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Representatives from the University of Florida Center for Arts in Healthcare (UF CAHRE) will be in Immokalee on December 6th and 7th to host an informal reception and training to introduce a new arts in healthcare program for the Immokalee community.

The Arts in Healthcare for Rural Communities initiative is a collaborative effort between the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, the Kresge foundation, Shands Arts in Medicine (AIM) and several Immokalee community agencies, including the FSU College of Medicine, Collier Health Services, the Collier County Health Department, and the United Arts Council of Collier County.

The reception will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm at the FSU College of Medicine Health Education Site in Immokalee, located at 1441 Heritage Blvd. During the informal meeting, leaders from UF CAHRE will speak about the impact of the arts in healthcare in rural communities around the state of Florida. Local partners will talk about how the public, as well as professional artists, can become involved in this new program. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. In addition, an Arts in Healthcare for Rural Communities Training will be held at the same location on Wednesday, December 7th from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Immokalee is one of the latest rural communities identified by UF CAHRE, Shands AIM and the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to develop an art in healthcare initiative in response to locally identified community health needs. A multidisciplinary arts-based approach, including visual, literary, and performing arts, will be developed to address health literacy, community engagement, and health outcomes. The initiative aims to reach individuals of all ages, their families, health care providers, and the Immokalee community-at-large.

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