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"Art for Cure: Life Blooms"

**PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB STOCKFIELD TO SHOW IN
HIMMELFARB GALLERY AT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE**

Laurel, MD (June 2008). "Art for Cure: Life Blooms," floral photographs by Baltimore artist Bob Stockfield, will be on display from June 13 to August 23, 2008, in the Himmelfarb Gallery on the Tai Sophia Institute campus, 7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, Maryland (off Rt. 29 and Johns Hopkins Road - 5 miles south of Columbia). Regular gallery hours are 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday. Call 410-888-9048 for weekend hours.

This exhibition - a celebration of flowers - supports Art for Cure, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a venue and distribution medium where survivors of chronic and/or life-threatening diseases can express themselves through art. Art for Cure was founded by three people who share common passions: to help others in need, to volunteer for organizations in whose causes they believe, a love of art, and the belief it can heal and aid in cure.

It began when Bob Stockfield (a volunteer photographer for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization) and Jennifer Tisch (a graphic designer and twice a breast cancer survivor) met at the Maryland Race for the Cure in 2005 and became instant friends. They stayed in touch and collaborated together on some projects at the National Institutes of Health where Jennifer was then working.

Stockfield, a freelance photographer in the Baltimore/Washington

area, had been photographing flowers for several years, and sought a useful outlet for his work. *Life Blooms* stemmed from Bob and
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Jennifer's collaboration with writer Jennifer Patrizio (also a breast cancer & leukemia survivor) to create a collage of flower photography that incorporated prose.

The group shared the project with Komen Maryland, where it was received enthusiastically. Due to the response, the project's three creators founded Art for Cure. To find out more about Art for Cure, go to www.artforcure.org.

Included in this exhibition are many of the images used in *Life Blooms*, plus many more.

- Images available electronically by request.

Tai Sophia Institute, a private, nonprofit organization based in Laurel, Maryland, is a center for wellness-based education, client care, and public policy discourse. Founded in 1975 as a small healing arts clinic, the Institute has evolved into a diverse resource providing graduate academic programs, continuing education, community wellness programs, and clinical services in acupuncture and herbal medicine. Its 12-acre main campus also houses a bookstore, library, herb and meditation gardens. Tai Sophia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and offers three graduate degrees in Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, and Applied Healing Arts. The Institute empowers wellness leaders, business executives and communities to learn the art of caring for and serving one another.

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