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### **Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Fall Arts Festival Features Chairs of Inclusion**

West Orange – The Wae Center is pleased to announce that several works of art from its Chairs of Inclusion project ([www.chairsofinclusion.org](http://www.chairsofinclusion.org)) are now on exhibit at the Rutgers NJMS Fall Arts Festival at the Rutgers NJ Medical School first floor gallery, 185 South Orange Ave, Newark, NJ. The exhibit features two of Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern's "Dialogue of Four Chairs" paintings along with Yvette Lucas' "Care Chair" in a glass showcase. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm and the Arts Festival opening reception is Thursday, October 16, 4-6pm.

The Chairs of Inclusion project celebrates the tenth anniversary of Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled (JSDD) Wae Center, a center for Wellness, Arts and Enrichment for adults with developmental disabilities in West Orange, NJ. The Center commissioned ten professional artists to work with Center member-artists to create pieces about inclusion, using various mediums to show their interpretation as full-scale chairs.

All the Chairs of Inclusion will premiere at the Wae Center's Anniversary Gala on November 2, 2014, at Temple B'Nai Abraham, Livingston, NJ. On November 9, the chairs will be exhibited at a Meet the Artists Reception at the Gaelen Gallery East, West Orange.

### **About JSDD and the Wae Center**

Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of MetroWest, Inc. (JSDD) is the lead, multi-purpose agency dedicated to providing an integrated program of community education, advocacy and services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. JSDD strives to maximize the potential of individuals with developmental disabilities and promotes opportunities for their integration into the Jewish and general communities.

JSDD's Wae Center was founded on the belief and knowledge that each individual possesses the potential for creating a meaningful life, a process the Center calls "*Finding the Spark Within.*" Inclusion is implemented every single day by facilitators trained to bring people of diverse abilities together as equals. The Chairs of Inclusion project represents the convergence of inclusion, expressive arts, and community.

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