

# ArtPartners Event Has Auction, Showcase — Over the Mountain Journal

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Planning VSA Alabama's ArtPartners auction and showcase are, from left: board members David Corliss, Michael Woolley, Jennifer Lyles and Bettina Boateng and VSA Alabama executive director Patti Hendrix Lovoy.

VSA Alabama will hold its ninth annual ArtPartners Live Auction and Showcase Aug. 21 at B&A Warehouse.

The fundraiser will help support the ArtPartners program. Developed in 2003, ArtPartners program is VSA Alabama's signature mentoring program. Community artists work one on one with children and adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities to create masterpieces together throughout the fall and spring.

The program culminates with the auction and showcase, featuring these works.

The event includes a live auction by Guin Robinson with approximately 25 pieces of collaborative art from ArtPartners. Additional pieces will be featured in the silent auction.

Guests also will enjoy food, wine and live music by the Neo Jazz Collective. The event usually draws more than 450.

Event chairman Katherine Barr hosted a luncheon at Sirote and Permutt to kick off this year's auction.

VSA Alabama's 2011 Community ArtPartner awardee will be the late Deane Kenworthy Corliss, who served on the board for more than seven years and was instrumental in the development and growth of the organization's services.

Kenworthy was a board member, partner at Bradley Arant Boult and Cummings and former nursing public health nursing director.

This year's ArtPartners honorary chairman is Devin Brower, who began the ArtPartners program in 2008 after suffering a brain hemorrhage at age 15. Throughout her recovery, she has enjoyed the benefits of partnering through the arts and has developed a talent for painting.

Funds raised at the event help VSA Alabama provide opportunities in the arts to children and adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities across the state. VSA Alabama provides arts programming in educational, community and healthcare settings.

For more information on VSA Alabama or the ArtPartners Live Auction and Showcase, visit [www.vsaalabama.org](http://www.vsaalabama.org) or call 307-6300.