

## NEWS

# 'Artful Living' Benefits Families in Need

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**F**airfax-based nonprofit Britepaths invites the community to attend a special evening of art, wine and philanthropy in celebration of its 35 years of helping struggling families to thrive. "Artful Living" will be held Thursday, May 2, from 7-10 p.m., at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road in Fairfax. The theme is "Thrive," and the event benefits the Fairfax County families served by Britepaths and working toward financial self-sufficiency. It will feature a juried art show highlighting local artists whose works will be available for sale.

The festivities also include live music by local, Latin-jazz band Batida Diferente, appetizers, wine and beer. A live, charity auction will offer items including: A beachfront condo stay in Cozumel, Mexico; an original, stained-glass piece by Britepaths' Executive Director Lisa Whetzel; and an Emerald Isle, N.C., beach house rental.

Early-bird tickets are \$75 through Thursday, April 11, and \$100 from April 12 through May 2. Tickets may be purchased at [britepaths.org](http://britepaths.org) or at the event. Contact [info@britepaths.org](mailto:info@britepaths.org) or call 703-273-8829 for more information.

All year long, Britepaths programs stabilize families, build resilience and provide seasonal support. And during the evening, attendees will hear a story of resiliency and triumph from a client who has achieved self-sufficiency with Britepaths' help. Fittingly, event proceeds will benefit Britepaths' programs to provide financial education and mentoring, plus emergency food, financial aid and seasonal assistance to working families struggling to make ends meet.

"Art has the ability to transform, which we feel speaks to our mission to empower those among us who are struggling, but still working hard to transform their lives and thrive in our expensive area," said Whetzel. "We hope everyone will join us for this



Shobha M. looks closely at a painting at last year's "Artful Living."

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unique event that offers us an opportunity to look at the world around us through a different lens."

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