

# On the Move

May 2009

## ART ARRIVES AT 60 WSW!!

January 29th marked a very important day at White Squirrel Way-202 pieces of art arrived from Art for Healing Foundation, their largest single installation to date! Earl Pinchuk, co-founder of Art for Healing and Sheila Pitch, Clinical Transition Manager, Addictions, Child, Youth & Family Programs spent the next two days uncrating and curating these pictures.

These 202 pieces are being hung in group and interview rooms, as well as one in each client bedroom plus 8 pieces forming a gallery down the halls between the client bedrooms. The latter are all fabulous animal shots.

The response from clients and staff was tremendous! One staff came out of her office and commented, "I'm so excited, I'm so excited, I'm so excited!" and went back inside; others were heard to say, "This is great, thank you so much!" Clients asked, jokingly, if they got to pick for themselves, and when

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they heard art would be going not only into the residential buildings, but into their rooms, some were speechless, others were thrilled.

The good news is after completing this project, we realized the need for even more, so the Decorating Committee has just completed choosing another 200 pieces to be here by year end (March 31) and these will be hung on the remaining walls in 60, and throughout the living quarters in 40 & 50 WSW.

Seven artists have been so kind as to donate their work, through Art for Healing, and so far, 4 of the 7 have come to view their works on display in our buildings, and have had the opportunity to interact with our clients about their works and the importance of art and healing. Thank you to Earl & Gary from Art for Healing Foundation for bringing such life into our buildings.