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Mary Morgan Oliver Foundation presents art to clinic

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Kathleen Oliver, left, co-owner of Oliver Winery, Carolyn Abbitt, Stone Belt ARC client artist, center, and Elizabeth Sturgeon, right, executive director of Volunteers in Medicine, stand with one of the five pieces of art that the Mary Morgan Oliver Foundation provided for the new Volunteers in Medicine clinic. The mission of the foundation is to help make the health care community more aesthetically appealing through art, music, gardens and other creative installations that enhance health care facilities in Monroe County. This year's recipient is Volunteers in Medicine, which recently opened a new clinic. Bill and Kathleen Oliver worked with Sturgeon to help select artwork for several of the examination rooms. The Olivers heard about a recent art exhibit by Stone Belt ARC's arts and crafts division, led by Larry Pejeau, director of sales and marketing. Kathleen Oliver said, "We love the whimsical, feel-good look of the art being created by Stone Belt clients. It was a natural choice." The five mosaic designs at VIM were created by artist Carolyn Abbitt. The Foundation was started in 2007 by the Olivers of Oliver as a tribute to the late Mary Oliver, the couple's mother and mother-in-law, who dedicated much of her life to advancing health care in Bloomington. In 2007, the MMO Foundation's first gift was a 180-gallon tropical fish tank to Bloomington Hospital's Patient Experience in the surgery waiting area.



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