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PAINT BY NUMBERS: NIGHT LIFE SCENE RE-DEFINED BENEFITS LOCAL CHARITY

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Posh V.I.P. Ltd & Kamaria Productions presented its second edition Paint By Numbers: Sip, Paint, Socialize in May 2009 at Coffee Emporium 110 E. Central Parkway. Paint By Numbers is a collaborative event presented by event planners, Ameenah C. Hall (Kamaria Productions) and Mia N. Sears (Posh V.I.P. Ltd.). The two event planners and former classmates (Walnut Hills High School and Florida A&M University) are bringing new life into the young professional social scene in Cincinnati. With a theme based event focusing on creativity, culture, and the arts, Paint By Numbers, is designed to allow “everyday people” to become artists while providing an easy and social atmosphere.

Due to an overwhelming response from attendees and sponsor support, Ms. Hall & Sears donated \$1,000.00 to the West End Arts Access Initiative from the Paint By Numbers event. West End Arts Access Initiative is a collaborative effort between Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses, W.E.B. Dubois Academy, and Ballet Tech Cincinnati to bring affordable arts related programs to participants. This is the first partnership between a community social service agency, a public charter school, and a non-profit dance academy to introduce arts access to an underserved population in the Cincinnati area.

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tive event to the city, but also give back to our community by providing scholarships for young students to participate in ballet, hip hop dance, and African drum and dance classes with the West End Arts Access Initiative,” states Hall. “Being an event planner for several years, I’ve had the opportunity to visit many cities that bring diverse audiences together for unique and creative gatherings. Paint By Numbers allows those that want something different from the usual bar/club nightlife” states Hall. “There is always a club or bar to go to, Paint By Numbers is a monthly social, eclectic networking event which allows a different medium for those yearning for something new”, says Sears.

At Paint By Numbers events, guests are provided a pre-sketched canvas mounted to the wall as well as stations for individual artistic design with markers, crayons, and colored pencils. The outline of the original piece is designed by local artist, Stan “Mannie” Davis of MannMade, LLC. Each detailed section of the pre-sketched canvas is marked by a number and guests paint the areas with the corresponding paint color. At the end of the evening the mural is a beautiful collaborative piece completed by all attendees who participate in the painting.

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