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Youthville showcases *The Art of Coffee* created by Youthville's Newton Psychiatric Treatment Facility residents

(Wichita, Kan., Nov. 3, 2008) – Youthville will display *The Art of Coffee*, art work created by children from Youthville's Newton campus on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Starbucks, Central and Tyler, Wichita, Kan. The art work was created from five different coffee varietals and blends offered by Starbucks. The children used the stamp images on the Starbucks coffee packages as inspiration to recreate a new stamp of their own. All of the images represent the children's unique personality and a vision of the stamp.

There will be 20 to 30 pieces of art work on display at the event. For each coffee that was used in creating the art work there will be a coffee tasting along side the work. The public is invited to enjoy the coffee tasting and view the art work. There will be a silent auction for the artwork.

"As with all of the projects in the Expressive Arts Center, it is our hope that the kids learn about the power of using their creativity to sooth and cope with their current and future life situations," said Gingrich-Gaylord, Expressive Arts Center worker. "We also hope that they benefit from being in the community and gaining recognition as a means for strengthening much needed self esteem."

The Youthville Psychiatric Treatment Facility is for children ages 8 -18 who need time away to address issues and remove barriers from becoming a family again. This 24-hour, highly structured treatment is for youth whose behaviors threaten the safety of themselves. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through all forms of expression. As an in-patient treatment option, residents are engaged in fun, creative, and meaningful outlets of expression through the Expressive Arts Program.

Youthville's vision is to provide the best sources of help to children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected with its mission of ***Giving Children Back Their Childhood***. Over 3,000 children are cared for annually by Youthville. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit www.youthville.org.

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