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## Press Release

### Summerlin Library Art Exhibition

***For Immediate Release***

The Summerlin Library Art Gallery, located at 1771 Inner Circle Dr. Las Vegas NV 89134, is hosting the Community Arts Advocates of Nevada Inaugural Juried Art Exhibition. The theme, **'The Light Within'** which focuses on the needs of the LGBTQ community will be on display from May 4<sup>th</sup> thru July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

"We felt that a collection of artworks that raised awareness of the need to discuss suicide prevention in the LGBTQ+ teen community was much needed and quite timely" says CAA founder Jacie Urquidi-Maynard.

Las Vegas's top artists created works for the exhibition using various mediums including oil and acrylic paintings, sculptures, glass, photography and more, all supporting the awareness of preventing teen suicide within the LGBTQ community. CAA co-founder and artist Lisa Dittrich said "I cannot stress enough the importance of making help available to those who need it. Raising awareness through art is a logical course of action"

The Clark County Library District's Summerlin Library is a premiere venue to showcase artwork. 'The Light Within' exhibition is in support of The Trevor Project and Gender Justice. It is our intention to help raise the awareness of the needs within the LGBTQ+ teen community of Southern Nevada through art.

The Artist Reception will be on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 3PM.

There will be a talk at the reception that will include Gender Justice Nevada representative Sy Bernabi. He will be discussing his organization and The Trevor project. Also speaking will be Brian Paco Alvarez, Former City of Las Vegas Arts Commissioner and PhD candidate in History at UNLV. And, the exhibition judge Susan Schwartz, a Los Angeles-based lawyer and independent curator.

The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public

**Community Arts Advocates of Nevada** supports creative individuals by endeavoring to connect artists with a variety of organizations, businesses, and patrons who share their passion. The goal of CAA of NV is to provide a connection through networking, exhibition opportunities, and available studio spaces while utilizing a mixture of venues to raise awareness of the Cultural Arts among the members of our community.

**The Trevor Project** is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ young people.

**Gender Justice** mission is to end suicide among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning young people.

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