

## For Immediate Release

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### “For the Love of Art”

Exhibit and silent auction benefiting PROJECT Marley

**Kansas City, MO (September 28, 2013)** – Young people ranging in age from two years old to eighteen years old explored the more artistic side of therapy this summer as givingSOLO partnered with the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City (RIKC) in sponsoring 16 art therapy classes. All the art pieces created during RIKC’s Summer Therapy Program will be showcased at ‘For the Love of Art’ benefiting PROJECT{Marley}. Marley Moore is a former patient of RIKC who passed away at 2 years old from a brain tumor. The “For the Love of Art” therapy program was started at RIKC by givingSOLO in 2013 in honor of her.

The annual event will have snacks, live music, caricature artist and a photo booth!

Join us for a viewing of the amazing art created by young artists in RIKC's summer art therapy pilot program brought to you by PROJECT{Marley}.

RSVP at: <http://fortheloveofart.splashthat.com/>

**What:** Exhibit and silent auction benefiting PROJECT{Marley}.

**When:** Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 6:00pm-8:00pm  
6:00pm Doors open & silent action begins  
7:30pm Silent auction ends  
8:00pm Event closing

**Where:** The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City (RIKC)  
3010 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108

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### **About givingSOLO**

givingSOLO is a local charity that is on a mission to link children with brain tumors and optimal health care options through education, creation, and compassion. The team at givingSOLO takes a collaborative approach to improving the quality of life for brain tumor children and is focused on achieving our mission. The organization's programs provide fun and creative opportunities for community involvement while aiding in the advancement of research and providing innovative ways of coping for brain tumor children. Supporting the development of young philanthropists, creative expression, and complementary and alternative medicine, givingSOLO is committed to providing children with the tools to cultivate a more creative and compassionate culture. The vision is to create a world where no child faces a death sentence when diagnosed with a brain tumor and where every brain tumor child has the opportunity of expression and healing through the arts. They are working diligently on the development and implementation of a variety of programs to further this cause, and it is the capacity for innovation in the approach to fund these programs that distinguishes givingSOLO from other pediatric brain tumor nonprofits. Complementary and Alternative Medicine, which includes but is not limited to art therapy, music therapy, and dance and movement therapy, has been shown to be a fundamental resource in facilitating healing, expression, and coping in brain tumor children. The goal is to offer programs promoting the arts in the lives of all children while exploring entertaining, creative ways to fund pediatric brain tumor research and patient assistance programs. givingSOLO is dedicated to providing education, awareness, and support to the community, and by working together we can foster a stronger sense of generosity and compassion in the hearts of our children.

Visit givingSOLO website at [www.givingsolo.org](http://www.givingsolo.org)

### **About The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City**

The Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City (RIKC) is the leading outpatient medical and vocational rehabilitation service provider in the Greater Kansas City area. Since 1947, RIKC continues to help children and adults with disabilities to live more independent and enriching lives in the community. Voted #1 for Best Nonprofit Category in the 2012 Pitch's "Best of Kansas City" Issue, RIKC strives for and achieves excellent measurable outcomes and services that impact those who have experienced debilitating conditions such as stroke, brain injury, amputation, or developmental disability. Website: [www.rehabkc.org](http://www.rehabkc.org)

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