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**5th Annual “FROM WOMEN’S HANDS” ART EXHIBIT
FUND RAISER AND SALE**

The diversity, quality and talent exhibited will amaze and delight you.

TRAVERSE CITY, MI (October 13, 2006). **The celebration continues!** Record numbers of local and statewide supporters gathered last year for the 4th Annual “From Women’s Hands™” opening celebration. The turnout and the phenomenal success of this event is a spectacular commentary on the beauty and strength of this community.

“From Women’s Hands” is a celebration of life and art and the power of individuals working together toward a common benefit. More than 150 talented female visual artists, authors, musicians and film makers will show and sell their work at “From Women’s Hands,” a juried all-female exhibition that kicks off Friday, April 27th from 6-10 p.m. at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City.

The first event of its kind in Northern Michigan, “From Women’s Hands” connects art, community and service of the arts to an important cause—the Women’s Cancer Fund Munson Healthcare Foundation. The Women’s Cancer fund will receive 20 percent of all art sales and 100 percent of the proceeds from the art raffle, and silent auction. Donations may be given directly to the Women’s Cancer Fund at the event. *All donations made to From Women’s Hands are tax deductible.* The success of the 2006 show allowed FWH’s to gift nearly \$26,000 to the Women’s Cancer Fund - making this show the top fundraising event for the Munson’s Women’s Cancer Fund.

Our goals.

- The exhibit will raise awareness of the Women’s Cancer Fund, and increase public awareness about the arts and women artists in this region.
- The exhibit offers a rare opportunity for women artists to show and sell their work.
- “From Women’s Hands” is a fund-raiser for the Women’s Cancer Fund

Opening night is a celebration featuring: a fabulous selection of music including Dawn Campbell, Robin Lee Berry, Sharon O’Malley, Lynn Hansen and accompanying Traverse Symphony Orchestra artists, and harpists. Wine and appetizers will be served, a raffle of donated art works and silent auction will be available —and 7000 sq feet of incredible artwork will be on display. On Saturday and Sunday from noon-2 p.m., some of the North’s most noted female authors and poets will be reading from their work. We are thrilled to welcome back award winning author Lynne Rae Perkins, recipient of the 2006 John Newbery Medal for her book “Criss Cross.”

The exhibit and sale run April 27, 2007 from 6:00p.m.-10p.m. Saturday hours are 10a.m.-6p.m.; Sunday, from 11a.m.-4p.m. Authors and poets will present their work from 12:00pm-2:00p.m. on Saturday and 2:00pm-4:00p.m. on Sunday. Film makers will present their work from 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. on Saturday.

“ ‘From Women’s Hands’ comes out of a deep commitment to art, women artists, women with cancer, and the way art intertwines with, enriches and heals our lives,” says Traverse City tile/clay artist and furniture maker Rosalyn Tyge.

Nationally, cancer is the leading cause of death for women aged 35-54. The Women’s Cancer Fund was created in the early 1990s by the Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation to help women in northern Michigan who have been diagnosed with cancer. Every dollar received in the fund is used to provide financial assistance when other means have been exhausted. This includes prosthetics, transportation and child care during treatment, home medications, etc. The Women’s Cancer Fund provides help that isn’t found through traditional financial assistance, yet allows women to fight their battle with dignity.

“Rosalyn and I are deeply committed to this event and to this extraordinary community. From Women’s Hands allows us to showcase remarkable artists and generate exposure and funds for a vital cause. It’s a party designed to cultivate the culture of beauty and togetherness that we have here in Traverse City. We really are so much more together.” Jennifer Hutchinson, Event Co-Chair.

Featured artists have each generously donated select work to “From Women’s Hands” to be offered as raffle items. The silent auction items at the show are amazing! One hundred percent of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Women’s Cancer Fund. Tickets will be sold for only \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00. Tickets may also be purchased at the exhibit for the duration of the show.

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