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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Annex C at Touchstone Gallery

March 11 – March 28, 2009

TreasurePostcards Project

Opening Reception:
Thursday, March 12, 6 - 8:30 pm
* (see more information below)

Panel discussion will start at 6:45 pm
*"Rejuvenating Communities with Creativity:
A Dialogue Around Arts Therapy, Socio-
economic and Gender Specific
Development"*

To celebrate the *International Women's Day* and to give voice to girls and women's issues, female artists from around the world donated over 100 artworks for the

TreasurePostcards Project that will be on display at **Touchstone Gallery (Annex C) from March 11 to March 28, 2009**. The postcard-sized artworks are in numerous styles, and represent a variety of techniques including prints, textiles, photographs, acrylics, oil paints, graphite, collage, mixed-media, and others. Themes highlighted in the works range from civil rights, sexual violence, breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, importance of literacy, economic empowerment, and more. This project has helped generate thus far micro-funds for shelters in the US and Turkey, and organizations working in Sierra Leone and Uganda.

TreasurePostcards of *Arts for Global Development, Inc.* is an international project that brings emerging and professional artists from across the globe together to visually express social and economic issues with postcard-sized artworks. It is an educational-informative medium that not only helps artists gain visibility through their individual works and shares their creative ambitions, but primarily creates awareness on social and economic issues, provokes thoughts, inspires, and helps raise micro-funds for efforts that make positive difference in communities.

100% of the *TreasurePostcards* sales proceeds at **Touchstone Gallery** will benefit **Friends of Orphans**, an award winning organization in the Pader district of northern Uganda, that has been working fervently to create normalcy for child mothers, orphans, former child soldiers, abductees and women; and reintegrate and empower those impacted by the conflict and HIV/AIDS. Print/photo-based limited edition *TreasurePostcards* are only \$15 and non-print artworks' base price is \$30.

To learn more about the project, visit <http://www.art4development.net/tpp.html>
Please contact tpp@art4development.net for purchasing *TreasurePostcards*.



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Panel - "Rejuvenating Communities with Creativity: A Dialogue around Arts Therapy, Socio-economic and Gender Specific Development".

Panelists:

Paula Howie

Former President of American Art Therapy Association &
Associate Professorial Lecturer at George Washington University

Yildiz Yagci

President and CEO of Anatolian Artisans

Paula Terry

Director of the Office for AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts

Joy Ford Austin

Executive Director of Humanities Council of Washington DC

(Invited-To be confirmed)

Crafts Sale from the Anatolian Artisans

During the March 12th event you'll be able to purchase artisan products from Turkey at very reasonable prices that are currently on sale in the Textile Museum and Smithsonian's Freer/Sackler Museum gift stores. The proceeds from sales will benefit low-income women artisans in Turkey.

Mediterranean finger food, light beverages and wine will be served.

Organizers and Sponsors:

Arts for Global Development, Touchstone Gallery, American-Turkish Association of Washington DC and Equals Three Communications, Inc.

\$5 donation will be requested at the event entrance.
All proceeds will support Friends of Orphans programs in Uganda.

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