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Local non-profit is sponsoring a fundraiser to help bring the arts to children and young adults with disabilities

Flint, MICH, Feb. 27, 2009— In today's economy everyone is suffering financially including non-profits, arguably the worse hit by such an economic crunch because they depend on people donating out of their disposable incomes. When there is no disposable income non-profits have to get creative about raising funds. **VSA arts of Michigan Genesee County (VSAMI-GC)** is thinking creatively by tapping into community resources and organizing an event that helps people with disabilities.

VSA arts of Michigan Genesee County's 2009 program theme: "ARTS-ology," helps children and young adults with disabilities explore science through the arts. On Thursday March 26, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. until 8 p.m., at **Bd's Mongolian Barbeque**, 4205 Miller Road, Flint; **You can help VSAMI-GC in its mission to promote creative power in people with disabilities.**

The fundraiser will have celebrity guest grillers, entertainment and a silent auction.

The celebrity grillers will share more information about VSA arts of Michigan Genesee County. The musical guests, "**Given Six**" are home grown right out of Goodrich. They are an alternative rock band that has performed at places like "**the Machine Shop**" in Flint. There will also be a silent auction with sculptures, donated by the participants of VSA arts of Michigan-**Genesee County**

VSAMI-GC will raise money from the tips you give the grillers and from our silent auction. So come out and enjoy great food, great entertainment and great company all for an excellent cause. **This event is sponsored by, Bd's Mongolian Barbeque and volunteer support.**

VSA arts of Michigan is a member of the international network of VSA arts, **an affiliate of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.** VSA arts was founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith, and has as been designated by the U.S. congress as the nation's coordinating agency for arts programs for people with disabilities. VSA has 52 affiliates in the U.S. and over 55 international affiliates, and annually serves millions of people worldwide.

VSA arts of Michigan supports its programs and services across the state through grants from national VSA arts under an award from the **United States Department of Education Office of Special Education**; the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs; and through contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals.

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