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ARTWORK BY OPERATION SAFEHOUSE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE DA'S OFFICE

RIVERSIDE – As part of District Attorney Mike Hestrin's continuing vision to involve the DA's Office in our community, art exhibits from various Riverside County non-profit agencies will be showcased at the downtown Riverside office.

"Dreams Given Wings" is an art project done by participants at Operation SafeHouse in Riverside. The artists whose work is on display range in age from 11 to 24. Through their individual works of art, they are visually expressing the journey of how their personal hopes and dreams are taking flight.

"An important part of my vision and direction for this office is working closely with our community partners," said DA Mike Hestrin. "Operation SafeHouse provides a much-needed service to our community so it is an honor for us to be able to provide an opportunity for this very personal artwork to be displayed."

By showcasing artwork -- like that of the Operation SafeHouse children, teens, and young adults -- the DA's Office continues working with its community partners in a variety of ways.

"Part of what we do here at Operation SafeHouse is help clients find ways to cope and to express themselves," said Caroline Sanchez, public relations and marketing associate at Operation SafeHouse. "By participating in this art display, our clients not only get to tell their stories, but they can have others acknowledge and appreciate their work. They know what they've done is important and special to others."

Operation SafeHouse's mission is to provide emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to runaways, homeless, and other youth in crisis. This year marks its 25th anniversary of accomplishing its mission, and the DA's Office acknowledges and supports the vital work that Operation SafeHouse has done and continues to do. For information about Operation SafeHouse, please visit: <http://operationsafehouse.org/>

The DA's Office considers it an honor to showcase the work of these talented young people whose art gives them a voice and a platform to set goals, to continue to have hope, and to make their dreams become a reality.

The exhibit is being displayed in the secured lobby of the DA's Office in Riverside and is not open to the public. Any representatives of working media wishing to see and report on the exhibit should contact John Hall at johnhall@rivcoda.org.

Photos of the exhibit can be seen on the DA's Office Facebook page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/RivCoDA>

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