

Hope in Artistry:

Reducing Stigma and Raising Awareness for Suicide Prevention

Our 10th annual art show will feature local artists who have been moved to express their experiences with suicide and mental health through their artwork. While this topic is sensitive, our intent is to show artwork that reflects the hope of recovery through the pain of mental illness, suicidal ideation and loss to suicide. Ashtabula County's average number of losses to suicide (rate per 100,000) is consistently higher than Ohio's average rate and the national average rate. The journey for those with feelings of hopelessness is often a difficult one. It touches them, their friends and their loved ones who are companions on their journey. However, many have found artistic expression to be an avenue to healing, and a support to their recovery. Please join us for this juried exhibit of artwork to **reduce stigma, raise awareness for suicide prevention, and commemorate National Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.**

The show will run during the month of **November** at:

Ashtabula Arts Center
2928 West 13th Street
Ashtabula, OH 44004
ashtabulaartscenter.org

A **public reception** for the show will be held:

**Thursday, November 19, 2026,
6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Ashtabula
Arts Center.**

For those interested in submitting artwork, please contact the **Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board** at (440)992-3121 or www.ashtabulamhrs.org or visit the **Ashtabula Arts Center** www.ashtabulaartscenter.org for the call for art.

Presented by the Ashtabula County Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board in partnership with the Ashtabula Arts Center.

