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**BRIDGEWAY HOUSE TO CELEBRATE AND INFORM ABOUT AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
WITH AN ART SHOW, RECEPTION OF ART CREATED BY BRIDGEWAY HOUSE STUDENTS**

Eugene, Ore. – Bridgeway House will celebrate Autism Awareness month with an art exhibit housed at the New Day Bakery and World Café, located at 449 Blair Blvd., from April 6 through April 30, 2017.

Bridgeway House will also present a reception for the artists on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 5p.m. to 7 p.m. The students' art projects will be on display on the north wall of New Day Bakery and World Café.

Entitled 'Be the Change,' the art show will feature by students at Bridgeway School, an accredited private school serving students with autism and related abilities.

"Be the Change is a reminder to everyone to strive for positive community involvement through volunteer work," said Bridgeway House Executive Director Patricia Wigney.

"Working with organizations such as NextStep Recycling, the Eugene Mission, and the Grassroots Garden, has given the students an appreciation for the everyday actions that serve to promote a more inclusive Eugene for everyone," Wigney said.

"Seeing the positive effects of their work on the community, they have also realized helping others can be a great way in which to help themselves. Their art serves as the expressive engine that seeks to advocate for the continued support of urban gardening projects and giving aid to those who might be less fortunate," Wigney said.

A portion of all proceeds from the show will be donated to the Eugene Mission to help homeless persons transition back into the community.

For more information about Bridgeway House and Bridgeway House School, please visit <http://www.bridgewayhouse.org>.

About the Bridgeway House

Bridgeway House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded in 2002 to offer developmental therapies, enrichment courses, and support to children and families of all income levels with autism and related disabilities. Bridgeway House's therapeutic programs are designed to help this diverse and ever-increasing group of children meet the challenges of autism and help their families with the emotional, financial, and social challenges they face. Services include therapies, social skills groups, summer camps, parent skills groups, family social events, an annual theatre production, and a private school for children with autism. Bridgeway House offers scholarships for all programs so they are affordable to families from all walks of life.

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