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**WAUKESHA COUNTY AND THE SHARON LYNNE WILSON CENTER UNITE:
"ART FOR A CAUSE" PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS FAMILIES AFFECTED BY
SUBSTANCE-RELATED LOSS**

Brookfield, WI (Wednesday, February 11, 2026) — Waukesha County Health & Human Services and the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, are launching a class called **Art for a Cause**. This initiative is a **free community art workshop** intended to promote connection, creativity and strengthen community support for individuals and families impacted by substance use and substance-related loss. Substance-related loss is more common than people think; **about 42% of U.S. adults say they know someone who has died from a drug overdose**.

WHAT: Free community art workshop supporting individuals and families affected by substance use and substance-related loss.

WHERE: Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, Brookfield, WI

WHEN: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, **Media availability: 9:30–10:00 a.m.**
Workshop begins: 10:00 a.m. (*Media will not attend the workshop itself.*)

WHO: Available for interviews:
Stephanie Engle, Public Health Social Worker & Partnership Lead, WCHHS
Elizabeth Aldred, Director, Waukesha County HHS
Felicia Behnke Shaw, Clinical Therapist, Waukesha County HHS
Erica Wilkinson, Education Manager & Visual Arts Coordinator, SLWCA
Bridget Munson, Development Director, SLWCA

WHY: This new partnership uses art to help foster connection, compassion, and community support for people impacted by substance use and overdose loss. The program offers a simple, accessible way for residents to express care, reduce stigma, and support healing, without requiring participants to share personal stories or have prior art experience. For program information, visit: <https://www.wilson-center.com/art-for-a-cause>

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