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Dear creative friends and artists,

I am writing today with the hope that you will consider making a vision that I am most passionate about a reality. As a business owners Jeff and I focus day-to-day on bottom-lines, growth and customer service. As community members, we would like to use our position as a business to contribute to the community in a soulful way, beyond the services that we provide.

I became familiar with [The New England Center for Children](#) when J. White's Automotive LLC first relocated to Framingham. A coworker mentioned that her son resides down the street from our new address. Her son is a young man with autism who benefits from the efforts and work offered by the center.

Chances are that you know somebody whose life has been affected by autism, or you will. According to recent facts compiled from sources including the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Autism Society of America, 1 in 88 births is affected by ASD's and the growth comparison of those affected during the 1990s shows a 172% increase in autism.

These staggering statistics, personal relationships and stories I have witnessed from a distance have compelled me to use my time and energy to contribute to the efforts to help individuals and families who find themselves affected by autism.

My vision is to facilitate a collaborative effort of compassionate people to raise awareness and money through the sale of art for the benefit of those affected by autism and those who work to transform the lives of children with autism through education, research and technology.

What J. White's Automotive LLC can offer is space - lots and lots of space, just waiting to display the works of children with autism next to the works of compassionate artists. I can also offer a captive audience of people who come to us for their automotive repairs, restorations and Land Rover sales, and a website to promote the gallery and a willingness to put out press releases to spread the word about our collaboration.

What I hope you will offer is a donation in the form of your art, priced how you see fit, with the proceeds to be donated to The New England Center for Children. Your donation will benefit children and families affected by autism and will also expose your art, kindness and generosity to an audience that might have never had the chance to admire your work otherwise.

Thank you for taking the time to consider joining our efforts!

Wishing you all the best,

Shirley Warren