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**Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County announces first Tobacco Free Art Exhibit**  
*School aged children invited to submit entries*

The Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County is organizing its first Tobacco Free Art Exhibit. Its purpose is to promote tobacco free beaches and parks in Broward County.

The artwork will be produced by the youth of Broward County, ages 5 - 18. School age children of Broward County have until October 31, 2015 to submit their entry, which will be voted on during the month of November to determine which pieces will be exhibited. Once voting has been completed, those deemed eligible will be invited to display their artwork as part of the Tobacco Free Art Exhibit. Participation guidelines and voting rules are spelled out at the Web site of the Tobacco Free Art Exhibit <http://tobaccofreeartexhibit.org>

The expected number of art pieces to be displayed is approximately 100. The Tobacco Free Art Exhibit will be exhibiting on the sixth floor of the Broward County Main Library, January 4, 2016 through February 26, 2016 and in the main lobby of the Broward County Government Center, January 5, 2016 through January 28, 2016.

"The Broward County Main Library is proud to be joining with the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County (TFP) to present the Tobacco Free Art Exhibit in our Gallery Six for the months of January and February 2016," said Lisa Manners, Manager, Broward County Main Library. "We look forward to seeing what our Broward County students create in their original photos and paintings that endorse a healthy smoke-free community."

"QuitDoc Foundation is delighted to partner on this inaugural event," said Dr. Barry Hummel, a pediatrician and co-founder of the non-profit organization based in Coral Springs. "Our core mission is to reduce youth access and exposure to tobacco in Florida, so this project is a perfect fit for us. This art show will allow youth that are impacted by secondhand smoke where they live and play to lend their voices to the movement to create smoke-free parks and beaches," added Dr. Hummel.

The QuitDoc Research and Education Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, is acting as the fiscal agent for the event. Donations will go towards prizes to recognize the students who participate in the art exhibit.

Additional details about the Tobacco Free Art Exhibit may be found by visiting <http://tobaccofreeartexhibit.org>

**About the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County:**

The mission of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Broward County (TFP) is to prevent or reduce the health risks associated with tobacco use through community education. The TFP meets the third Thursday of every month at 8:00 AM in the Tobacco Prevention Education Center located at the Florida Department of Health in Broward County, 780 SW 24th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315.

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