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Touchmark at All Saints to celebrate individual histories and create unique community art piece with help of local artist

SIoux FALLS, SD – On January 31, Touchmark at All Saints will celebrate *Inspire Your Heart with Art Day* by creating a one-of-a-kind artwork with local artist Altman Studeny. He will use maps of South Dakota and guide Touchmark residents and guests to tell their individual stories of how they got from their hometowns to where they are today.

The event will take place Tuesday, January 31 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. Those interested in participating may stay as long as they like and create one or many pieces. Because space is limited, reservations are necessary by calling 605-335-1117 by January 23. There is no charge.

Titled “The Great State of the Land,” the project will be a collection of stories depicted through art media. Studeny will work with groups and one-to-one as participants share stories of what they find most memorable about locations in which they grew up and lived. Individuals will paint and collect collage items that represent their stories to create 65 small tiles in the shape of each South Dakota county. The individual tiles then will be assembled in the shape of South Dakota. When finished, the piece will be 3 feet 6 inches wide by 2 feet 6 inches tall and will be installed in Touchmark’s dining room.

“Creative endeavors and art inspire people and feed their spirits,” said Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Ellen Kelly. “The process of collaborative creation is central in this project, which also serves to celebrate participants’ lives and preserve their history while creating a community legacy.”

Studeny uses art as a way to build community with a special focus on collaborative creation and story sharing. His previous work has focused on the power of place in South Dakota. He believes strongly that each individual has a role to play in his or her community.

An award-winning retirement community, Touchmark at All Saints offers a range of apartment homes and lifestyles on the site of the historic All Saints School, which was built in 1884. For more information, visit Touchmark.com.

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