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Art supply donations being collected

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Suddath Container Systems and SAM (Store and Move) are presenting "Cram a SAM," a monthlong drive for art supplies benefiting local nonprofits.

During July the "Cram a SAM" event will travel throughout the Jacksonville area to collect donations made by the community. Items to be collected include art supplies such as paint, paper, glue, crayons, colored pencils and more that will be donated to the Otis Smith Kids Foundation, The Arc Jacksonville's a.r.t. program, Cathedral Arts Project and Art With A Heart.

"Promoting the arts has always been a passion for the Suddath organization and with the help of our newest business unit, Suddath Container Systems, the local dealer of SAM, Suddath is proud to be partnering with these local nonprofits to assist their children's art programs," said Barry Vaughn, president and CEO of The Suddath Companies, in a news release.

The "Cram a SAM" drive began in Hemming Plaza at the July 5 Art Walk, presented by Downtown Vision Inc., where the SAM unit also featured modern art created by artists from the Medically Fragile Program at The Arc Jacksonville. Individuals in this program use a special technique to create art, even though they are severely limited by physical disabilities. The methods include having a helper called a tracker and sometimes using a special laser to direct the tracker's movement.

The "Cram a SAM" will also be at the McDonald's in the St. Johns Town Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to accept donations.

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