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Artists use talent to Make a Difference



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Hospice Artisans Joanne Markiewicz and Kathy Smith share the same passion for both art and Hospice of the Calumet Area. On July 21 and 22, the dynamic duo coined themselves 2 Gals & A Canvas and participated in their first Griffith Park Full of Art event featuring their acrylic paintings and fine jewelry.

This week, the artists presented Hospice of the Calumet Area Executive Director Adrienne May with a donation of \$700 as part of the proceeds from the art fair.

"Painting has taken on a new journey for me," said Smith. "I find myself looking for more time to create and produce more pieces. It's really exciting to come up with new ideas."

Markiewicz serves on the board of directors of HCA. She is also a professional photographer and jewelry designer and has now ventured into the world of acrylics.

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Markiewicz feels that more people need to understand the benefits of hospice care and how its resources and programs can make a huge difference for patients and families.



"We need to continue to find new ways to promote Hospice of the Calumet Area and help as many families as we can," said Markiewicz. "Our HCA family is so near and dear to my

Above, Hospice of the Calumet Area Executive Director Adrienne May, center, receives a check from Kathy Smith and Joanne Markiewicz. Left, Kathy and Joanne at Griffith Park Full

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