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The Art Cart has combined a passion for medicine with a passion for art to help various populations overcome their symptoms through creativity. Various art techniques are taught that help those suffering with Parkinson’s disease combat their gross and fine motor movements. The Art Cart has partnered with the American Parkinson’s Disease Association and brings confidence boosting art workshops to various locations throughout the state.

The “Smile Through Art” Exhibit will showcase the work of Parkinson’s Artists from throughout the state. The various techniques and the story behind each piece will also be displayed to show that with a positive mindset and a little bit of creativity, any medical condition can be surpassed.

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Saba Shahid holds a Masters in Biomedical Science and uses her passion for medicine to help those with Parkinson’s disease find happiness through art. Saba has over ten years of experience as an artist, and has also taken educational credits through the American Art Therapy Association. Saba Shahid is a Professor of Human Nutrition at Massasoit Community College.

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