists of all backgrounds and ages to participate in a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of detainees and staff.

About the Project:

The selected artwork will be permanently displayed inside Unit 2B, a wing of the detention center where inmates reside. The mural's primary goal is to cultivate an atmosphere conducive to the mental health and well-being of everyone in the facility. Through the medium of art, we aspire to:

- Provide a calming, therapeutic setting that aids in the rehabilitation process.
- Encourage meditation and introspection, assisting detainees in finding internal peace.
- Spark inspiration for positive transformation and self-growth.

Submission Guidelines:

- 1. Deadline: All entries must be submitted by December 22, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.
- 2. Each submission must include:
 - A concept description highlighting the inspiration and importance of the artwork.
 - Preliminary sketches or digital renderings of the prospective mural and three panels.
 - Artist's contact details (name, phone number, and email address).
- 3. The artwork should be two-dimensional since it will be printed on vinyl and affixed to a white-painted wall.
- 4. Email submissions to piparker@chathamcounty.org. The total email file size must not exceed 10 megabytes (MB).

5. Final Specifications: There are two primary components to the artwork in the unit: one mural and three panels.

Mural: The main dimensions for the mural space measure 30' in width by 7.5' in height.

Panels: Above the windows, three panels, each measuring 4' x 8', will be crafted from $\frac{1}{4}$ " white acrylic and mounted using six stand-offs.

All submitted artwork should convey positive messages. Profanity, controversial content, or anything that might be deemed inappropriate is strictly prohibited.

Refer to the attached image for a visual representation of the space.

Regardless of the initial medium of the artwork, the final mural will be digitized and printed on vinyl. A specialized





third-party company will undertake the professional mounting of the mural. Similarly, artwork for the panels will be digitized, printed, and then mounted onto the white acrylic panels. These panels will subsequently be affixed to the wall using stand-offs by the same third-party company. Should artists submit original handmade artwork, please ensure the dimensions do not surpass 40" x 60".

Note: Artwork creation will occur outside the detention center. Artists can submit vector-based designs. Direct raster-based artwork submissions will not be accepted.

6. Submissions must adhere to all stipulated guidelines to qualify.

Selection Process:

Entries will undergo evaluation by a jury panel comprising both staff and inmates, ensuring a comprehensive and varied perspective in the ultimate selection.

Prize:

The artist with the top entry will be awarded a \$500 cash prize. Besides the financial incentive, the selected mural will symbolize hope, serenity, and drive for countless individuals in the years ahead.

Eligibility:

- Open to artists of all age groups.
- Both novice and seasoned artists are encouraged to participate.
- Must be a local resident available for onsite visits.

Sheriff John Wilcher and the Chatham County Sheriff's Office believe in art's transformative essence and its capability to influence lives. Join us in this monumental journey. Share your vision, foster change, and etch an enduring mark within the confines of the Chatham County Detention Center, Unit 2B.

For questions or further details, contact Parla Parker at piparker@chathamcounty.org or call 912-660-9571.