Creations of Hope Art Gallery:

The Mission:

- Celebrate the work of artists experiencing mental illness and artists that utilize art as a force for healing.
- Provide an accessible and empowering resource for artists to enter the art community.
- Raise awareness and educate about mental health through art.
- Provide events that challenge stigmatizing views of special populations by focusing on creativity, strengths, and hope rather than disability.

Visiting the Gallery:

Creations of Hope is located in the heart of downtown Topeka at:

727 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka KS 66603
Gallery Phone: (785) 408-8261

**Gallery Hours:**
- Thursdays: 11-4
- Fridays: 12-5
- Saturdays: 11-4
Open till 8:00 pm the first Friday of every month.

For More information:
- Valeo Expressive Therapies (785) 783-7558
- creationsofhopeart@gmail.com

Additional news, events, and updates can be found on our Facebook page:
[www.facebook.com/creationsofhopeart](http://www.facebook.com/creationsofhopeart)

"Showing a creative side to illness is shedding light to a ‘brighter’ side of suffering. It shows that our illness isn’t the only thing that defines us, we can be more than a label. That in itself is awareness.”

- Creations of Hope Artist

"This event created many ‘firsts’ for me. I feel like it has given me my beginning. I just had an opening last night which is my second.....I’m on my way, thanks to Creations, I have Hope.”

- Creations of Hope Artist

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Creations of Hope is a partnership of artists dedicated to the mission of mental health awareness and is sponsored by the Expressive Therapies program at Valeo Behavioral Health Care.
How to Participate in the Creations of Hope Gallery:

Call for Artists:

Creations of Hope is seeking artists to exhibit in the gallery and welcomes all artists who would like to participate in our mission of advocacy through art. Creations of Hope encourages applications from artists whose lives have been impacted by mental illness or artists who have utilized art as a source of healing. Artists do not need to be enrolled in services at Valeo Behavioral Health Care to participate in the gallery.

To apply to become a Creations of Hope Core Artist provide the information below:

Step 1: Artist Name__________________________________________________________
Address____________________________________________________________________________________________
City___________________________________________ State___ Zip___ Phone________________________
Email______________________________________________________________________________________________
Alternate Contact Method_____________________________________________________________________________

Step 2: Submit photographs of two examples of your artwork. Include with each artwork example its title, dimensions, media and price.

Step 3: Submit answers to the following questions:

◆ How many artworks would you have available to exhibit?
◆ How does your art fit with the mission of the Creations of Hope gallery?

Step 4: Upon receipt of your interest to exhibit in the gallery we will provide a detailed guide of preparing your art for sale in the gallery and deadlines for delivery of artwork to the gallery. Regular Artist’s Meetings are also held to meet other artists and participate in planning efforts for the Creations of Hope Gallery.

Submit applications to the Creations of Hope gallery
by mail or email to:
Valeo Expressive Therapies
330 SW Oakley Ave.
Topeka KS, 66606
785-783-7558
creationsofhopeart@gmail.com

Not an artist, but want to contribute?

Volunteer:

Creations of Hope is seeking volunteers to assist in operations of the gallery space. Volunteers are needed to staff the gallery hours. The more volunteers we get the more we can reach the public with our advocacy efforts!

Contact the Expressive Therapies Program to receive a volunteer application.

Donate:

Creations of Hope is made possible through the generous donations of those dedicated to the mission of mental health advocacy. All contributions are tax-deductible and Valeo BHC is a non-profit entity. To learn more about making a donation or becoming an official sponsor of Creations of Hope contact the Expressive Therapies program.

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