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A Walk with Charlie Gallery Showing *Residents pay tribute to local artist Charles Beck*

FARGO, N.D. – When residents at Touchmark at Harwood Groves learned of the passing of distinguished local artist Charles Beck, they felt compelled to celebrate his life and work in a personal way. The Fergus Falls native left an impact on many, and his pieces are now proudly displayed in several homes throughout the full-service retirement community.

On **Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, the public is invited to enjoy *A Walk with Charlie* gallery-style showing of the Charles Beck work residents have collected over the years. Inspired by the way residents were moved by this artwork, staff at Touchmark invested in several prints by the artist, which will be unveiled during this event and after the show be hung throughout the Touchmark’s main building.

In total, about 30 pieces spanning the length of Beck’s career will be on display for the public to enjoy. Wine and appetizers will be available while viewing the art. Tickets are \$15, and proceeds will benefit Kaddatz Galleries. To RSVP, call 701-476-1200. Touchmark is located at 1200 Harwood Drive S.

Touchmark resident Katherine Murphy met Beck 50 years ago, and she is looking forward to the event. “He’s nationally recognized, and his work beautifully represents the region we live in,” she says. “He vividly captured the fields!” Murphy will be displaying several paintings as well as some of Beck’s woodcarvings, which demonstrate his versatility as an artist.

The evening will begin with a presentation and discussion about Beck, led by Brooke Barsness, longtime friend of Beck and former director of the Kaddatz Galleries and executive director of the college foundation for Minnesota State’s Fergus Falls campus.

Charles Beck lived in his hometown of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, until he passed away last fall at 94 years old following a prolific career. His artwork has been featured in many local establishments, including the Rourke Art Museum, Hotel Donaldson and West Acres shopping mall. Focusing on woodcut prints, much of his work captures rural scenes across Fergus Falls and Otter Tail County.

“We are sharing a great sense of pride for our community as we invite the public to *A Walk with Charlie*,” says Anne-Marie Fitz, Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness

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Director. “We’re not only fortunate to celebrate Charles Beck’s career as a local success but also that we have a community of residents here who recognize, honor and respect his talent.”

About Touchmark

Touchmark at Harwood Groves offers people 55-plus years a full life. There is a wide range of homes and lifestyle options as well as an on-site health and fitness club, which is open to anyone over 50. For more information, visit Touchmark.com.

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