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ADRC Announces 2013/2014 Program Sites For Alzheimer's Art Expression Program

Bay Shore, NY – ADRC's Executive Director and CEO, Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, announced today that twenty-seven sites across Nassau and Suffolk will participate in the Center's 2013/2014 Art Expression Program developed for individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease.

ADRC has been coordinating this very special program since 2003. The program includes training for professional coordinators, with ongoing support throughout the program year. The program culminates with ADRC's Annual Tea and Art Exhibit where the paintings created by the Alzheimer's artists are on display. Family friends and relatives are invited to the Annual event, and the event is open to the public.

"It is always amazing to see the completed artwork because in many cases our Alzheimer's artists are unable to verbalize but are able to put their thoughts, feelings and emotions into their artwork," states Ms. Ragona. Ms. Ragona further states, "The purpose of the Art Expression Program is to stimulate the mind through creation, and strengthen self-esteem and relationships." Individuals participating in the program work in small groups and in a non-judgmental environment where process is more important than the finished product.

Sites participating in the 2013-2014 program are: Amber Court Assisted Living, Westbury, NY, The Amsterdam at Harborside, Port Washington, The Arbors at Islandia East, Islandia, Atria Bay Shore, Atria East Northport, Atria, Huntington, The Bristol at Lynbrook, The Bristol at Massapequa, The Bristol at North Hills, The Bristol at East Northport, The Bristol at North Woodmere, Broadlawn Manor, Amityville, Centerlight Healthcare Day Health Center, Amityville, Cold Spring Hills Adult Day Program, Woodbury, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Sayville, Gurwin Jewish-Fay J. Lindner Residences, Commack, Harbor House Assisted Living, Oyster Bay, Nesconset Center for Nursing and Rehab, Nesconset, Oyster Bay Manor, St. Johnland Nursing Center, Kings Park, Somerset Gardens, Plainview, Sunrise Senior Living of East Meadow, Sunrise Senior Living of Plainview, Sunrise Senior Living of Smithtown, Sunrise Senior Living of West Babylon, Town of Huntington Adult Day Care, Waters Edge at Port Jefferson for Rehabilitation and Nursing.

ADRC-Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center — which is headquartered in Bay Shore and has a satellite office in Southampton — is the only local Alzheimer's Disease advocacy and educational facility whose mission is to support local research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease and to provide hands-on support and services to families living in the Greater New York metropolitan area. ADRC works with family members, health care professionals and researchers to ensure quality health care and support to those impacted by Alzheimer's Disease through care and consultation, information and referral, training, support groups, and caregiver safety products.

For more information about ADRC's Art Expression Program or to learn more about the work being done at the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, please contact Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, ED/CEO at (631) 820-8068 or visit us at www.adrcinc.org.