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Monmouth Vicinage Displays Recovery Court Artwork

The Monmouth Vicinage is displaying an original piece of artwork created by recovery court participants at the West Wing entrance of the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold. The three-dimensional artwork, titled “Tree of Hope,” was created in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 31, 2022.

The display includes wording that explains the significance of the tree. Each recovery court client was asked to reflect on their journey by placing a cardinal, leaf, or flower on the tree. The cardinal represents a loved one lost to an overdose, the leaf represents their aspirations while in recovery, and a flower indicates something they have already achieved.

“This meaningful creation by our recovery court clients reinforces their commitment to recovery. We are proud to have it on display at our courthouse and to share its powerful message of hope,” Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that aims to raise awareness of overdose, remember those who died of an overdose, and encourage action toward overdose prevention.

The display can be viewed through Friday, Sept. 23. Contact Recovery Court Coordinator Melissa Garrett at 732-358-8700, ext. 87445 for additional information.

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