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## **Kids Like Us Program Art on Display at Delaplaine Arts Center**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick County Health Department's (FCHD) Kids Like Us program has partnered with the Delaplaine Arts Center to display the artwork of the kids who participated in the annual KLU summer camp.

The art was unveiled at a private event for families on September 5 at the Delaplaine. In addition to the reveal of the artwork, the event featured an address to the kids and their families from Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater and City of Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor as well as a video montage of the kids' artwork created throughout the summer.

"This event powerfully exemplifies what the program is all about," said Barbara van der Vossen, the program manager for Kids Like Us. "We celebrate the kids' courage to express themselves, showing them that their words and art are valued by their peers and community."

The mission of KLU is to break the cycle of Substance Use Disorder by identifying youth impacted by the drug/alcohol misuse of family member and engaging them in best practices of prevention in both school and community settings.

Kids Like Us is a multi-year, counseling, support program for youth impacted by the harmful alcohol or drug use of a close family member. Services are confidential and free and provided by professional counselors and art therapists with the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Frederick County Health Department. For more information on the Kids Like Us program visit [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/KLU](https://Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/KLU). The over 100 drawings, paintings, sketches and sculptures are on display and will be available to the public for viewing until the end of September. The Delaplaine Arts center is located at 40 S Carroll Street in Frederick along Carroll Creek.

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