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**Marian Dental Clinic to Host Community Art Exhibit Promoting Mental Health Awareness**

TOPEKA, KS – (May 1, 2019) – Marian Dental Clinic – SCL Health and Valeo Behavioral Health are inviting the public to a special event on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. CST, for the launch of a satellite display from *Creations of Hope Gallery*, a collection of art dedicated to mental health awareness. The gallery, featuring works by local artists that tell stories of recovery and hope, will be on permanent display and available for purchase after the launch at Marian Dental Clinic, located at 3164 SE 6th Ave. in Topeka. The exhibit is sponsored by the Expressive Therapies Program at Valeo Behavioral Health Care.

Marian Dental Clinic has a long history of partnership with Valeo Behavioral Health. Both organizations help to remove barriers to care for individuals suffering from mental illness, providing access to affordable, quality healthcare and while working to improve health outcomes.

This beautiful artwork will help the dental clinic create a comfortable, welcoming environment for all. The dental team at the Marian Clinic is trained in trauma-informed care and mental health first aid, and is equipped to assist those with dental anxiety and those vulnerable as a result of trauma and abuse.

“Marian Dental Clinic hopes to bring the public into our clinic spaces to view the art, share our healing ministry and help individuals overcome their fear of the dentist,” says Krista Hahn, the clinic’s executive director. Individuals can schedule to view the gallery after the launch by contacting Marian Dental Clinic directly.

More information about the *Creations of Hope Gallery* may be found on the gallery’s [Facebook](#) page. To learn more about [Valeo Behavioral Health](#) and [Marian Dental Clinic](#), visit our websites or the Marian Dental Clinic [Facebook](#) page.

### **About SCL Health**

SCL Health is a faith-based, nonprofit healthcare organization dedicated to improving the health of the people and communities we serve, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth in 1864, our \$2.6 billion health network provides comprehensive, coordinated care through eight hospitals, more than 100 physician clinics, and home health, hospice, mental health and safety-net services primarily in Colorado, Montana & Kansas. We relentlessly focus on delivering safe, high-quality, effective care to every patient, every time, everywhere. In 2017, SCL Health invested \$259 million in community benefit—10 cents of every dollar we earn—to support health improvement in our communities. To learn more about SCL Health, visit [www.sclhealth.org](http://www.sclhealth.org).

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