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NEWS ADVISORY

SAN RAFAEL, CA, April 19, 2002—The art exhibit “Through Our Eyes: Artwork by Homeless Children,” featuring works by homeless children in the San Francisco Bay Area, begins a nationwide tour next week, beginning with an appearance at the California Governor’s Summit on Homelessness on April 22 in Sacramento, California.

This exhibition exposes civic leaders and community members to the experiences of homeless children who have been given a voice and opportunity for self-expression through art. It is organized by the San Rafael-based nonprofit organization, DrawBridge: An Arts Program for Homeless Children. The exhibition contains paintings and narratives by children who have participated in DrawBridge expressive arts programs, and gives viewers a rare opportunity to be introduced to the thoughts and feelings of a few of the children from among an estimated 400,000 homeless families nationwide.

The exhibition is scheduled to appear at the following venues, with more bookings being planned for the year.

Monday, April 22, 2002: California Governor’s Summit on Homelessness, Sacramento, CA
April 29 – May 2, 2002: The Columbia Art League Gallery, Columbia, MO
June 27 – 29, 2002: Health Care for the Homeless National Conference, Chicago, IL

About DrawBridge

DrawBridge organizes 26 weekly art groups for children at homeless shelters and low-income housing facilities in six San Francisco Bay Area counties. Founded in 1989, DrawBridge is a San Rafael-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide art programs for homeless children in an environment that fosters their sense of childhood joy, creativity and exuberance. DrawBridge served approximately 1,700 children in 2001.

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WHAT: DrawBridge Exhibition "Through Our Eyes: Artwork by Homeless Children". This collection of paintings and narratives by San Francisco Bay Area children who have participated in DrawBridge expressive arts programs gives viewers a rare opportunity to be introduced to the thoughts and feelings of children living in shelters and low-income housing.

WHERE & WHEN: California Governor's Summit on Homelessness, Sacramento, CA
Monday, April 22, 2002

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WHO: The artists are some of the 1,700 children (from homeless and low-income families) that have participated in weekly DrawBridge art groups in six San Francisco Bay Area counties. DrawBridge is a San Rafael-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide art programs for homeless children in an environment that foster their sense of childhood joy, creativity and exuberance.

VISUALS: Full-color paintings with children's narratives.