

CONTEST CORNER



National Art Contest Shares A Very Personal Experience

(NAPSA)—For people living with epilepsy, art can be a means to communicate innermost feelings about how this serious neurological condition affects their daily lives. Now in its seventh year, Expressions of Courage® is a national contest that showcases such inspiration.

“Every piece submitted to Expressions of Courage® tells a different story, one may feature images to describe what it feels like to have a seizure, while another demonstrates hope for a cure,” said Eric R. Hargis, president and CEO of the Epilepsy Foundation. “Creating these entries is a very personal experience for participants, providing a personal platform for them to share what they go through every day.”

The contest will be run from May 11, 2009 through August 28, 2009. Winning entries will be selected based on creativity and the ability to bring to life the experiences of living with epilepsy. Winners will be highlighted on the Expressions of Courage® Web site. A few winning pieces will also be chosen by curators from the Society for the Arts in Healthcare for display in a traveling art exhibition.

For entry rules and regulations, you can visit expressionsofcourage.com/rules/rules.html or call the Contest Help Line at (800) 224-4935.

About Epilepsy

Epilepsy is one of the most common disorders of the nervous system, affecting approximately



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50 million people worldwide. As many as 200,000 Americans are diagnosed for the first time each year.

Epilepsy produces seizures, which happen when a brief, strong surge of electrical activity affects part or all of the brain. The condition can develop at any time in life, but there is a particular susceptibility in young children and the elderly.

Currently, there is no cure for epilepsy; however, medications help control seizure activity in the majority of people with the condition. It is important for people with epilepsy to be proactive in working with their healthcare professionals to determine the most effective treatment plan.

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