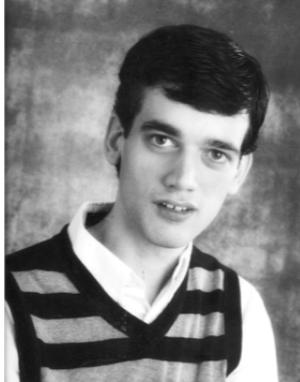


# Comprehensive Therapy Center

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## Former Therapy and Fun Client to exhibit at ArtPrize 2011



Comprehensive Therapy Center, Grand Rapids, MI – Josh Andrus will be exhibiting his watercolor titled “I Only Have Eyes for Blue” during ArtPrize 2011, at Spectrum Health’s Meijer Heart Center. Comprehensive Therapy Center congratulates Josh. As a young child, Josh attended our Therapy and Fun program for several years. He is one of three winners in the Legacy Trust and VSA Michigan-Grand Rapids Art Contest for adults with disabilities.

Today, Josh Andrus attends Lincoln School and he creates his art at Hearts for The Arts ([www.hearts4hearts.net](http://www.hearts4hearts.net)). Josh’s use of colors and highlights creates movement in his paintings among his bold strokes. He has been painting since 2009, and likes to work in watercolor, acrylic, charcoal and oil pastels. He paints two or three times per week.

As a five-year old in 1991, Josh Andrus was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. At that time, Josh worked on his speech-language, motor and sensory skills at the Therapy and Fun program. He developed many skills. However, at 20 years old he lost most of his spoken language ability and now communicates by spelling out messages on a communication board. He often uses color in his descriptive writing ... the sunrise as “early morning pink” and feelings of anger and frustration as “sick yellow.”

We encourage everyone to go see “I Only Have Eyes for Blue” during ArtPrize and vote for the painting if you like it! All of the staff at Comprehensive Therapy Centers encourages Josh to continue with his artistic endeavors and we are proud to have been his therapists as a young child.

Accredited by CARF, Comprehensive Therapy Center offers the West Michigan community speech-language, sensory and motor therapies along with academic tutoring specializing in learning disabilities. Our summer outreach program, Therapy and Fun, and our school-based special education services help children with special needs. Comprehensive Therapy Center’s mission is to provide therapeutic and advisory programs to individuals through skill building, academic enhancement and social emotional support. We help people walk, talk, learn and play – so they can read and write.

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Photo of Artwork Caption: “I Only Have Eyes for Blue” by Josh Andrus.



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