The Art for Charlie Foundation is a 501(c)3 that raises money through art events to support children in hospice and families bereaved by the death of a child. The Foundation also promotes advancement of pediatric palliative care in Michigan. The mission was inspired by the courage of Charlie Waller, a small boy in East Lansing, Michigan, who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain stem tumor.

THIS EXHIBITION
With the generous participation of the Broad Art Museum, artists across Michigan were invited to submit entries for a 2D art competition to be judged by the Curator - Caitlin Doherty at the Broad Art Museum on October 28, 2015. Entries statewide came from Ann Arbor in the east to Wyoming in the west. Initial submissions were digital. From these, 20 pieces were selected for the final judging.

This exhibition features the three winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, the runners-up, and two additional entries by an artist expressing grief through art. We hope you enjoy their work as much as they enjoyed being part of this worthwhile undertaking.

WHY ART?
Art can be a comfort in the darkest moments and provide a memory to cherish. Art can also be a means of expressing what cannot be expressed in words, as in the work of Michelle Cerrito-Nazzaro, a mother who lost her son. Raising money to ease the pain or sorrow of others through art events is also a way to show that the beautiful and good can emerge from tragedy.

TO PATRONS OF THE ARTS
For pricing information and an opportunity to purchase, go to: www.artforcharlie.com/buy.htm, or use your smart phone to read the QR code below (also on each title card).