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AiPP Show- “Through Their Eyes”

STARKVILLE, MS – Starkville Area Arts Council is excited to announce its second Art in Public Places show for 2018, “Through Their Eyes.” This Exhibit features photography from 10 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder from the Starkville area.

The Show is the result of a project funded in part by a SAAC community grant and organized by Jennifer Seltzer and Dr. Diane Outlaw, two mothers who have a child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. They wanted to create an opportunity for children with ASD to express themselves, their interests, and share their unique perspective of the world. Participants were provided small cameras to photograph events in their lives that they felt were artistic and important. Then, neurotypical parents or siblings (those without ASD) were asked to photograph the same or similar events. Comparison of these images allows viewers to see what captures the interest of children with ASD at a given a moment of time.

Executive Director John W. Bateman notes, “This project provides an opportunity for children with ASD to share their perspective with the community, bringing awareness to a challenging and often misunderstood medical issue. Further, this project helps emphasize our belief that the arts are inclusive of all communities and walks of life.”

The reception for this show is scheduled for March 15, 2018, in the lobby of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership and will be on display until April 9.

About SAAC - Now commencing its third decade, the Starkville Area Arts Council sponsors the Cotton District Arts Festival, runs various outreach programs, and awards almost \$30,000 each year in grants and scholarships throughout Starkville and Oktibbeha County in its mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through the arts. The Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) appreciates the support of the City of Starkville and the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Development Authority, Del Rendon Foundation, 4-County Electric Foundation, and various local businesses and individuals. Additional information about SAAC can be found at www.starkvillearts.org.

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